CONNECTING CONTINENTS
Partnership

• Oxfam Novib:
  – Idea
  – Financial support (150K)
  – Network

• Journalismfund.eu:
  – Firewall
  – Expertise (grants, network, ...)
  – Organisation
  – Jury selection
  – Follow-up
  – Promotion
  – Communication
Background of CC

- Europe & Africa closely interlinked
- To stimulate collaborative cross-border investigative journalism through research grants and network opportunities
- To stimulate a new method
- Key question: does this new model of financing and networking works -> pilot project
- Convince potential donors
Scope of pilot

• Research grants
• Professional journalists
• Cross-border research
• Competitive calls for proposals
  – Hypothesis
  – Team
  – Work plan
  – Budget
  – Letter of intent from publishers
Scope of pilot

- Europe & Sub-Saharan Africa
  - Special focus on Uganda, Mozambique, Nigeria and Congo
- 2 calls
- €50,000 per call
- Main theme: Influence of financial capital flow on governance issues
Jury

• Independent Jury
  – Key element in safeguarding credibility of the grants
  – Senior capacities
  – Selection from a long list
  – Anonymous
  – Peer review process
  – Selection
  – Sign a contract
  – Start research
  – 4
  – Communication via Project Manager Journalismfund.eu
Timing

• 1st Call
  – Deadline: 1 June 2015
  – Selection: 30 June 2015

• 2nd Call
  – Deadline: 17 August 2015
  – Selection: 17 September 2015
Who could apply?

• Only for professional journalists
  – Freelancers
  – Employed
• Teams
  – At least 2 journalists
  – At least 2 continents
• Letters of intent of publication from relevant media
  – At least 2
  – At least from 2 continents
• Only natural persons
• Students are not eligible
Steps

• A **subject** of relevance in several countries and both continents
• A reasonable working **hypothesis** / story idea
• A **team** of journalists from the affected countries
• A **description of the competences** you need to document your working hypothesis and which team members have these competences
• A clear **research plan**
• A **budget** to make this research plan happen
• Contact with **editors of relevant media** and letters of intent of publication from them
• Read, understand and respect the **rules** for application before applying
Proces

• Both Journalismfund.eu and the Jury are bound to strict confidentiality—before, during and after evaluation of the proposals

• If the jury decides in favour of a project, the grantee signs a contract

• The grantees agree to mention Journalismfund.eu

• Recipients of a working grant undertake to report regularly to Journalismfund.eu on the progress of the project
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INVESTIGATION: How Nigerian young footballers are trafficked, abused, abroad

December 7, 2015. Premium Times
Who extracts the value of Nigerian football players?

– According to a 2013 study conducted by Paris-based charity Foot Solidaire, about 15,000 young boys from West Africa are trafficked to Europe each year by fake football agents promising them trials with top football clubs in exchange for a lot of money from their families.

– Grant: €6.300,00

– Team of Nigerian and British journalists: Yemisi Akinbobola, Paul Bradshaw and Ogechi Ekeanyawu; with additional work by David Blood, Leila Haddou, Caroline Beavon, and members of Hacks/Hackers Birmingham.

– The project was nominated for the CNN African Journalists Awards 2016.

– Publications: Premium Times / IQNews

– http://www.journalismfund.eu/nigerianfootballplayers
Mozambique’s Invisible Civil War

The government says everything’s fine. But that’s not what we heard from its victims.

BY AURELIO SAMBO, SIMON KAMM, TOM BOWKER  MAY 6, 2016 - 4:02 PM
Publications

• The Ematum Deal in Mozambique
  – How much of the $850 million budget that the publicly-privately owned Mozambican company Ematum had to purchase a fishing fleet actually went to military hardware?
  – Team of one Mozambican, one British and one German journalist: Aurelio Sambo, Tom Bowker, Simon Kamm
  – Working grant of €6,910 allocated on 23rd September 2015.
  – http://journalismfund.eu/ematum
  – Publications: Zitamar News, Foreign Policy, Verdade, Sava News
Money laundering: Unclear associations

25 MAY 2016 - 23:03 PM by KHADIJA SHARIFE
• **Our Game**
  
  - The internal financial structures of several African countries' dominant political parties that are performing as corporatised multinationals in monopolised state power structures: Angola’s MPLA, Zimbabwe's ZANU, and Namibia’s SWAPO.
  
  - Team of one Portuguese, one Namibian and two South-African journalists. (Khadija Sharife, John Grobler, Micael Pereira, Heinrich Bohmke)
  
  - Working grant of €14,500 allocated on 14th July 2015.
  
  - journalismfund.eu/ourgame
  
Così l'indagato per riciclaggio ha fregato l'Onu

Curio Pintus ha ideato un imbroglio nei confronti delle Nazioni Unite, ottenendo il mandato di raccogliere fondi per una campagna contro Ebola. Ecco come ha fatto

DI LORENZO BAGNOLI, LORENZO BODERO E CRAIG SHAW

La sede delle Nazioni Unite è in festa, il 2 marzo 2015: nel Palazzo di Vetro, a New York, ci sono starlette della tv americana e cantanti africani. È in corso il concerto per il lancio di una campagna miliardaria: “Stop Ebola and build for the future”. Scopo: raccogliere denaro tra Banca mondiale, Stati e privati per costruire ospedali e inviare medicinali nelle aree colpite dal virus. Il segretario dell’Onu, Ban Ki Moon, annuncia in quest’occasione “Ebola response”, il piano generale per
Publications

• Mafia in Africa 2
  – Mafia in Africa 2 exposes the fraudulent businesses empire of Italian criminal Curio Pintus, who was sentenced to three years in jail in 2001 for laundering drug money for the 'ndrangheta, but remains active as CEO of US “merchant bank”, the Pintus Group.
  – Team of one South-African, one Senegalese, one British and four Italian journalists.
  – Two working grants, of €14,500 and €4,500, allocated respectively on 7th August and 6th October 2015.
  – journalismfund.eu/mafiainafrica2
  – Publications: L’Espresso (Italy), Le Nouvel Hebdo (Senegal), Expresso (Portugal)
Onderzoek: Belastingparadijs Nederland

Een kamerplant doet wonderen

Nederland is het belangrijkste belastingparadijs voor Zuid-Afrikaanse bedrijven, blijkt uit onderzoek van De Groene en het Zuid-Afrikaanse weekblad Mail & Guardian. De Zuid-Afrikaanse overheid loopt hierdoor miljarden aan belastingopbrengsten mis.

door Guido van Elck, Jules van Hal Nederland en Philip de Wet Zuid-Afrika beeld Gorilla
31 augustus 2016
Publications

• South African Companies in the Dutch Tax Haven
  – Fourteen of the twenty largest company on the Johannesburg stock exchange have at least one subsidiary in the Netherlands. 20 billion Euro coming directly from South Africa is stored in Dutch shell companies.
  – Team of one South-African and two Dutch journalists: Guido van Eijck, Jules van Hal, Philip de Wet
  – Working grant of €8,500 allocated on 6\textsuperscript{th} October 2015.
  – journalismfund.eu/dutchtaxhaven
  – Publication: De Groene Amsterdamer, Mail & Guardian
INVESTIGATION: Inside Nigeria’s toxic ‘Tokunbo’ trade

December 20, 2016  Freja C. Erikson, Idris Akindbajo, Ida Eri Sørbye and Marthe Vee
Publications

- **Nigeria: Europe’s Electronic Junkyard**
  - Thousands of tons of used electronics and illegal e-waste are imported into Nigeria annually. High demand for used European electronics, inefficient regulation, and a local lack of recycling facilities form a growing hazard.
  - Team of one Nigerian, one Danish and two Norwegian journalists (Ida Eri Sorbye, Idris Akinbajo, Freja C. Eriksen, Marthe Vee)
  - Working grant of €4,790 allocated on 23rd September 2015.
  - journalismfund.eu/ewastenigeria
  - Publication: Premium Times (Nigeria)
Boost for African coastal states as EU parliament acts to curb illegal fishing

Decisive vote for legislative overhaul could deter illegal commercial operations in African waters that threaten the livelihoods of local fishing communities.
Catching the Real Pirates

- A number of fishing companies are flouting international law, exploiting workers, and over-fishing, thus stripping vulnerable countries of a vital food source.
- Team of one Canadian, one Belgian and one Spanish journalist: Kyle G. Brown, Delphine Reuter, Angel Varela Pena
- Working grant of €15,000 allocated on 8th July 2015.
- journalismfund.eu/realpirates
- Publications: The Guardian, Spanish National Radio 5