

Fondation
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**THINK-DO TANK
2019
Activity
Report**

THINK: *MEDIA 4 EUROPE*

DO: *STARS4MEDIA*



DO: Media innovation Projects

- [Stars4Media](#) is an exchange and training programme for young media professionals (“rising stars”), to accelerate media innovation. It was initiated by Fondation EURACTIV, voted by the Parliament in October 2017. Since November 2019, we are implementing this project with our partners:

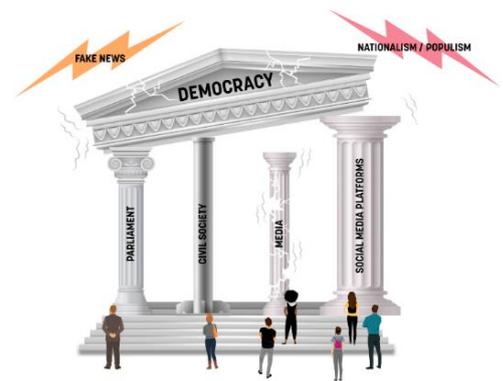


- We continued with the “European Data Journalism Network” connecting 28 newsrooms, and producing data-driven coverage.



THINK: Media Policy

- Opinion piece: [Cooperation of four key Commissioners needed for healthy media democracy](#)
- Newsletter Special Issue: [New European Commission & Hearings](#)
- Numerous external speaking slots



Selected Publications

Open Letter to the Commission President co-signed by five MEPs and former MEPs, and nine policy and media experts: [Democracy and Digital: trusted media & platform regulation](#)

Tribune dans Le Monde, cosignée par Pascal Lamy, Jean-Marie Cavada, Erika Widegren et Christophe Leclercq: [« L’Union européenne doit défendre la viabilité économique des médias »](#)

Media Innovation & Policy Events



- In January, we held a conference with the Green/EFA Group, including a keynote by Digital Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, to address: [“Can the EU do more for a healthy media sector?”](#)



- In April 2019, Fondation EURACTIV and LesFrancais.press organised “Débat des candidats français de l’étranger pour les élections” moderated by C. Leclercq.
- The [Europe’s Media Lab](#) #Media4Democracy series culminated with a Policy Conference with 10 key speakers in the European Parliament in June 2019: [‘VP Democracy’ for Sound Platforms & Independent Media](#). In June 2019, we also organised with EU40 a [Networking event for MEPs](#).



- We launched the Stars4Media exchange and training programme in November, with the Media4Europe conference: [press release](#) and [video](#)
- Outlook 2019 → 2020: Media4Democracy policy series gives way to Media4Europe series.

Planned: [MEDIA 4 EUROPE](#) Summit in Sept./Oct. 2020

