AFP EXTENDS DIGITAL VERIFICATION INTO FINNISH AND GREEK

AFP extended this month its European fact-checking network into Greece, Cyprus and Finland, consolidating its position as the world’s leading agency in digital investigation.

This comes after our launch of digital verification in Bulgaria and Hungary in March 2021. AFP now has more than 30 journalists and editors working solely on digital verification in Europe, covering 20 countries and more than a dozen languages.

“Our move into digital verification in Finnish and Greek is an important development in AFP’s efforts against disinformation and misinformation, especially that which potentially cause harm,” said Bronwen Roberts, Regional coordinator Europe.

Since its launch in 2017, AFP’s digital investigation service has grown to become the largest in the world, underscoring its commitment to efforts to combat the spread of disinformation on the social media networks. The AFP international fact-checking team comprises more than 100 people covering more than 80 countries, and working in close collaboration with other AFP journalists, in a network which totals 1,700 journalists.

AFP is part of the International Fact-Checking Network, which sets a global standard through a code of principles that includes non-partisanship, fairness and transparency.

We are among 80 partners in Facebook’s third-party fact-checking programme to flag misinformation on its network.

We work in total editorial independence and according to the agency’s own editorial standards.