

EUROPEAN CROSS-BORDER & COLLABORATIVE JOURNALISM PROGRAMME

27.2.-1.3.2020 GUT SIGGEN

Baltic Sea, Northern Germany

14.-17.5.2020 EIJC & DATAHARVEST

Mechelen, Belgium



THE PROGRAMME

Journalism is under pressure, especially resource-demanding investigative journalism as well as local journalism. Issues of cross-border relevance are, however, on the rise such as organised crime, migration or tax avoidance. Collaborative journalism – across as well as within countries – has gained increasing importance over the last years.

Toepfer Foundation, therefore, joins forces with Arena for Journalism to offer a new programme on collaborative journalism across Europe with a special focus on local and regional journalists. Up to twenty participants will be invited to the foundations' conference centre at the Baltic Sea to attend a four-day programme aiming at:

- establishing a network among journalists from different European countries
- providing methods and know-how on cross-border and collaborative journalism
- discussing trends, skills and innovations in the field of (local) journalism
- facilitating the exploration of a collaborative story, discussing it with fellow participants and receiving expert feedback

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

- Four-day programme of input, training and debate on collaborative and cross-border journalism with experts from Arena, Hostwriter, Journalismfund, Investigate Europe and others
- Feedback on your story from trainers and peers
- Travel fees to and from the programme venue
- Three nights of accommodation including all meals
- Fellowship to attend EIJC & Dataharvest from 14.-17.5.2020, in Mechelen/Belgium, organised by Arena for Journalism in Europe

TARGET GROUP

The programme is directed towards freelancers as well as employed journalists from all over Europe, working for local and regional media. It is suited for entrants as well as mid-career journalists, who either have already first experiences with cross-border collaborative journalism or who intend to work in this field.

As part of the programme, participants get the opportunity to further work on a story they have already in mind, whether in initial or advanced stage.



APPLICATION

Please submit the following documents in a single file to janning@toepfer-stiftung.de

1. Letter of motivation
2. CV including your contact detail
3. Short description of your work experience regarding cross-border collaboration + a short outline on the cross-border story you are working on/you plan to work on (max. 750 characters)
4. A letter of recommendation or 1-2 contact information for a reference
5. Two recent work samples

Deadline: 24th November 2019

Notification: by 20th of December 2019
(<https://www.toepfer-stiftung.de/content/uploads/2019/10/Application-2020.pdf>)

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TOEPFER FOUNDATION

Toepfer Foundation is a Hamburg-based non-profit foundation actively involved in the areas of culture, science, education and nature conservation. Fostering exchange and mutual understanding on a European level is a long-term focus. As part of this engagement, the foundation has recently addressed the field of journalism in order to contribute to networking and cross-border collaboration among European journalists.
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ARENA FOR JOURNALISM IN EUROPE

The foundation's purpose is to stimulate and support cross-border collaborative and investigative journalism in Europe, including collaboration with other professions, proceeding from the belief that such journalism contributes to information exchange, critical thought, mutual understanding and democracy in Europe.
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