



3 April 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00135**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 18 March in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am writing to file a FOI request. I would like to know about project ref EP/X022668/1 (budget £204,031), Proposal title "Storifying Political Communication: Populist Oscillation, Popular Culture and Performance."*

*I would like:*

- 1) Copies of progress reports sent to UKRI by the investigators (Drs. Santamaria and Sandvoss)*
- 2) Copies of or links to their published findings,*
- 3) To know if the project has or had any involvement with UK or foreign government departments, such as the Home or Foreign Office,*
- 4) Whether the project discusses dis- or misinformation,*
- 5) Whether Nexus magazine is mentioned in the research of the investigators (e.g., in their proposal, reports, or publications),*
- 6) Whether T.J. Coles is mentioned in reports etc.*
- 7) The year in which the grant was awarded and the duration of the project.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

As is detailed on the Gateway to Research (GtR) page for project [EP/X022668/1](https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=EP%2FX022668%2F1)<sup>1</sup>, this project is due to commence in August 2023. As such, UKRI does not hold any information relating to questions 1 and 2.

The reporting for this project will be provided through Researchfish, which is very much outcome orientated and not focused on detailed reports on progress. Links to published findings will be posted on the project's GtR page once they become available.

In regard to questions 3-6, we have reviewed the project proposal document and can confirm that there is no mention of any involvement with either the UK or foreign government departments, including the Home or Foreign Office, that the project does not discuss dis- or misinformation, nor does it mention Nexus magazine or T.J. Coles.

<sup>1</sup> <https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=EP%2FX022668%2F1>

In relation to question 7 we can confirm that funding for this project was awarded in January 2023, with an expected duration of two years.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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