



## Sponge – connecting networks and communities of media visionaries and innovators

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Sponge is an experimental media lab, liaising existing networks of journalists, activists, developers, information designers, legal experts and students at the nexus of information transparency and accountability.

We are experimenting with new digital tools, in the service of public interest. We are promoting free software and verifiable and relevant information in the form of articles or digital tools. Sponge is organizing workshops, hack events and conferences on various interesting themes. [Watch this video](#) to get to know us better!

Sponge's partners are [CRJI](#), [Active Watch](#), [Ceata](#) Foundation, [Geo-spatial](#), [ApTI](#) and [University of Political Sciences](#) – Bucharest University. If you want to become a partner or get involved in any way in our projects, write us here.

After two years of dedicating our time and resources to various SPONGE projects on a voluntary basis, we received funding to develop our organizational capacity, from the „*Sponge – connecting networks and communities of media visionaries and innovators*” is a project financed by the EEA grants 2009 – 2014, through the NGO Fund in Romania.

The „*Sponge – connecting networks and communities of media visionaries and innovators*” project aims to:

- Develop the organizational capability of the Sponge media lab, experimenting with new technologies and digital tools, with the mission of producing and promoting free, relevant and verifiable information for the public interest. Our mission addresses a real world need: the lack of information for the public interest.
- Transform an informal already existing network into a more structured one and to connect organizations that were working separately, but with the same goal: information transparency and the public interest. The Sponge network strives to streamline and automate its main activities.

- Create a publishing platform and an internal information management platform for the Sponge members and project. The Sponge will document its activities and will produce an extensive knowledge base. We will develop free digital tools within hack events and various workshops.

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