



OPEN CALL: CITIZEN JOURNALIST PROGRAMME

Explore Slovakia or Portugal while tackling disinformation.

Duration: 1-week

We are looking for **emerging journalists (aged 18-30)** and **students of journalism** who are passionate about combating disinformation with a focus on **minority cultures, EU identity, urban culture & housing, environment, health, or wellbeing** in a transnational context.

Who Can Apply

- Journalists (18 – 30) with **at least 2 years of reporting experience** or a solid understanding of disinformation-related topics.
- Students of journalism who are interested in the above-mentioned topics.
- Proficiency in **English**, the working language of the program.

What We Offer

- A **stipend of up to 1,900 EUR**, covering travel, accommodation, and research-related expenses during a min. **1-week research stay in Slovakia or Portugal** (provided as a lump sum).
- The possibility to engage in a transnational dialogue on the challenges of disinformation
- A network of European experts and journalists

Application Requirements & Process

Your digital application in English must include the following documents:

1. **Your CV and a letter of motivation**
2. At least one **writing sample** (made available in Slovak or Portuguese)
3. **Research idea/proposal for at least one larger content piece that you want to work on** during your residency – make sure it has a transnational dimension. For example, you can compare a specific situation in your home country to the situation in the country where you are spending your 1-week residency
4. Final content piece should be published in Slovak or Portuguese language (English is optional)
5. **Information regarding your availability** (placements can take place between March and December 2025)
6. Which country do you want to visit for research (Portugal, Slovakia)
7. **Information about your home media** or youth media of choice where your content piece will be published
8. Please provide confirmation of your media of choice for the publication of the content piece
9. **Cost calculation** (note, that the maximum stipend amount is 1.900€)

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How to Apply

- Submit your application **digitally** via email to clad@goethe.de.
- Only complete applications will be reviewed by our jury!
- **Application Deadline: Sunday, 30 March 2025.**

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Selection Criteria

- thematic relevance regarding the topic of disinformation
- financial plausibility

The Goethe-Institut does not provide any specific suggestions for improvement with regard to their applications. Should you have any questions regarding the CLAD CITIZEN JOURNALIST PROGRAMME, the application process or the project in general, feel free to contact us at clad@goethe.de or visit our project website at www.goethe.de/clad

Data Protection

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The **CLAD – Citizens and Libraries against Disinformation** project aims to raise awareness of the dangers of misinformation and empower citizens with tools to recognize and combat it. Libraries and community centers play a crucial role as hubs of education and social engagement. Through **trainings, public debates, and workshops**, the project helps citizens learn how to distinguish facts from fake news and how to actively participate in democratic processes. The project funded by the EU and implemented by a network of libraries and cultural centers in Slovakia and Portugal under the leadership of the [Goethe-Institut Portugal](http://www.goethe.de/portugal) and the [Goethe-Institut Slovakia](http://www.goethe.de/slovakia).

Join us in the fight against disinformation and make an impact!

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