



## „Fake News and Resilience“

Transdisciplinary Project with discussions between  
students, experts and citizen (*online & at EUV*)

→ With participation in the competition at the French Embassy in Berlin

Would you like to know how to better deal with and protect yourself against  
fake news, and also exchange ideas with experts?

→ Then take part in this year's project of the „Utopie Europa“ series!

The project takes place in German and English and enables students from different universities to engage in intellectual exchange and critically examine the future of Europe. At Viadrina, the project is organized jointly with the University of Paris 1 and the Centre Marc Bloch. The practical course is divided into the following two phases:

1. Creation of a forum in the form of a *working group on resilience* (AG Resilienz) and discussion with experts on the topic of "fake news"
2. Presentation of a project idea within the framework of the rhetoric competition of the French embassy - with the possibility of winning a project financing and publishing a position paper!

### Content and scope

Together with invited colleagues from the Universities of Viadrina and Paris 1, as well as with researchers from the research groups on "State, Crises and Conflicts" and "Energy/Climate" of the Centre Marc Bloch (HU), you will reflect on current challenges to **disinformation** - whether online, on social media, in politics... - and develop ways of individual and collective resilience. Among other things, this will involve exploring **social scope for action** and working out concrete forms of implementation for the **responsible design of the project** (i.e. contribution to a platform to the topic of sustainability).

### Project timeline

**From May 11 - end of June 2023:**

#### 11.5: Meeting with French and German State Secretaries for Europe

Weekly meeting of the Resilience AG (90 min./week) with expert input: How are fake news and resilience defined? What are the means of (individual or collective) resilience against false information and hate speech in different contexts? What measures of resilience against fake news should online platforms include? ... + Excursion in Oderbruch (team building)

**June-July 2023:** Results presentation at the rhetoric competition at the French Embassy.

**July-September 2023:** Possibility of drafting and publishing a position paper.

### What does the project offer?

Besides the possibility **to get socially involved**, the project offers insights into the practical handling of a highly topical issue, **contacts to experts** in this field as well as to representatives of European and French institutions.

**Active participation** in the weekly meetings of the WG Resilience, the co-organization of a public panel, the competition at the French Embassy and possibly a publication (3 ECTS in the MES program) are required.

### More information:

<https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/studium/master/es/Pensees-Francaises/Utopie-Europa-Wettbewerb/index.html>

*All events take place in German and English. Then are coordinated by Roland Koch (Diploma in psychology) and Dr. Elsa Tulmets (PFC-Program) and moderated by students.*

### Questions and registration:

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*The project takes place as a practical seminar in the Summer semester 2023. In addition to the European University Viadrina (PFC program), the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Centre Marc Bloch (Berlin) are involved in the implementation of the project. It is funded by the French Embassy in Berlin, the Franco-German University, the French Institute and the Centre Marc Bloch.*

### PROJECT FRAME

#### Phase 1

**From 11th of May 2023**

**Weekly meetings  
of the (student) forum in the  
form of a  
AG Resilience  
(students, teachers, citizens),  
Preparation of the panel  
discussion**

**Beginning of June 2023**

**Online debate on  
"Resilience to Fake News"  
in cooperation with experts  
and lecturers of the  
Viadrina/Paris 1/CMB**

#### Phase 2

**June 2023**

**Evaluation meeting  
and preparation of the results  
for the competition**

**June-July 2023:**

**Participation in the  
Competition  
at the French Embassy**

**+ Publication of project  
results**

**(3 ECTS**

**in Master of**

**European Studies, MES)**