**Usability Heuristic Evaluation Checklist**

Project: Final Project Website

(ratings: poor - good - excellent)

**Visibility of system status**

It is easy to know the current location within the overall map of the site

Excellent, the background of the page in the navigation bar is orange when you are on that page. Also the pages have title naming the current page.

It is clear what information is available at the current location

Excellent, names of the pages indicate what you can expected to be on that page. Sub headers give an indication too.

The current information matches what you expect to find

Excellent, you see what you expect.

It is clear where you can go from the current location

Excellent, the navigation bar stays can always be found when scrolling up. There is also a quick navigation bar at the bottom of each peach. On the home page: if you hover a article title, it gets underlined.

It is always clear what is happening from each action you perform

Excellent, you see the navigation bar changing with background and the title of the page changes. Titles of articles on the home page, which redirect you to the news site, have the name of the news site in them.

**User control and freedom**

It is always easy to return to the Home Page

Excellent, you can scroll to the top for the navigation bar or use the quick navigation in the footer.

It is easy to access all major portions of the site from the Home Page

Excellent, the navigation bar in the header gives access to all pages in the website.

No unnecessary technologies are used

Excellent.

Graphic links are also available as text links

Excellent, videos have a textual links, so it opens the YouTube page of that video.

**Consistency and standards**

Links are used and appear in standard web style

Good, links from the articles on other sites and video links are underlined when you hover over them. Links in the article titles are not very visible without hovering.

Menus are used and appear in standard web style

Excellent, the menu is a horizontal bar.

The site supports all major browsers

Good, tested on Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Microsoft Edge. Only Internet Explorer give a slightly different lay-out.

There is clear notification if special technologies or browser versions are required

Excellent, not needed.

Link labels match destination page titles or headers

Excellent, all links match.

Overall, the site behave like one expects a web site to behave

Excellent.

**Recognition rather than recall**

Available actions are always clearly presented

Good, navigation and most links are clearly visible. Article titles that redirect you to the news site are clearly visible when you hover them.

Labels and links are described clearly

Excellent.

**Aesthetic and minimalist design**

The site structure is simple and clear without unnecessary complications

Excellent.

There are no instances of extraneous information

Excellent.

There are no instances of misplaced information

Excellent.

Colour choices allow for easy readability

Excellent, text and background have a good contrast, thus good readability.

The site is aesthetically pleasing

Excellent.

**Help, documentation, recovery from errors**

A site map or other navigational assistance is always readily available

Excellent, on the about page a github link is shared. This leads to a repository with extra information.

If needed, a FAQ is available

Poor, this could certainly be added.

No errors occur unnecessarily

Excellent.

If necessary, a search function is readily available

Poor, this could be added too to make surfing on the website easier.

If necessary, error messages are clear and in plain language

Excellent.

It is easy to cancel or exit from operations

Excellent, you can always click on the page you were in the navigation bars on top and in the bottom. The return arrow from the browser works too.

It easy to contact support through email or a web form

Excellent, social media, e-mail, phone number and form are available.

**Language**

The content language is clear and simple

Excellent.

The vocabulary is appropriate for the intended audience

Excellent.

**Other comments**

Consistency and standards

1. Website is not entirely supported by Internet Explorer

Severity: 2

1. Visibility of some links could be improved

Severity: 0

Recognition rather than recall

1. Links could be presented more clearly.

Severity: 0

Help, documentation, error recovery

1. A FAQ could be added, people can get quick help with ‘regular’ problems.

Severity: 1

1. A search bar could be added to make surfing on the website easier.

Severity: 1