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The importance of media literacy across young people in Europe

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Nowadays the access to information is a major problem because of the indiscriminate multiplication of the available sources that often use uncertain communication channels. The big amount of available sources has created a chaotic and confusional state of the traditional information. The right to information is recognized by the most important legislative documents both in the European and non-European context, however in the last decade the characteristic of fruition and production of news has widely changed, mainly because of the digitalisation of the sources and the development of social media and websites. At this moment the distinction between consumers and producers of information is no longer clear, since anyone has the potential to publish unverified or partial information.



In this new, modern, digital era it is fundamental to provide a specific focus on media literacy, in order to guarantee to young people the adequate tools for critical thinking in relation to the media messages and information they receive. The development of media literacy should be delegated to schools through specific training and this kind of learning should start very early at a young age.

