

## **TERMS OF USE OF THE #FakeHunter APPLICATION**

### **DEFINITIONS:**

Regulations - regulations for the provision of electronic services (hereinafter referred to as Regulations) defining the rules for using the Application operating within the framework of Users' communication system with the PAP website.

Publisher - Polska Agencja Prasowa S.A. with its headquarters in Warsaw (00-502) at ul. Bracka 6/8, entered in the Register of Entrepreneurs kept by the District Court of the Capital City of Warsaw in Warsaw, XII Commercial Department of the National Court Register under KRS number 0000067663, NIP 526-02-50-742, with share capital in the amount of 52,703,520 PLN (hereinafter referred to as PAP).

Application - the "#FakeHunter" internet application (hereinafter referred to as the Application) operating as part of a PAP and GovTech joint project, whose aim is to introduce a system for verifying information and combating disinformation on topics related to the current situation in Poland and in the world, currently being published in the media.

Application Partner - the "GovTech Polska" team operating in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister under the auspices of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, whose goal is to implement inter-ministerial projects in the field of innovation, new technologies and digitisation, bringing together a community of innovators who desire to contribute to the construction of a modern, digital state.

Project - The "#FakeHunter" information verification and anti-misinformation system, and a team of people dealing with Fact-checking focused around this project, which was created thanks to cooperation between PAP and the GovTech Polska Team as the Application Partner.

User - a person who, via the Application as part of the PAP website, submits information published in the media in order to verify the accuracy of its content with the facts (hereinafter referred to as the User) in accordance with the rules of these Regulations.

### **§1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Publisher and Application Partner have jointly created a Project that aims to prevent the spread of false information and to confront the resulting misinformation, sometimes deliberately created and distributed to cause panic and emotional reactions among citizens of the state.

2. The project and the application created for this purpose use tools and a team of people who will make every effort to effectively check the reliability of information and sources of its origin in every field.

3. Use of the Application is free of charge. Any adult may become an Application User. Persons who lack full legal capacity in accordance with the law may use the Application provided that they obtain the consent of their legal representative.
4. The User using the Application authorises PAP to record and disseminate his/her comments on the information reported through the Application in accordance with these Regulations.
5. PAP reserves the right to use the Project with the inclusion of User comments to also prepare materials for publication on the PAP website.
6. The Application User makes comments available under the User's responsibility. PAP is not responsible for Users' comments via the Application or any consequences of their publication.
7. Users' comments on the Project using unlawful content, calling for racial, religious, ethnic hatred or propagating violence, generally recognised as morally or socially inappropriate, are unacceptable.
8. Users' comments of an advertising nature are also unacceptable.
9. PAP reserves the right to refuse to accept information submissions for verification under Fact-checking, in particular if they contain comments referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 of this section.

## §2. TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AND RULES FOR USING THE APPLICATION

1. To be able to use the Application for the purposes set out in these Regulations, the User must, using the plug-in installed in the web browser (by clicking its icon in the browser panel) enter the website's address and scan the reported content in the form of images into the Fact-checking system. In the window that opens automatically after clicking the browser extension icon, the User enters his/her email address (in order to receive notification of the verification result) and his/her additional comment in the form of a description of the fact, which in his/her opinion should be verified. Technical requirements necessary to use the Application are published on the Project website.
2. By downloading and installing the Application, the User is obliged to accept these Regulations. These Regulations are available to Users through the Application in a form that allows it to be downloaded, saved and printed.
3. After registration in the Application, the User's entry is automatically distributed to a group of "fake-news hunters/fact checkers," randomly selected by the system, who undertake verification activities based on transparent rules published on the Project website. Two consistent verdicts by the fact checkers result in the publication of a Fact-checking summary report for the information selected in the application on the Project page. Verdicts also bear an annotation informing whether the verdict was also confirmed by PAP experts or other experts invited to participate in the Project. PAP is entitled to reject the User's application without stating any reasons.
4. As a rule, experts from the PAP Fact-checking team undertake verification as a "second line" check after verification by the fact-checkers, subject to paragraph 5 of

this paragraph.

5. In certain cases, when the application is considered by the PAP team of experts to be particularly urgent and important, representatives of the PAP team undertake immediate verification without unnecessary delay and waiting for the verdicts of the fact checker community. Both expert and social verdicts, if they match, will remain connected as related reports.

6. Verdicts bearing fact verification reports are published on the #FakeHunter Project website under the domain [www.fakehunter.pap.pl](http://www.fakehunter.pap.pl).

7. Users submitting content for verification, as well as other readers of the PAP website, may submit requests for the correction of submitted verdicts and reports. The introduction of corrections is based on the principles described on the Project's subpage entitled "How we correct errors."

8. The verification report from information submitted by Users includes the following elements:

- a) data identifying the submitted content (URL, content scan, User's comment);
- b) the title of the Fact-checking report, presenting the information, the fact subject to verification and the question which the report answers;
- c) description of the problem, verification process, sources used and additional elements of the article creating the so-called "Fact checking story";
- d) a list of sources underlying the verdict (links, bibliographic indications, credentials of interviews, conversations, statements, sources of declarations and other documents);
- e) a verdict based on: true or false. In cases where the decision of one of these two options is not yet possible, the designation "not verifiable" is used.

9. The Application User confirms that he agrees to allow his comments to be recorded as part of the Project and declares that he/she allows the publication of his statements on the pages of the PAP website, as well as to store the statements in the Project by PAP in the original or abbreviated version or combined with other content or photos within the limits of the right to dismiss any eventual claims arising from the use of the User's statement.

10. The consent specified in par. 9 of this paragraph applies to comments only within the context the Project, which can also be combined with other materials, including advertising materials, as well as those freely processed and modified within the limits of applicable law, as part of the production and publication of materials used by PAP and includes the use of statements in the above scope in the Republic of Poland and abroad, and is unlimited in duration.

11. The User confirms that he will bear full responsibility for reporting to PAP any claims by persons related to his/her comments and for the User submitting content subject to Fact-checking under the Project.

12. As soon as the User's comments under the Project are published through the Application, the User grants PAP a non-exclusive license for his comments for an indefinite period, without territorial restrictions in the following fields of use:

- a) in the scope of recording and reproducing comments, production of copies of the work by a specific technique, including printing, reprographic, magnetic recording and

digital techniques;

b) within the scope of circulating the original or copies on which comments have been recorded - allowing for circulation, lending or renting the original or copies;

c) in the scope of disseminating comments through public display, displaying, as well as making comments publicly available in such a way that everyone may have access to comments at a place and time chosen by them, including both wired or wireless networks, and available after meeting certain conditions, as well as in closed networks, also in all techniques and technologies, in telecommunications and ICT networks, as well as public access to comments via the PAP website;

d) free use of comments and their individual elements in the field of advertising and promotion of the PAP website;

e) use in other works in non-elaborate form, including in audiovisual or multimedia works, to the extent indicated above.

13. The User authorises PAP to disseminate his/her comments, regardless of how they are used, including without indicating authorship.

14. The User authorises PAP to exercise personal copyright on his behalf on comments, including the right to decide on their first public disclosure and to exercise copyright supervision.

15. In the event that during the publication of the Project a work of artistic performance is created, within the meaning of the provisions of the Copyright and Related Rights Act, from the moment of such a work being recorded under the Project, the User grants PAP a non-exclusive license, without territorial limitation, for an indefinite period of time for such a created work in all fields of use specified in these Regulations.

### §3. INFRINGEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS BY THE USER

1. It is forbidden to use the Application for other purposes, contrary to the law or incompatible with these Regulations.

2. Notwithstanding the consequences of a breach of law, the following are deemed unacceptable:

1) distribution of pornographic content;

2) engaging in commercial, advertising and promotional activities;

3) sending spam and unsolicited commercial information;

4) using the personal data of other Users for purposes not related to the operation of the Application;

5) taking any actions through which a person or entity implementing them unlawfully affects or attempts to influence Users, act to their harm, damage to PAP, the Application Partner or other third parties;

6) taking any actions that may threaten the security or integrity of telecommunications networks and services;

7) violation of copyright or related rights to comments made available by other Users.

3. The User who uses the Application in an unacceptable manner, as described in paragraph 2 above is subject to sanctions regarding the restriction of use of the

Application, including:

- 1) deletion of materials or data submitted for verification by the User;
- 2) suspension of verification for the benefit of the User, in relation to which there has been a violation of the Regulations.
4. In the event of imposing a sanction by the Publisher, a User may make a complaint on the terms provided for in the Regulations.
5. If the User's violation of the Regulations causes PAP or the Application Partner damage, in particular by limiting the Application's access to other Users, in whole or in part, PAP may bring legal claims against such a User.
6. All complaints based on the Regulations should be submitted by e-mail to the address [fakehunter@pap.pl](mailto:fakehunter@pap.pl) or in writing to the PAP address indicated in these Regulations.
7. PAP will consider complaints within 14 (fourteen) days of its receipt. A response to the complaint will be sent to the address of the person submitting the complaint indicated in the complaint.

## § 5. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. These Regulations are available under the domain: [www.fakehunter.pap.pl](http://www.fakehunter.pap.pl)
2. PAP reserves the right to amend these Regulations. Amendments to the Regulations will be available at the address referred to in paragraph 1 of this paragraph.
3. PAP may make changes to the Regulations at any time. All changes to the Regulations will be communicated to Users through the Application and will be effective from the time of notifying Users and changes by publishing the Regulations in new content.
4. The Regulations shall apply from the moment of publication on the Project's website as part of the Application made available.
5. To the best of PAP's knowledge, there are no specific threats associated with the use of services under the Application.
6. The User may obtain support, technical assistance and contact with PAP regarding the functioning of the Application at the following e-mail address: [fakehunter@pap.pl](mailto:fakehunter@pap.pl).
7. Polish law shall apply to relations between PAP and the User. All court disputes are settled by a competent common court with jurisdiction over the seat of PAP.