

## **Forum, Europe's premier debate platform is launching with the best journalism Europe has to offer.**

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Read and debate the best articles on Europe from quality publishers, translated into European key languages, and backed by an investor who is dedicated to sustainability. This is the essence of the media startup **Forum.eu**, which today is going live today!

From four euros a month and free of advertising, subscribers receive the seven most important articles on Europe every day. Forum selects articles from trustworthy and reputable news sources such as El Mundo (ES), FAZ (DE), Diario de Noticias, ECO (both PT), Ethnos (GR), Rzeczpospolita (PL) and more to follow. During summer, users can test the beta version free of charge.

Around 20 employees already work for Forum.eu, financed by **Bonum**, which invests in companies that maintain ethical standards and work for the social good. Investor Nikolaus von Taysen summarises the vision behind Forum: “The public sphere does not solely thrive when its members are informed, but when convictions and reservations are challenged by opposing views.”

In order to jump start European debates, articles from well-known and reputable news publications are translated into several languages. Currently, English, German, French, Polish, Spanish and Greek are available.

Co-founder and Editor-at-Large Paul Ostwald adds to Taysen's summary: “Only when language barriers are removed can an open culture of discussion emerge that challenges, informs, and involves every single European.”

In the long run, the aim is to include all European languages. Subscribers can support Forum by paying more than the four euros (“Keep us going”) on a voluntary basis (“Keep us growing”). The additional funds will be dedicated to language diversity. On the platform, Forum enables discussions that provide insight into a broad range of European perspectives.

The company is located in Berlin. However, a large part of the team, mostly made up of journalists, is spread across Europe's capitals. Forum's regional editors select, translate and publish the articles on the issues that most impact Europe, independent of political agenda.

On Forum's platform, participating publishers will become part of the European Public, "without effort, without costs, and without risk", as Commercial Director Philipp Graf Montgelas emphasises. Summarising additional advantages he states: "For our publishing partners, Forum is a complementary digital business model, run on a subscription basis.

In addition, they have access to analytical data on specific markets, topics, and user behaviour and receive high-quality editorial translations of selected articles that they can republish."

**Forum** is a digital platform for debates that offers its supporters every day seven articles that impact Europe, beginning at four euros a month. The articles are selected from reputable news sources and translated into European key languages by Forum's international team of journalists. In the long run, the aim is to include all European languages. Subscribers can support Forum by paying more than the four euros ("Keep us going") on a voluntary basis ("Keep us growing").