FACT-CHECKING DISCIPLINE IN THE DIGITAL INFORMATION ECOSYSTEM: A ROMANIAN PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract: *This paper aims to explore the structuration of a website that focuses on fact-checking in a "liquid" media ecosystem and to investigate whether this institutionalisation is based on journalistic goals. To understand this phenomenon in Romania, we have chosen the factual.ro website for our case study. Thus, we intend to examine the platform's distinguishing features, starting from the typologies identified in the literature available and analysing the following aspects: programme documents, the team and how it is organised, the business model, the ways in which information is checked, the impact of the checks conducted in the Romanian digital media, as well as other initiatives aimed at fighting disinformation, like "Dignitas", "Verificat AFP"/ "Fact Check AFP", "Check Media", "Facts, not fake" – Euractiv, "Veridica", "True Story Project", "Anti Fake", "Misreport", "Rubrika".*

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