



MedDMO Opening Event

1 December 2022

ESIEMTH, Thessaloniki

We would like to invite you to attend the opening of the Mediterranean Digital Media Observatory, to learn about its aims and way of operation, as well as to discuss around the problem of disinformation in the countries of Greece, Cyprus and Malta.

The event will take place in the building of the [Union of Journalists of Macedonia and Thrace](#) (ESIEMTH) in the [city centre of Thessaloniki](#).

We have planned two hours that will include short talks and an interactive discussion. The talks will commence at 12:00 but you are welcome to join us for coffee at 11:30. The discussion will conclude at 14:00, when we would like to invite you for a light networking lunch.

11:30 Welcome and coffee

12:00 Welcome and opening of the event, Dr. Yiannis Kompatsiaris, Director of the Information Technologies Institute, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas

MedDMO in the context of EDMO – aims and objectives, Dr. Nikos Sarris, Senior Researcher, MedDMO coordinator, Information Technologies Institute, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas

Media ecosystems in the European South: Challenges and threats to journalism in the age of disruption, Dr. Theodora Maniou, University of Cyprus - Department of Social and Political Sciences

Content verification methods, Prof Andreas Veglis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - School of Journalism & Mass Communication

Fact Checking at AFP, Joyce Zablit, Agence France Presse

The practice of countering disinformation in Greece, Andronikos Koutroubelis, Ellinika Hoaxes

Conducting a large scale characterization of pseudoscience on YouTube and fighting it in Cyprus with "Science Hoaxes", Prof Michalis Sirivianos, Cyprus University of Technology - Social Computing Research Center

Finding and communicating facts in a country dominated by politically-owned media, Prof Gorg Mallia University of Malta – Neville Borg, Times of Malta

The MedDMO tools and collaborative verification environment, Danae Tsabouraki, Athens Technology Center – Dr. Symeon Papadopoulos, MedDMO principal researcher, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas

Q&A and discussion

14:00 Networking lunch

If you would like to participate, please send an email with your name and affiliation to Hara Raptopoulou (hraptop@iti.gr).