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This comes after our launch of digital verification <u>in Bulgaria and Hungary</u> 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 <u>Bronwen</u> <u>Roberts</u>, 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 <u>International Fact-Checking Network</u>, 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 <u>flag misinformation</u> <u>on its network</u>.

We work in total editorial independence and according to the <u>agency's own editorial standards</u>.

About AFP:

AFP is a leading global news agency providing fast, comprehensive and verified coverage of events across all sectors. The Agency is a reference in the fight against disinformation with a network of more than 100 journalists tasked with digital verification covering over 80 countries. Since 2017, AFP has become a world leader in digital verification. With a website dedicated to fact-checking, factcheck.afp.com, published in 23 languages, the Agency fights against the spread of false information across all media.

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