Coverage of migrants and refugees in the mainstream media is disproportionately negative. Hateful, divisive and stigmatising rhetoric in social, political and editorial bias has had real impact on the way that migrants and refugees are viewed by populations across Europe.

My Story, Media (literacy) and Refugees Event will provide an opportunity to reflect on ways the media shapes citizens’ perception of migrants and refugees. This will include how it generates tensions by way of stereotyping and the use of propaganda-type tools. It will also look at how best to fight the further stigmatisation of refugees in discourse and in the mainstream media.

EAVI and partners from Hungary, Slovenia, Germany, Italy, France, Greece and Belgium will present their experience and work in this field, including audiovisual material and a Dos and Don’ts’ Guide for journalists. Other grass roots organisations will share their experience and opportunities of participation are offered.

MyStory debate will continue in the afternoon at the European Parliament at the event ‘Democracy, Journalism and Literacy’ co-organised by EAVI.

More information available on MyStoryproject.eu and EAVI

In collaboration with:
FB Community support for refugees in Belgium
Our House – Working with refugees
11h00 - Welcome and Presentation of MyStory’s Experience
Interventions and short videos from László Hartai, Mitja Bukovec, Giampiero Costantini, Panagiotis Antonopoulos, Giovanni Melogli, Robert Jahn and Paolo Celot.

12h00 - Sharing Grass Root Experiences
Interventions from Ulla Pentinpuro, Bieke Heene and Camille Petit.

12h30 Table Discussions
Participants will have a chance to join a table, step away or take the opportunity to have a side conversation. An informal style to discuss topics such as:

- Fake News, Disinformation and Refugees (Naomi Thompson);
- Journalism’s Role and Responsibilities (G. Melogli);
- Citizens, Refugees and Media Literacy (P. Celot);
- Refugees’ Support Organisations and Media Use;

Inputs will inform project’s activities including the Dos & Don’ts’ Guide.

13h00 - Vegetarian Lunch prepared by Our House