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List of members?

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Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 3:17 AM

To: contact@efcsn.com

Dear EFCSN,

If your website hosts a list of your verified members, it's not easily found.

I'm an independent fact checker who tests the efficacy of fact checker accountability. Sadly, the International Fact-Checking Network performs that task poorly. I'm hoping the EFCSN can offer an improved model.

I have an egregious example of inept fact-checking from one of your founding organizations. Once I confirm its membership via the list of verified EFCSN members I will submit a formal complaint. You're likely to find the details hard to believe, but it's all documented.

So, the list of members? Thank you. A URL will suffice, if there is one.

Cheers.

EFCSN Contact <contact@efcsn.com>

Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:24 AM

To: Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>

Hello Bryan,

Hope you are well! As you might know we are a very new organisation and we are still working on the construction of the website. However, we are updating the new verified member in our Twitter account where you can see that list that you mentioned. Here is the link: <https://twitter.com/eurofactcheck/status/1681637186913935360>

On the other hand, complaints can be submitted through this questionnaire: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYX55Vn4L7tSYtPRMnnp6oHjBaYu6EQM1cPDMMiG-sajqj-A/viewform>

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions.

Best wishes,

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Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 9:34 AM

To: EFCSN Contact <contact@efcsn.com>

Thank you for the rapid response.

I don't see Logically Facts on the growing X list. But, as I said, I noted that it is already associated with the EFCSN founding. It would be surprising if it did not apply for verification.

Would it be appropriate to send this startling case in as a complaint even before Logically Facts joins as a verified member, or should we wait on that step before offering the information?

Thanks!

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EFCSN Contact <contact@efcsn.com>

Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 4:36 AM

To: Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>

Dear Bryan,

Thank you very much for your interest.

In accordance with Article 6 of the [European Code of Standards](#), "any individual or organisation that believes that a **member** of the European Fact-Checking Standards Network significantly failed to fulfil the requirements of the Code, **if the complaint is not satisfied by the organisation concerned, can submit a complaint to the European Fact-Checking Standards Network for evaluation by the Governance Body**".

So, the EFCSN won't evaluate complaints to non EFCSN members. If the organisation you mentioned joins the

EFCSN and therefore becomes a verified member, then the EFCSN Governance Body will review your complaint. Here you will find all the information: <https://efcsn.com/complaints/>

Please, let us know if this is clear now.

Best wishes,

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Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>
To: EFCSN Contact <contact@efcsn.com>

Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:25 AM

May I have your name on the record, please?

Cheers.

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Sincerely,

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Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>
To: EFCSN Contact <contact@efcsn.com>

Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 3:20 AM

Dear anonymous EFCSN Contact person/ai entity,

Charitably assuming that your question was delivered in good faith, no, your answer does not offer clarity.

There's no good reason for me to suppose that the guideline you cited addressing complaints about existing EFCSN signatories should preclude consideration of complaints about pending signatories. That idea makes about as much sense as taking Article 5.3 as limiting assessors strictly to material submitted on an application when considering an applicant. And if that's what 5.3 means then the EFCSN would be wise to start over.

Article 5.3: Application form

The adherence to the criteria set out in article 5.2 will be evaluated on the basis of an application form, with standardized questions.

If the EFCSN ignores evidence that an initial applicant has filed a dishonest report about its compliance with standards, then the EFCSN isn't about ethics or truth. It's about something else.

Cheers.

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