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Corona: Is misinformation more contagious than the virus? Communicating science evidence in a pandemic

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The virtual event will be held in English without interpretation

Monday 28 September 2020, 10:00-12:00

Programme

- 10:00 - 10:10** **Welcome by moderators:** Philipp Bauer, EPLO Berlin and Svetla Tanova, ESMH
- 10:10 - 10:20** ***From research to decision-making. How to put science evidence at the heart of the public debate?***
Christian Ehler (EPP, Germany) Member of the European Parliament, First Vice-Chair of STOA and Rapporteur for Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe
- 10:20 - 10:30** ***Is the truth out there? The challenge of misinformation in times of pandemic. What role for journalists?***
Rasmus Nielsen, Director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism
- 10:30 - 10:40** ***Covering science in a time of uncertainty: the challenges for science journalism and the battle with false news and misinformation***
Christina Berndt, author and science editor Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Germany
- 10:40 - 11:00** **Q&A session**
- 11:00 - 11:15** ***At the mercy of the algorithms? What direction for EU action against disinformation on social media platforms***
Timo Wölken, Member of the European Parliament (S&D, Germany) STOA Member and Rapporteur for the Digital Services Act
- 11:15 - 11:30** ***Is Facebook a danger for public health? Freedom of speech vs Freedom of reach***
Luca Nicotra, data analyst at Avaaz
- 11:30 - 11:50** **Q&A session**
- 11:50 - 12:00** ***Closing remarks by the moderators***
(Reference to the ESMH survey for feedback from the science journalists)