

Mission 4 – Answer key

Criterion	Article 0	Article 6	Article 8
Author identified	✔ A named journalist is provided.	✔ A named journalist is provided.	✔ A named journalist is provided.
Reliable source	✔ Recognisable news outlet with a professional editorial style.	⚠ The source appears legitimate but its credibility cannot easily be verified and its editorial line may influence the presentation of facts.	✘ The source is unknown and provides no evidence of editorial reliability.
Publication date	✔ A clear publication date is provided.	✔ A clear publication date is provided.	✔ A clear publication date is provided.
Official sources or experts	✔ The article refers to official information from the European Commission.	⚠ It mentions unnamed "critics" and "observers" but provides no identifiable expert or official source.	✘ Quotes and "sources" are vague or impossible to verify.
Information can be verified elsewhere	✔ The information can easily be checked on the European Commission website or in other reliable media.	✔ The main facts are real, but the interpretation is biased.	✘ The central claim cannot be verified because it is false.
Neutral language	✔ Objective and factual vocabulary.	✘ Uses emotionally loaded expressions and suggests intentions without evidence.	✘ Uses sensationalist language designed to provoke fear or outrage.
Headline matches the content	✔ The headline accurately reflects the article.	⚠ The headline exaggerates the conclusions presented in the text.	✘ The headline is misleading and unsupported by the article.
Facts separated from opinions	✔ Facts are clearly distinguished from interpretation.	✘ Opinions and speculation are mixed with factual information.	✘ Assertions are presented as facts without evidence.
Avoids emotional language	✔ Calm and informative tone.	✘ Uses emotionally charged wording to influence the reader.	✘ Uses alarmist and sensational language to manipulate the audience.

Legend ✔ Criterion fully met. ⚠ Criterion only partially met or requires further verification. ✘ Criterion not met or serious warning sign.