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### ***CASE STUDY ABOUT FAKE NEWS***

False news about a potential imminent European power outage - a power outage in Europe - has created hysteria in Romania's online environment, through messages taken out of context.

<b>FAKE NEWS</b>	<b>FACTS</b>
<p>News appeared in the press with headlines such as:</p> <p>"Europe, one step away from total darkness for days on end"</p> <p>"Austria warns: European power outage"</p> <p>"For Europe! Up to high current. The army has already intervened: Get ready! "</p> <p><b>They created panic!</b></p>	<p>The official message on the website of the Austrian Ministry of Defense indicates a campaign called "Blackout, and then?", Accompanied by the text "Supply guide in case of a power outage at European level".</p> <p>The awareness campaign also has a video showing what could happen in Austria, but also how law enforcement agencies will respond to mitigate the impact of such a power outage.</p> <p>Thus, we see that the Austrian Ministry of Defense wants rather to assure its citizens that it has the necessary resources to overcome a power outage, having, first of all, alternative generators to be able to ensure emergency communications.</p>



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*Set the order in which you think the news has spread*

**( *ROLLING THE NEWS* )**

1. Given the European energy context and the crisis in industrial prices, a topic with false insinuations has been spread.
2. In October 2021, the Ministry of Defense launched an awareness campaign on a potential blackout.
3. From third-party sources, the news also reached Romania, being taken over by several publications. Romanian journalists preferred to treat the subject in an alarmist way, with grim warnings for readers and a lot of information was taken en masse by sites, being mixed with truncated warnings and taken out of context.
4. In January 2020, the new Austrian Minister of Defense, Klaudia Tanner, undertook to modernize the army and ensure the independence of more than 100 major military units
5. Klaudia Tanner's statements came under the scrutiny of third-party publications, which alarmingly took over certain statements made by the minister.
6. The campaign shows how the army was prepared to ensure order in Austria and how the population should be prepared.

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