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against Disinformation

Press release

CLAD - Citizens and Libraries Against Disinformation project launches

Bratislava, Lisbon, 6 November 2024 - The European project Citizens & Libraries Against Disinformation (CLAD) has launched its two-year mission to combat disinformation in cooperation with libraries and community centres in Slovakia and Portugal. The project is coordinated by the Goethe-Institut and involves partners such as Department of Culture of the Bratislava - Old Town District and the Associação Portuguesa de Bibliotecários, Arquivistas e Profissionais da Informação e Documentação and a number of associated partners.

The main objective of the CLAD project is to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of misinformation and to provide them with the tools to recognise and defend themselves against it. Libraries and community centres play a key role in this endeavour as centres of education and social engagement. The project will hold trainings, public debates and workshops where citizens can learn how to distinguish facts from fake news and how to actively participate in democratic processes.

Key project activities include:

- Organisation of public forums to discuss misinformation.
- Training of library staff in the fight against misinformation.
- Providing tools and materials to help citizens to detect fake news.
- Working with local institutions and media to disseminate best practices.

The CLAD project also supports the involvement of local communities in addressing the social challenges posed by misinformation and promotes the importance of information literacy in the 21st century.

"Disinformation is spreading faster than ever before and is affecting our daily lives and public affairs," said project coordinator Lucia Dubravay Trautenberger from the Goethe-Institut Slovakia. **"CLAD aims to strengthen the position of libraries as centres where citizens can get reliable information and learn to think critically."**

The CLAD project is co-funded by the European Union and will run until 2026. All activities are open to the public and available free of charge.

Project website: <https://www.goethe.de/clad>

This press release is ready for dissemination and is part of the CLAD project's broader communication strategy aimed at spreading awareness about the fight against misinformation.