

EU CODE OF PRACTICE ON DISINFORMATION 2022

Subscription Document for Les Surligneurs

Name of the Signatory

Les Surligneurs

About the Signatory

Les Surligneurs is a legal fact-checking media outlet based in France whose mission is to fight disinformation in the field of the law through the publication of legal-checks and various other types of contents such as analyses, interviews or quizzes.

Les Surligneurs is a verified member of both the IFCN and the EFCSN, and follows the highest fact-checking standards. Vincent Couronne, its director general, is an elected member of the Governance Body of the EFCSN and its Treasurer.

In our choice of commitments, we took the following factors into account: (i) ability to comply with the measures and (ii) willingness to participate in the development of and compliance with the Code, notably through the task-force.

V. Empowering Users**List of adopted commitments and measures****Qualitative reporting elements and service level indicators**

Commitment 17

Measure 17.2

QRE 17.2.1, SLI 17.2.1

	<u>Measure 17.2</u>	<u>QRE 14.2.1, SLI 14.2.1</u>
	<u>Measure 14.3</u>	<u>QRE 14.3.1</u>

Provide reasoning for the choice of commitments and measures, as well as future plans

Les Surligneurs organises and participates in events explaining fact-checking and legal-checking to the general public or raising awareness on disinformation issues. Recent examples can be found in the [“events” section of its website](#). As a media driven by law professors, *Les Surligneurs* has close links to the academic sector and frequently works with students. Moreover, as a member of the EFCSN, it participates in the network’s activities in the field.

VI. Empowering the Research Community

List of adopted commitments and measures		Qualitative reporting elements and service level indicators
<u>Commitment 26</u>	<u>Measure 26.1</u>	<u>QRE 26.1.1, SLI 26.1.1</u>
	<u>Measure 26.2</u>	<u>QRE 26.2.1, QRE 26.2.2, QRE 26.2.3, SLI 26.2.1</u>
<u>Commitment 27</u>	<u>Measure 27.3</u>	<u>QRE 27.3.1, SLI 27.3.1</u>
<u>Commitment 28</u>	<u>Measure 28.1</u>	<u>QRE 28.1.1</u>
	<u>Measure 28.2</u>	<u>QRE 28.2.1</u>

	<u>Measure 28.3</u>	<u>QRE 28.3.1</u>
<p>Provide reasoning for the choice of commitments and measures, as well as future plans</p> <p><i>Les Surligneurs</i>’ articles are freely accessible, and anyone can scrap and analyse them. <i>Les Surligneurs</i> remains open to sharing its relevant data for research purposes. The group itself is strongly connected to the academic sector as it is driven by law professors and doctoral students.</p>		

VII. Empowering the Fact-Checking Community		
List of adopted commitments and measures		Qualitative reporting elements and service level indicators
<u>Commitment 33</u>	<u>Measure 33.1</u>	<u>QRE 33.1.1, SLI 33.1.1</u>
<p>Provide reasoning for the choice of commitments and measures, as well as future plans</p> <p><i>Les Surligneurs</i> is a member of both the International Fact-checking Network (IFCN) – since July 2021 – and the European Fact-Checking Standards Network (EFCSN), in line with the highest standards of fact-checking. Vincent Couronne, the publication director, is a member of the Governance Body of the EFCSN. <i>Les Surligneurs</i> participates in the Journalism Trust Initiative launched by <i>Reporters Without Borders</i> and published a transparency report accordingly. It is also a member of the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO) and the <i>Observatoire des initiatives de lutte contre la désinformation</i> (ODIL).</p> <p>The governance body has no decision power over the editorial team, which works independently.</p>		

VIII. Transparency Centre

List of adopted commitments and measures		Qualitative reporting elements and service level indicators
<u>Commitment 34</u>	<u>Measure 34.1</u>	/
	<u>Measure 34.3</u>	/
	<u>Measure 34.5</u>	/
<u>Commitment 35</u>	<u>Measure 35.1</u>	/
	<u>Measure 35.2</u>	/
	<u>Measure 35.3</u>	/
	<u>Measure 35.4</u>	/
	<u>Measure 35.5</u>	/
	<u>Measure 35.6</u>	/
<u>Commitment 36</u>	<u>Measure 36.1</u>	/

	<u>Measure 36.2</u>	/
	<u>Measure 36.3</u>	<u>QRE 36.1.1, QRE 36.1.2, SLI 36.1.1</u>

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Les Surligneurs will duly comply with the Transparency Centre obligations and has already designated a member in charge of preparing the reports and their updates.

IX. Permanent Task-Force

List of adopted commitments and measures		Qualitative reporting elements and service level indicators
<u>Commitment 37</u>	<u>Measure 37.1</u>	/
	<u>Measure 37.2</u>	/
	<u>Measure 37.6</u>	<u>QRE 37.6.1</u>

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Les Surligneurs is willing to participate in the task force's different subgroups along with the other members of the EFCSN and, notably, the Empowerment of fact-checkers subgroup.

X. Monitoring of the Code

List of adopted commitments and measures		Qualitative reporting elements and service level indicators
<u>Commitment 38</u>	/	<u>QRE 38.1</u>
<u>Commitment 39</u>	/	/
<u>Commitment 40</u>	<u>Measure 40.2</u>	/
	<u>Measure 40.3</u>	/
	<u>Measure 40.4</u>	/
	<u>Measure 40.5</u>	/
	<u>Measure 40.6</u>	/
<u>Commitment 42</u>	/	/
<u>Commitment 43</u>	/	/
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Les Surligneurs has already allocated the human resources and determined the internal processes to ensure the implementation of their commitments under the Code.

Our activity is focused on political speech by public figures. In that field, the issues of disinformation are particularly true in times of elections or crises. Hence, **Commitment 42** is relevant to our activities. We believe that we can provide useful insights to participate in the conversation.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive letter 'D' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Date and place

Paris, 20 November 2023