

Dear EU Sub-Chapter Mediterranean Group members of UNESCO MIL Alliance,  
we are getting back in touch with a selection of news from MIL community  
and our network in the Mediterranean.  
We are looking forward to your own contributions for more synergies and actions.



### MedDMO: new hub against disinformation in the Mediterranean

The [European Digital Media Observatory](#) network expanded to the whole EU27, through [six new hubs](#), strengthening the European ecosystem against disinformation. One of the new hubs is the Mediterranean Digital Media Observatory (MedDMO) with a mission to offer regional coverage to Greece, Cyprus, and Malta as they face similar challenges associated with disinformation on polarizing issues around immigration and border control. MedDMO is setting up a multinational, multilingual and cross-sectoral hub, for streamlining fact-checking, research and educational activities to counteract disinformation. An integral part of this hub is the multidisciplinary community of organizations and individuals, that play an active role in its daily operations. More info [here](#) and [here](#).



### “Digital Platforms & Democracy: Journalism & Political Communication in a World of Polycrisis”: Call for papers is open!

The international conference (November 2-5, 2023, Athens) is organized by the Advanced Media Institute, “Communication and New Journalism” MA program - Open University of Cyprus, School of Law - University of Nicosia, Media Studies Program - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Department of Digital Media & Communication - Ionian University, and Faculty of Communication and Media Studies - Cyprus University of Technology. The topics of interest are: Key Dynamics in the Digital Media Landscape, Content Creators & the Creator Economy, Digital Journalism & Democracy in Context, Digital Journalism Models in Practice, Political Communication in the Digital Media Era, Challenges of Online Political Discourse, Imagining a Better World in Digital Spaces. More info [here](#).

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## Emotions beyond sight – promoting creative inclusion through art, music & technology

[Sensol'tre](#) is a multi-sensory exhibition of tactile paintings for sighted and blind/visually impaired people. With the use of NFC, the visitors explore the artworks that form a series of stories enriched with audio storytelling and music. Designed by [Informatici Senza Frontiere](#), the exhibition was created to improve the way disabled people experience exhibited artworks and to offer a unique opportunity to the sighted people to experience art using senses other than sight. Since 2013, this traveling exhibition has been presented at schools, museums and social festivals. The paintings on display are constantly updated with new stories. More info & video [here](#).



## Arcom: media literacy report and new agreement with the Ministry of Education

The French audiovisual and digital regulator [Arcom](#) has published (November 2022), its [annual report on Media and Information Literacy](#) in the French media landscape. The report highlights MIL actions carried out by French audiovisual companies and offers recommendations to increase their impact regarding these matters. Arcom, with the help of the OpinionWay institute, conducted [a study](#) to assess the effectiveness of its educational resources and identify teachers needs related to digital citizenship education. In January 2023 Arcom and the Ministry of Education together with the Réseau Canopée, signed an [agreement](#) to strengthen their cooperation related to the field of MIL in schools.



## Literacy, Media and Citizenship Congress is back!

The [VI edition of the Literacy, Media and Citizenship Congress](#), promoted by [GILM](#), will take place on April 21 and 22, 2023, at School of Communication and Media Studies / Lisbon, bringing together representatives from the fields of education, scientific research, public policies, the media and the general public, who work and/or are interested in media literacy. Under the theme “Digital Transition and Public Policies”, the event aims to deepen the debate on the public policies that have been adopted nationally and internationally. Register until March 15 [here](#). See the programme and more info [here](#).



## Summer School of Chania Film Festival on Film and Cretan Culture

The new website of the [Cinema Summer School and Camp](#), an international encounter on film education organised by [Chania Film Festival](#), was launched. The Summer School emphasizes on the art and technique of making a documentary as well as an introduction to the Cretan Culture. Workshops, seminars, discussions, screenings, visits, musical nights, culinary explorations and other events form an 8-day programme, by the end of which time the participants will have created a documentary on their own. Cinema Summer School is an open invitation for international collaborations for schools or/and educators who wish to experience a week of creativity in Crete, in Greece.



## Audiovisual Creation Contests award ceremony

The award ceremony of the second, third and fourth International Student Audiovisual Creation Contests "Schools broadcast on ERT" was held with great success in the Hellenic Public Broadcasting Corporation (ERT) venue. The Contest is being co-organized by the [Educational Radiotelevision of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs](#) and the [ERT Archives](#). The key goal of the Contest is the use of the audio-visual archives in the creation of student films, in order to highlight our audio-visual heritage, through the eyes of the younger generations. Students' creations are characterized by imagination and ingenuity and are available [here](#) and [here](#).

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## A Greek Junior Media & News Literacy Club in the UNESCO MIL Week

The first Junior Media & News Literacy Club in Greece for 13-15 years old teen students has been established by Katerina Chryssanthopoulou, from [Media Literacy Matters](#), PhD Researcher at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in collaboration with the American College of Greece - Pierce High School, for the academic year 2022-2023. The club participated in the 2022 UNESCO MIL Week with a Media Stereotypes Reality Check during October 2022 where students developed skills to recognize and debunk gender and professions' stereotypes in media and be able to tackle biased discourse.

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