Section V:
Disinformation Code Exhibits
Part 2

Exhibit 159

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Subject: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Dear colleagues,
with [redacted] away, we should wrap this up.
Can we agree on the following:

Meeting of Working Group on generative AI/ Code of Practice Disinfo
When: **Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**
Agenda:
14:00 Opening and Agenda Check
14:10 Detecting/reacting to AI generated mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond. Focus on the challenges.
Kick-Off statements (5min each): Andy Parson, Prof. Steinebach, an expert from Google
15:15 gAI misinformation – how to prevent hallucination
Kick-off statements: TBC.
Discussion
15:50 A.O.B. and closure
16:00 END

If @[redacted] (CELA) and @[redacted] are ok, could you send this out to participants @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna, so that people can reserve the slot?
I will be in touch on remaining details (who could speak from Google? Could [redacted] help to get an industry expert on LLMs and the hallucination problem).
But for the invite the above should be good enough.
With best wishes,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Montag, 13. Mai 2024 16:08
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Thanks Michael, all fine with me. We await the responses from our fellow co-coordinators to get the ball rolling

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On Mon, 13 May 2024 at 15:00, Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Hi [redacted]

my proposal is two sessions. The first one longer, with 2 experts (or three; ok for me if they do not make long presentations). The second one with two experts. As you are pressed for time, Sophie, why don't we do misinfo/hallucination which complements the first session; and in the following meeting we look at behaviour and maybe risk assessments.

I can connect the experts for prep/briefing once confirmed (maybe it is enough to do this through email; avoiding another meeting).

Cheers, [redacted]

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Hi Michael,

Thanks for your email.

Can I confirm that your preference is therefore to have 2 experts speaking on one topic (or is it 3 experts speaking on the topic of "Detecting/reacting gAI mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond"? I am struggling to understand your email), and then 2 further experts speaking on two other separate topics each? Therefore, 4 altogether across 3 presentations? It would be helpful to clearly quantify what you mean by "too many experts and presentations".

I think we are still waiting for [redacted] to reply with next steps on reaching out to Andy Parson.

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Do we have @[redacted] (CELA) and @[redacted] green light to go back to Hans from Valid tech to reach out to his proposed stakeholders (outlined in my last emails)? I am interpreting that

Lastly, @Michael Meyer I reiterate from my email on Friday 10th that **I will unfortunately NOT be able to reach out to NATO's principal scientist, Gundars Bergmanis-Korāts**. Therefore, unless it would be appropriate to nominate someone from Logically to speak (which I am happy to do, but I will need this confirmation **TODAY** to get the ball rolling to that end before I go on annual leave).

Remaining action points listed below for your convenience:

- @GILLET Jeanne **or** @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna **to circulate a calendar invitation for this next Subgroup meeting to take place on Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**
- Once researchers/experts have been identified, reached out to (hopefully with success) **we will need to set up a briefing with them to set out how the meeting will unfold. The only other acceptable date for our availabilities i.e. Thursday 30th May between 15:30 - 17:30. Can someone please take responsibility for setting this up once the researchers are confirmed?**

As I will be on annual leave Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 28th May I am unable to contribute further to this after today. Can someone else please take on the responsibility of following up on the above action points?

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On Mon, 13 May 2024 at 13:24, Michael Meyer <[redacted]r@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Thank you, [redacted] and [redacted]

I see the problem with too many experts and presentations. Maybe if we can convince them to be very short it could work. (Otherwise, I would drop Prof. Steinebach)

I suggest a rough agenda along those lines below. Main emphasis then on detection/reaction.

Have a good day, Michael

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1. Detecting/reacting gAI mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond. Focus on the challenges. 75 minutes

Kick off, 4min each: Andy Parson, Prof. Steinebach, an expert from Google (@[redacted] you said you may have somebody).

Kick-offs should describe what aspects experts consider the most important challenges that they would like to discuss further in the meeting.

2. Preventing gAI misinformation – how to prevent hallucination 45 minutes *this would be my preference, but I am also ok to go down the "behavoiur-led" road, Sophie (I am only not so sure what is genAI specific about it).*

4 min. kick-off by platform expert and "[redacted] expert".

From: [redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Freitag, 10. Mai 2024 17:19
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Indeed, I think four speakers will be more than enough, so I'm keen to lock in agreement on names and topics so we can reach out to them and ensure enough time to coordinate ahead of Monday 3 June (3 weeks away already!).

Many thanks [redacted]

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On Fri, 10 May 2024 at 16:13, [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com> wrote:

Hi [redacted] Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET, works for me. Thank you for coordinating.

The Adobe suggestion is surely fine. I'll check Hans' suggestions and if i don't get back before the stated deadline consider them fine.

I do think we should not overload the meeting with too many experts, as between the two Hans suggested, Adobe, additional [redacted] and additional Michael suggestion we would end up with 5 experts which i doubt will lead to very dynamic discussions but rather a succession of presentations.

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 4:59 PM
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Hi Michael, [redacted] and [redacted]

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You will have seen that members of the Subgroup are getting in touch to request when this next meeting will take place. As there has been no objection from @[redacted] (CELA), **can I please ask @GILLET Jeanne or @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna to circulate a calendar invitation for this next Subgroup meeting to take place on Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET?**

Action points:

- I wanted to inform you that, due to internal annual leave dates presenting difficulties in coordinating with those responsible for the relationship, **I will NOT be able to reach out to NATO's principal scientist, Gundars Bergmanis-Korāts**
- We seem to be in agreement on inviting someone from **Adobe to speak. @[redacted] can you please coordinate with Stefanie to invite Andy Parsons to speak to us?**
- Hans from Valid Tech has proposed the below researchers/experts to partake
    - Professor Martin Steinebach from the Fraunhofer Institute for Cybersecurity - an expert in the field of automated detection of dis- and misinformation (on platforms)
    - Professor Martin Potthast's team who conducted research on the influence of GenAI content on recommender systems
    - **Can you please confirm whether you are satisfied with Hans' proposals?**
- In case I do not hear back from you by COB Monday 13th May, **can someone please take responsibility for coordinating with Hans to reach out to these researchers?**
- @Michael Meyer **I would welcome any proposals of speakers you would have for the other topics you suggested**
- @[redacted] **welcome further speaker recommendations from you regarding 3P researchers**
- Once researchers/experts have been identified, reached out to (hopefully with success) **we will need to set up a briefing with them to set out how the meeting will unfold. The only other acceptable date for our availabilities i.e. Thursday 30th May between 15:30 - 17:30. Can someone please take responsibility for setting this up once the researchers are confirmed?**

Lastly, as already flagged, I will be on annual leave Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 28th May. Can someone else please take on the responsibility of following up on the above action points to ensure that we have invited researchers/experts to participate in this Subgroup meeting on 3 June?

Please let me know by COB Monday 13th whether I can move forward on any of these action points, otherwise I am grateful for your support in ensuring the next Subgroup meeting can go ahead.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

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Best,

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On Tue, 7 May 2024 at 17:19, Michael Meyer <[redacted]r@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Thank you [redacted]

Speakers on detection: Yes, Adobe would be one. I would also be interested to hear more from Meta to explain a bit more what Lara told us recently (challenges in detecting synthetic audio and video).

And would Google or MS be able to bring somebody to talk more about misinformation from hallucinations?

Cheers, [redacted]

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Hi all,

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Thank you for the helpful information to coordinate! Some follow-up from me below to progress things:

Logistics

- @[redacted] sorry to miss you on this occasion and looking forward to keeping you in the loop!
- @[redacted] (CELA) with apologies for being unable to account for your preferences, **could I ask if you can make Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET work?**
    - @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna @GILLET Jeanne pending [redacted] confirmation, **could I trouble you to forward a meeting invitation for this timeslot?**
- **Flagging that I will be on annual leave Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 28th May - if we are unable to resolve the outstanding organisational details for this Subgroup meeting, could someone please take this on in my stead?**

Topics

- @[redacted] thank you for your proposed suggestions of political bias of GenAI, hallucinations, and AI-generated disinfo and the prevention/detection thereof
    - Do you think that the proposal to have a speaker on provenance (likely to be someone from Adobe) **satisfies your last suggestion on "prevention/detection"?**
    - **I would welcome any proposals of speakers you would have for the other topics you suggested**
- @[redacted] **welcome further speaker recommendations from you regarding 3P researchers**
- Also @[redacted] yes you have interpreted my meaning correctly, Logically's overall view is that the behaviour facilitating the circulation of content in the information space is as important to assess as the authenticity of the content itself. I have proposed a speaker below to this end i.e. to discuss the impact of GenAI on such behaviours used in online campaigns

Speakers

- @[redacted] (CELA) if you agree with [redacted] suggestion of Adobe's Andy Parsons, I can loop us in Stefanie to ask whether she agrees or had a different proposal in mind - **I am happy to action this once you green light**
- I propose reaching out to NATO's principal scientist, **Gundars Bergmanis-Korāts**, with whom Logically worked on **this report** in 2023 on the role of AI in online campaigns, to speak to the role of GenAI in facilitating the behaviours behind such campaigns in addition to generating potentially problematic content (pending successful outreach and follow-up where he may wish to tweak the exact wording of his contribution) - **I am happy to action this if you all green light**

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- I am happy to canvass the MS Teams Subgroup chat for the purposes of soliciting further recommendations from Subgroup members, should we not have any further suggestions ourselves - **I await further contributions from you before actioning this**

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On Mon, 6 May 2024 at 15:37, [redacted]lf <[redacted]@google.com> wrote:

Hi all -

I'm afraid that I'm likely to be on vacation on all three of these dates. You should, of course, proceed without me -- and I'll be happy to support preparation.

Re: experts -

* Fine with having a C2PA rep presenting content credentials (if it helps - I sit at the C2PA Steering Committee and can request there directly or support Stefanie's request once it comes in). Not to put him on the spot but think Adobe's Andy Parsons would be a great PoC if he's available.

* We should have someone speak to *other* provenance techniques, as while secure metadata is helpful it is but one of the available technical options there. There's someone from Google whom I think could be quite good but I'm not sure if he's available; and I will think through what 3P researchers could be a good fit otherwise (it's not that common for someone to be deep in all the relevant techniques *and* to have enough practical experience deploying them at scale)

* In general I agree with you [redacted] that Gen-AI powered disinformation, much like any other type of disinformation, can be analyzed both through the content and through the behavioral lens, the latter having the benefit of being technology-agnostic to a large extent and therefore being more future proof. I'm taking from your comment that you may refer to behaviors that are specific to GenAI technology, but this is a good reminder that the vast majority of the techniques deployed in other parts of the Code are useful here as well (from elevating authoritative information to combating coordinated deceptive practices, etc.)

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Hope this helps,

[redacted]

On Fri, May 3, 2024 at 11:31 AM Michael Meyer [redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Dear Sophie, thank you so much for the initiative. As these things go, my availability is:

- Thu 30/5 not good, but doable if only option
- Fri 31/5 Impossible
- Mon 3/6 slot preferably, indeed ideal...

I would love us to avoid some kind of conference meeting, where experts give presentations and then there is a little Q&A. Instead we should discuss some critical issues to which the experts give their input (Chatham house rule, of course). I see as critical issues: Political bias of gAI (clearly a complex subject), hallucination in low domain fields, gAI generated disinfo and prevention/detection. I will consult NGOs signatories also what they would like to discuss.

Enjoy your weekend, everyone!

Michael

From: [redacted]<[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Freitag, 3. Mai 2024 12:56
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Hi [redacted]

Thanks for your reply and for clarifying the dates, very much appreciated.

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Perhaps, given the time constraints, we can set a **deadline of Tuesday 7th COB for the others to reply on the suitability of the time slot on Thursday 30th May from 15:30 - 17:30**. If necessary, we can consider an alternative slot between 14:00 and 18:00 on Friday 31st May.

In terms of focus area, I think it makes sense to have **one expert focusing on provenance tools** as you set out above, so perhaps for that we can ask Stefanie to reach out to her proposed stakeholder **once we have confirmed the Subgroup date**.

From Logically's side, **our positioning is that we take a behaviours-led approach to the issue of disinformation** in the information space, whether that be AI-generated or not, and thus consider it to be both a dissemination *and* content problem. I have an external stakeholder in mind to invite to this end, I am just awaiting the Commission's response separately in case there is any conflict of interest. Should that proposal not work out, **I would be happy to nominate a technical expert internally from Logically to discuss the perspective of a behaviours-led approach**, should that be deemed appropriate by yourself, [redacted] and Michael.

Considering that this would leave us with 2 expert slots filled with a discussion on provenance and behaviours, **I will be happy for [redacted] and Michael to chime in should they have suggestions of topics / expert stakeholders for another 1-2 speaking slots.**

Let me know if any feedback on the above, and otherwise looking forward to hearing back **by Tuesday 7th May COB on setting the date of Thursday 30th May from 15:30 - 17:30 for the next Subgroup meeting.**

Best,

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On Thu, 2 May 2024 at 11:08, [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com> wrote:

Thanks [redacted]

For the dates:

- Tue 28/5 slot coincides with the Elections WG meeting.
- Thu 30/5 slot is fine for me
- Fri 31/5 slot also fine for me
- Mon 3/6 slot preferably not, but could make it work if necessary.

On the experts, happy to look at someone from our side internally but also happy to defer to Google if they have a good suggestion. Of course, on our side content credentials / provenance tools are an important part of the work we do in this space, together with Adobe and others. So would you see the session as focusing on that aspect or would it be more broad and if so, are there specific aspects you and others would seek to cover in particular? Just to hone a bit more the theme / content of the session and think about relevant experts from that perspective?

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2024 11:03
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Cc: cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]A@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
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Hi all, and a very happy 1st of May!

As we have set out that the **next Subgroup meeting will take place by the end of this month, we should set a date.** Please find proposals below (**all in CET**):

- Tuesday 28th May 14:00 - 16:00 OR 16:30 - 18:00
- Thursday 30th May 15:30 - 17:30
- Friday 31st May anytime between 14:00 - 18:00
- Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00

We have set out that this Subgroup meeting will gather researchers and/or experts to better understand the risks at the intersection of generative AI and disinformation, as well as possible measures to mitigate such risks. **Do you have any ideas of whom we could invite to join us?**

- For example, Stefanie from Adobe already offered to bring a technical expert to introduce Content Credentials to the Subgroup
- In addition to Adobe's expert, I would propose that we aim to have TWO external researchers/experts and ONE expert nominated internally from either Microsoft or Google
- This would ensure that we limit speakers to ensure meaningful Q&A thereafter, but I encourage you to put forward other ideas or justifications for more than 4 researchers/experts, or for an alternative composition
- From Logically's side, I am already canvassing internally for suggestions. This is also work that we have carried out internally, and so we will be happy to nominate a Logically staff member to speak to the Subgroup on this topic if my co-coordinators deem this appropriate.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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Exhibit 160

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CC: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: [External] Extraordinary CoP Plenary - Code's conversion

Thank you for a swift reply.

The V-pass has been created.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Best regards / Bien à vous,

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Subject: Re: [External] Extraordinary CoP Plenary - Code's conversion

Many thanks - Monday at 16:30 would work well.

Best regards

Redacted

From: CNECT-I4@ec.europa.eu
Date: Thu, May 23, 2024, 4:18 PM
Subject: RE: [External] Extraordinary CoP Plenary - Code's conversion
To: Redacted tiktok.com>
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Dear Redacted

As a follow up to the exchange below we would like to propose 2 slots for the potential meeting:

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- 27 May 2024, at 16.30h
- 28 May 2024, at 14.30h.

Please let us know if they are convenient for you.

Thank you.

Best regards / Bien à vous,

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Dear Redacted

We are happy to meet to discuss the Code's conversion.

Our secretariat will be in touch to find a suitable slot and ensure Redacted participation.

Many thanks,

Kind regards,

Redacted for the team

From: Redacted tiktok.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:50 AM
To: CNECT COP TASK FORCE <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>
Cc: Redacted (CNECT) Redacted @ec.europa.eu>; Redacted @tiktok.com>
Subject: Re: [External] Extraordinary CoP Plenary - Code's conversion

Dear Commission team,

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the Plenary today due to the late date change and a conflict, however, Redacted Redacted will attend for TikTok.

I will review the documents but would indeed appreciate the offer of a bilateral conversation to ensure that we have fully understood the process and what is being proposed, given the importance of this next phase of the Code.

Many thanks and kind regards

Redacted

From: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu

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Date: Wed, May 22, 2024, 9:54 AM

Subject: [External] Extraordinary CoP Plenary - Code's conversion

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Dear Signatories,

Please find below and attached the webex connection details to our Extraordinary CoP Plenary meeting which will take place today (22.05) at 16:00-17:30 CET.

Kind regards,

CoP Team

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Wednesday, May 22, 2024

4:00 PM | (UTC+02:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris | 3 hrs

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Dear Signatories,

With our sincere apologies for the short notice, we have spotted a mistake from our side in the invitation: the Plenary meeting will take place **Wednesday 22 May 2024, from 4-5:30pm** (**not** Wednesday 29 May).

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As we are keen on moving forward with this important process, we would like to keep this date. If you can unfortunately not join us, we are of course happy to debrief you bilaterally afterwards.

With our apologies again,

Kind regards,

The CoP Team

Dear Signatories,

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We understand that this is a very much anticipated moment for many of you as since its inception – and as recognised in the Preamble – the 2022 Code of Practice on Disinformation has aimed to become a Code of Conduct under Article 45 DSA. In the Code's Preamble (recital (h)), the Signatories confirmed their wish to make it complementary to and aligned with the regulatory requirements and overall objectives of the DSA. The Code of Practice on Disinformation is as well referred to in recital 106 of the DSA.

Therefore, at the Plenary meeting we would like to present the procedure of the conversion as well as invite the signatories to prepare the Code for such a conversion. Notably, in order to be ready to launch the process, we consider that a few clarifications should be included in the Preamble of the Code. We will provide you with the further details at the Plenary meeting.

To this end, we invite you to a **Task-force Plenary meeting**, to be held online on ~~**Wednesday 29 May 2024**~~**, Wednesday 22 May 2024, from 4-5:30pm** (CET), to discuss the recognition process and the necessary steps forward.

We will share the Webex connection details very soon.

Kind regards,

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Exhibit 161

From: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu [CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu]
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Dear Signatories,

As anticipated, we would like to invite you to the second Plenary meeting of the Code's signatories about the process of the conversion of the Code of Practice on Disinformation into a Code of Conduct under Article 45 of the DSA. It will take place on **30 May (Thu) at 16:00 – 18:00**. Please find below and attached the webex connection details.

The aim of this meeting is to discuss any comments you might have to the proposed additions to the Preamble. Please find all the related documents in our previous email and on Teams under this link: Conversion of the Code.

We kindly remind you that the deadline for sending us the signed Submission Forms is **10 June**.

Kind regards,
CoP Team

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Subject: RE: Extraordinary CoP Plenary - Code's conversion
Importance: High

Dear Signatories,

Thank you very much for attending numerously the Extraordinary Plenary meeting on the conversion of the Code of Practice on Disinformation to a Code of Conduct under the DSA. Following our discussions, we would like to share with you the proposed solutions.

Please find attached:

1. **Preamble** with the discussed additions, i.e. general clause on the prevalence of DSA over the Code; a clause on a regular review of the Code (based on points (g) and (h) of the Preamble); targeted additions to illustrate the interplay with the DSA and Technical amendments.
2. Text of the **Submission Form**
3. **Slides** which were presented at the meeting

You will find those documents as well on Teams under this link: Conversion of the Code

As explained at the Plenary, we kindly ask you to send the Submission Form to the Commission at CNECT-COP-TASK- Redacted ec.europa.eu by **10 June**.

As suggested, in order to anticipate and discuss your comments to the tabled additions, we propose to have a second Plenary meeting on **30 May (Thu) at 16:00**. The invitation will follow.

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Should you have any questions or requests for clarifications – also in case if you could not attend the Plenary – please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Kind regards,

CoP Team

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Where: webex

Dear Signatories,

Please find below and attached the webex connection details to our Extraordinary CoP Plenary meeting which will take place today (22.05) at 16:00-17:30 CET.

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Kind regards,
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We will share the Webex connection details very soon.

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Exhibit 162

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Sent: 5/29/2024 11:31:06 AM
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi [redacted]

I had understood that Prof Steinbach was an expert in the field of automated detection of dis- and misinformation (on platforms), hence I thought Michael's order of topics made sense. I see you have now placed Steinbach in the 'prevention' bucket in the new agenda. Was that for a particular reason?

Wrt possible correspondence with Adobe and Hans, I have not been in the loop on this.

On a co-coordinators meeting, I could do:

- Friday 7th June 14:30-15:00 CET
- Monday 10th June 14:00 – 15:00 CET
- Tuesday 11th June 15:00 – 16:00 CET

Best,
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi [redacted] thanks for confirming that.

Some outstanding requests:

- I don't believe that the agenda contained within the calendar invitation is clear enough to have been sent to Subgroup members, I am struggling to understand it myself. Please find a tidied version below, I would appreciate **confirmation from you all as to whether this was indeed how the agenda was intended to come across.** If so, I would kindly ask if @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna could update the calendar invitation with this version of the agenda.
- **I see that we are missing one speaker**, whom I believe @[redacted] was intended to propose - is this correct? Can I ask who the final speaker is?
- **Can someone kindly include me in the correspondence with Andy Parson or relay on this thread the discussion that was had with Andy about his contribution?**

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- As I had flagged before I went on AL, Hans from Valid Tech had proposed the below researchers/experts to partake. **Can anyone direct me to the follow up with Hans? Did we only confirm Prof. Steinebach?**
- **Can anyone direct me to any oral/written discussion we have had with any of the invited external speakers regarding their contributions?**
- I think it would be helpful for us to **meet again as the 4 of us to discuss our ways of working**, as I have found the organisation of this latest Subgroup meeting quite time-consuming. Please find some **proposed slots** for such a conversation below, **I would be grateful if you could signal your availability. I welcome the Commission's participation in such a meeting.**

Agenda (updated version):

1. Opening remarks & approval of the agenda
2. Contributions from researchers/experts (kick-off statements and discussion)

- The challenges of detecting/reacting to AI generated mis/disinformation – C2PA and beyond. Andy Parson
- Generative AI misinformation - how to prevent hallucinations. *Professor Martin Steinebach from the Fraunhofer Institute for Cybersecurity*
- **XXX** (an expert from Google?)
- Discussion

3. AOB

Co-Coordinators' meeting slot proposals:

- Friday 7th June anytime after 14:30 CET
- Monday 10th June anytime after 14:00 CET
- Tuesday 11th June anytime after 15:00 CET

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On Tue, 28 May 2024 at 17:20, [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com> wrote:

Hi Sophie,

Welcome back.

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The Commission sent out a outlook invite including the agenda, so you should have that in your calendar.

I didn't see any response from Hans in response to your earlier email.

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 17:16
To: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted](CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] [redacted]@google.com>
Cc: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; [redacted] <t-cgemanari@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi all,

Just catching up on my emails from the last couple of weeks - I don't see any confirmations from [redacted] or [redacted] regarding the agenda or clarifying that proposed speakers have been invited, not correspondence with Hans from Valid Tech regarding his proposed speakers. **Can someone please forward me those confirmation messages or kindly update me on the state of play?** In particular, it would be great to confirm the final agenda for circulation to the wider Subgroup ahead of the meeting next Monday.

I believe it is my turn to chair this meeting, but please correct me if I am wrong or if someone else would prefer to do so.

Very much looking forward to hearing from you and to these important discussions with key stakeholders.

Best,

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On Thu, 23 May 2024 at 16:54, KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

Dear all,

Thank you for taking over Michael. Peter in CC will take care of the invite. We are just waiting for the final confirmation from you concerning the agenda.

Please keep Peter always in the loop as he is co-coordinating this SG from our side.

Best,

Anna

From: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 2:30 PM
To: [redacted]@logically.ai>; [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>; clementwolf [redacted]@google.com>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Cc: CNECT COP TASK FORCE <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

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Dear colleagues,

with [redacted] away, we should wrap this up.

Can we agree on the following:

Meeting of Working Group on generative AI/ Code of Practice Disinfo

When: **Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**

Agenda:

14:00 Opening and Agenda Check

14:10 Detecting/reacting to AI generated mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond. Focus on the challenges.

Kick-Off statements (5min each): Andy Parson, Prof. Steinebach, an expert from Google

15:15 gAI misinformation – how to prevent hallucination

Kick-off statements: TBC.

Discussion

15:50 A.O.B. and closure

16:00 END

If @[redacted] (CELA) and @[redacted] are ok, could you send this out to participants @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna, so that people can reserve the slot?

I will be in touch on remaining details (who could speak from Google? Could Tjade help to get an industry expert on LLMs and the hallucination problem).

But for the invite the above should be good enough.

With best wishes,

Michael

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Montag, 13. Mai 2024 16:08
To: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>; clementwolf <[redacted]@google.com>

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Thanks Michael, all fine with me. We await the responses from our fellow co-coordinators to get the ball rolling

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On Mon, 13 May 2024 at 15:00, Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Hi [redacted]

my proposal is two sessions. The first one longer, with 2 experts (or three; ok for me if they do not make long presentations). The second one with two experts. As you are pressed for time, Sophie, why don't we do misinfo/hallucination which complements the first session; and in the following meeting we look at behaviour and maybe risk assessments.

I can connect the experts for prep/briefing once confirmed (maybe it is enough to do this through email; avoiding another meeting).

Cheers, Michael

From: Sophie [redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Montag, 13. Mai 2024 14:34
To: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>
Cc: [redacted](CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] <clementwolf@google.com>; cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

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Hi Michael,

Thanks for your email.

Can I confirm that your preference is therefore to have 2 experts speaking on one topic (or is it 3 experts speaking on the topic of "Detecting/reacting gAI mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond"? I am struggling to understand your email), and then 2 further experts speaking on two other separate topics each? Therefore, 4 altogether across 3 presentations? It would be helpful to clearly quantify what you mean by "too many experts and presentations".

I think we are still waiting for [redacted] to reply with next steps on reaching out to Andy Parson.

Do we have @[redacted] (CELA) and @[redacted] green light to go back to Hans from Valid tech to reach out to his proposed stakeholders (outlined in my last emails)? I am interpreting that

Lastly, @Michael Meyer I reiterate from my email on Friday 10th that **I will unfortunately NOT be able to reach out to NATO's principal scientist, Gundars Bergmanis-Korāts**. Therefore, unless it would be appropriate to nominate someone from Logically to speak (which I am happy to do, but I will need this confirmation **TODAY** to get the ball rolling to that end before I go on annual leave).

Remaining action points listed below for your convenience:

- @GILLET Jeanne **or** @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna **to circulate a calendar invitation for this next Subgroup meeting to take place on Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**
- Once researchers/experts have been identified, reached out to (hopefully with success) **we will need to set up a briefing with them to set out how the meeting will unfold. The only other acceptable date for our availabilities i.e. Thursday 30th May between 15:30 - 17:30. Can someone please take responsibility for setting this up once the researchers are confirmed?**

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As I will be on annual leave Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 28th May I am unable to contribute further to this after today. Can someone else please take on the responsibility of following up on the above action points?

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On Mon, 13 May 2024 at 13:24, Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Thank you, [redacted] and [redacted]

I see the problem with too many experts and presentations. Maybe if we can convince them to be very short it could work. (Otherwise, I would drop Prof. Steinebach)

I suggest a rough agenda along those lines below. Main emphasis then on detection/reaction.

Have a good day, Michael

1. Detecting/reacting gAI mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond. Focus on the challenges. 75 minutes

Kick off, 4min each: Andy Parson, Prof. Steinebach, an expert from Google (@[redacted] you said you may have somebody).

Kick-offs should describe what aspects experts consider the most important challenges that they would like to discuss further in the meeting.

2. Preventing gAI misinformation – how to prevent hallucination 45 minutes *this would be my preference, but I am also ok to go down the "behavoiur-led" road, Sophie (I am only not so sure what is genAI specific about it).*

4 min. kick-off by platform expert and "[redacted] expert".

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Freitag, 10. Mai 2024 17:19
To: [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>
Cc: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] [redacted]@google.com>; cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Indeed, I think four speakers will be more than enough, so I'm keen to lock in agreement on names and topics so we can reach out to them and ensure enough time to coordinate ahead of Monday 3 June (3 weeks away already!).

Many thanks [redacted]

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On Fri, 10 May 2024 at 16:13, [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com> wrote:

Hi [redacted] Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET, works for me. Thank you for coordinating.

The Adobe suggestion is surely fine. I'll check Hans' suggestions and if i don't get back before the stated deadline consider them fine.

I do think we should not overload the meeting with too many experts, as between the two Hans suggested, Adobe, additional [redacted] and additional Michael suggestion we would end up

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with 5 experts which i doubt will lead to very dynamic discussions but rather a succession of presentations.

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 4:59 PM
To: Michael Meyer [redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted]@google.com>; [redacted] (CELA) <tstroband@microsoft.com>
Cc: cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Hi Michael, [redacted] and [redacted]

You will have seen that members of the Subgroup are getting in touch to request when this next meeting will take place. As there has been no objection from @[redacted] (CELA), **can I please ask @GILLET Jeanne or @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna to circulate a calendar invitation for this next Subgroup meeting to take place on Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET?**

Action points:

- I wanted to inform you that, due to internal annual leave dates presenting difficulties in coordinating with those responsible for the relationship, **I will NOT be able to reach out to NATO's principal scientist, Gundars Bergmanis-Korāts**

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- We seem to be in agreement on inviting someone from **Adobe to speak [redacted] can you please coordinate with Stefanie to invite Andy Parsons to speak to us?**

- Hans from Valid Tech has proposed the below researchers/experts to partake

    - Professor Martin Steinebach from the Fraunhofer Institute for Cybersecurity - an expert in the field of automated detection of dis- and misinformation (on platforms)

    - Professor Martin Potthast's team who conducted research on the influence of GenAI content on recommender systems

    - **Can you please confirm whether you are satisfied with Hans' proposals?**

- In case I do not hear back from you by COB Monday 13th May, **can someone please take responsibility for coordinating with Hans to reach out to these researchers?**

- @Michael Meyer **I would welcome any proposals of speakers you would have for the other topics you suggested**

- @[redacted] **welcome further speaker recommendations from you regarding 3P researchers**

- Once researchers/experts have been identified, reached out to (hopefully with success) **we will need to set up a briefing with them to set out how the meeting will unfold. The only other acceptable date for our availabilities i.e. Thursday 30th May between 15:30 - 17:30. Can someone please take responsibility for setting this up once the researchers are confirmed?**

Lastly, as already flagged, I will be on annual leave Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 28th May. Can someone else please take on the responsibility of following up on the above action points to ensure that we have invited researchers/experts to participate in this Subgroup meeting on 3 June?

Please let me know by COB Monday 13th whether I can move forward on any of these action points, otherwise I am grateful for your support in ensuring the next Subgroup meeting can go ahead.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best,

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On Tue, 7 May 2024 at 17:19, Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Thank you [redacted]

Speakers on detection: Yes, Adobe would be one. I would also be interested to hear more from Meta to explain a bit more what Lara told us recently (challenges in detecting synthetic audio and video).

And would Google or MS be able to bring somebody to talk more about misinformation from hallucinations?

Cheers, Michael

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Dienstag, 7. Mai 2024 17:52
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Cc: Michael Meyer [redacted]r@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]d@microsoft.com>; cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna [redacted]A@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] [redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne [redacted]t@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Hi all,

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Thank you for the helpful information to coordinate! Some follow-up from me below to progress things:

Logistics

- @[redacted] sorry to miss you on this occasion and looking forward to keeping you in the loop!
- @[redacted] (CELA) with apologies for being unable to account for your preferences, **could I ask if you can make Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET work?**
    - @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna @GILLET Jeanne pending [redacted] confirmation, **could I trouble you to forward a meeting invitation for this timeslot?**
- **Flagging that I will be on annual leave Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 28th May - if we are unable to resolve the outstanding organisational details for this Subgroup meeting, could someone please take this on in my stead?**

Topics

- @Michael Meyer thank you for your proposed suggestions of political bias of GenAI, hallucinations, and AI-generated disinfo and the prevention/detection thereof
    - Do you think that the proposal to have a speaker on provenance (likely to be someone from Adobe) **satisfies your last suggestion on "prevention/detection"?**
    - **I would welcome any proposals of speakers you would have for the other topics you suggested**
- @[redacted] **welcome further speaker recommendations from you regarding 3P researchers**
- Also @[redacted] yes you have interpreted my meaning correctly, Logically's overall view is that the behaviour facilitating the circulation of content in the information space is as important to assess as the authenticity of the content itself. I have proposed a speaker below to this end i.e. to discuss the impact of GenAI on such behaviours used in online campaigns

Speakers

- @[redacted] (CELA) if you agree with [redacted] suggestion of Adobe's Andy Parsons, I can loop us in Stefanie to ask whether she agrees or had a different proposal in mind - **I am happy to action this once you green light**
- I propose reaching out to NATO's principal scientist, **Gundars Bergmanis-Korāts**, with whom Logically worked on **this report** in 2023 on the role of AI in online

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campaigns, to speak to the role of GenAI in facilitating the behaviours behind such campaigns in addition to generating potentially problematic content (pending successful outreach and follow-up where he may wish to tweak the exact wording of his contribution) - **I am happy to action this if you all green light**

- I am happy to canvass the MS Teams Subgroup chat for the purposes of soliciting further recommendations from Subgroup members, should we not have any further suggestions ourselves - **I await further contributions from you before actioning this**

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On Mon, 6 May 2024 at 15:37, [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com> wrote:

Hi all -

I'm afraid that I'm likely to be on vacation on all three of these dates. You should, of course, proceed without me -- and I'll be happy to support preparation.

Re: experts -

* Fine with having a C2PA rep presenting content credentials (if it helps - I sit at the C2PA Steering Committee and can request there directly or support Stefanie's request once it comes in). Not to put him on the spot but think Adobe's Andy Parsons would be a great PoC if he's available.

* We should have someone speak to *other* provenance techniques, as while secure metadata is helpful it is but one of the available technical options there. There's someone from Google whom I think could be quite good but I'm not sure if he's available; and I will think through what 3P researchers could be a good fit otherwise (it's not that common for someone to be deep in all the relevant techniques *and* to have enough practical experience deploying them at scale)

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* In general I agree with you @[redacted] that Gen-AI powered disinformation, much like any other type of disinformation, can be analyzed both through the content and through the behavioral lens, the latter having the benefit of being technology-agnostic to a large extent and therefore being more future proof. I'm taking from your comment that you may refer to behaviors that are specific to GenAI technology, but this is a good reminder that the vast majority of the techniques deployed in other parts of the Code are useful here as well (from elevating authoritative information to combating coordinated deceptive practices, etc.)

Hope this helps,

[redacted]

On Fri, May 3, 2024 at 11:31 AM Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Dear [redacted] thank you so much for the initiative. As these things go, my availability is:

- Thu 30/5 not good, but doable if only option
- Fri 31/5 Impossible
- Mon 3/6 slot preferably, indeed ideal...

I would love us to avoid some kind of conference meeting, where experts give presentations and then there is a little Q&A. Instead we should discuss some critical issues to which the experts give their input (Chatham house rule, of course). I see as critical issues: Political bias of gAI (clearly a complex subject), hallucination in low domain fields, gAI generated disinfo and prevention/detection. I will consult NGOs signatories also what they would like to discuss.

Enjoy your weekend, everyone!

Michael

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Freitag, 3. Mai 2024 12:56
To: [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for your reply and for clarifying the dates, very much appreciated.

Perhaps, given the time constraints, we can set a **deadline of Tuesday 7th COB for the others to reply on the suitability of the time slot on Thursday 30th May from 15:30 - 17:30.** If necessary, we can consider an alternative slot between 14:00 and 18:00 on Friday 31st May.

In terms of focus area, I think it makes sense to have **one expert focusing on provenance tools** as you set out above, so perhaps for that we can ask Stefanie to reach out to her proposed stakeholder **once we have confirmed the Subgroup date**.

From Logically's side, **our positioning is that we take a behaviours-led approach to the issue of disinformation** in the information space, whether that be AI-generated or not, and thus consider it to be both a dissemination *and* content problem. I have an external stakeholder in mind to invite to this end, I am just awaiting the Commission's response separately in case there is any conflict of interest. Should that proposal not work out, **I would be happy to nominate a technical expert internally from Logically to discuss the perspective of a behaviours-led approach**, should that be deemed appropriate by yourself, [redacted] and Michael.

Considering that this would leave us with 2 expert slots filled with a discussion on provenance and behaviours, **I will be happy for [redacted] and Michael to chime in should they have suggestions of topics / expert stakeholders for another 1-2 speaking slots.**

Let me know if any feedback on the above, and otherwise looking forward to hearing back **by Tuesday 7th May COB on setting the date of Thursday 30th May from 15:30 - 17:30 for the next Subgroup meeting**.

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Best,

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On Thu, 2 May 2024 at 11:08, [redacted](CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com> wrote:

Thanks [redacted]

For the dates:

- Tue 28/5 slot coincides with the Elections WG meeting.
- Thu 30/5 slot is fine for me
- Fri 31/5 slot also fine for me
- Mon 3/6 slot preferably not, but could make it work if necessary.

On the experts, happy to look at someone from our side internally but also happy to defer to Google if they have a good suggestion. Of course, on our side content credentials / provenance tools are an important part of the work we do in this space, together with Adobe and others. So would you see the session as focusing on that aspect or would it be more broad and if so, are there specific aspects you and others would seek to cover in particular? Just to hone a bit more the theme / content of the session and think about relevant experts from that perspective?

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Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2024 11:03
To: [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted]@google.com>; Michael Meyer [redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>
Cc: cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna [redacted]A@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Hi all, and a very happy 1st of May!

As we have set out that the **next Subgroup meeting will take place by the end of this month, we should set a date**. Please find proposals below (**all in CET**):

- Tuesday 28th May 14:00 - 16:00 OR 16:30 - 18:00
- Thursday 30th May 15:30 - 17:30
- Friday 31st May anytime between 14:00 - 18:00
- Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00

We have set out that this Subgroup meeting will gather researchers and/or experts to better understand the risks at the intersection of generative AI and disinformation, as well as possible measures to mitigate such risks. **Do you have any ideas of whom we could invite to join us?**

- For example, Stefanie from Adobe already offered to bring a technical expert to introduce Content Credentials to the Subgroup
- In addition to Adobe's expert, I would propose that we aim to have TWO external researchers/experts and ONE expert nominated internally from either Microsoft or Google

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- This would ensure that we limit speakers to ensure meaningful Q&A thereafter, but I encourage you to put forward other ideas or justifications for more than 4 researchers/experts, or for an alternative composition

- From Logically's side, I am already canvassing internally for suggestions. This is also work that we have carried out internally, and so we will be happy to nominate a Logically staff member to speak to the Subgroup on this topic if my co-coordinators deem this appropriate.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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From: Michael Meyer [[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org]
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To: [redacted] [[redacted]@logically.ai]
CC: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com]; [redacted] [redacted]f@google.com]; [redacted] [redacted]@microsoft.com]; GILLET Jeanne [redacted]@ec.europa.eu]; BURIAN Peter [redacted]@ec.europa.eu]; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna [redacted]@ec.europa.eu]; KATZY-REINSHAGEN Anna [redacted]@ec.europa.eu]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hello [redacted] and colleagues,
I gave a call to Hans Brorsen who was very interested in this session and had exchanged with Prof Steinebach. He is confident we will have a good meeting and I am too. I can talk to Andy Parsons for a pre-brief.
The agenda would be as below. We will have more time for the first subject, while we give us 30min at the end to discuss/sketch possible themes for next meetings, including hallucination. Steinebach can say something there as well (how to think about hallucination, how to address it in a future meeting).
If ok for all, could Commission colleagues send out this update?
With best wishes, Michael

PS: Am in a meeting now until 1330.

Meeting of Working Group on generative AI/ Code of Practice Disinfo

- When: **Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**

Agenda:

- 14:00 Opening and Agenda Check
- 14:10 Detecting/reacting to AI generated mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond. What are the challenges? How to address them?
- Kick-Off statements (15min each): Andy Parsons, Prof. Steinebach

Q & A and discussions.

- 15:30 Outlook on next meetings and discussion of themes to be addressed (such as hallucination)

16:00 END

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Donnerstag, 30. Mai 2024 10:07
To: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>
Cc: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi Michael,

For me, the primary issue is the lack of communication and clarity in organising this Subgroup meeting. It does not fill me with confidence about our ability to use time in people's calendars meaningfully.

- I have still not seen a version of the agenda that is complete, clear and understandable, and that has approval from all 4 of us
- Clarity regarding the division of responsibilities between the 4 of us and our availability to deliver on those has only started to become clear as of yesterday, which in my view should have been clear weeks ago
- To the best of my knowledge, there has been no pre-brief set up with any external speaker within a reasonable time frame; indeed Andy Parson was still not 100% confirmed to attend at the time that [redacted] put me in touch with Andy yesterday. As I had set out before I went on AL, the deliverable was to arrange a short call with confirmed external speakers to pre-brief them on the Subgroup, our work and the relevance of their contributions. This is standard practice and would not have required more than 15-20 minutes.

I would welcome your views to the contrary, and in particular I would be very interested to know about the steps you think we could take to still hold this Subgroup meeting in an efficient manner. However, I must be clear that at this point in time I no longer have the capacity to contribute.

Looking forward to hearing from you but please note that I am unable to respond further until the PM.

Best,
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On Thu, 30 May 2024 at 08:47, Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

> Dear All, I think there is no problem to have the meeting. We would have experts in this field who know the spiel. But of course if you feel it's too late, I don't oppose it.
> With best wishes, Michael
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> Gesendet von Outlook für Android
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> **From:** [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 9:43:05 AM
> **To:** CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>; Michael Meyer

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Cc: [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne [redacted]T@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]A@ec.europa.eu>; KATZY-REINSHAGEN Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi Team,

I would still like to give @Michael Meyer an opportunity to weigh in.

Many thanks

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On Thu, 30 May 2024 at 08:20, CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

Hi everyone,

So what is the final decision on the postponement of the Gen AI Subgroup meeting? Please let us know, so that we can cancel the calendar invitation if the 3rd of June is no longer the date of the meeting.

Best regards,

Cop Task Force

From: [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 1:01 AM
To: [redacted] [redacted]@logically.ai>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>; Michael Meyer <[redacted]r@democracy-reporting.org>
Cc: CNECT COP TASK FORCE <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna (CNECT) <[redacted]A@ec.europa.eu>; KATZY-REINSHAGEN Anna (CNECT) [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

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Hi [redacted]

Fully appreciate your discomfort and concerns and in particular appreciate your commitment to ensure a well-prepared and thought-through meeting, and would therefore be fully on board with postponing the subgroup meeting.

Also apologies from my end for not having had the bandwidth to pick up coordination of this particular meeting in the past weeks due to other (often election related) urgencies that took precedence.

In terms of my availability for a co-coordinator meeting, based on your and [redacted] joint availabilities, mine would be:

- Thursday 13th June 10:00 – 11:30 CET (if needed between 11:30 and 13:00 CET)
- Friday 14th June 10:00 - 12:00 CET

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Thursday, 30 May 2024 00:43
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>; Michael Meyer [redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>
Cc: cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; [redacted] [redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KATZY-REINSHAGEN Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Thanks for your reply [redacted] looking forward to engaging with Andy (and any other external stakeholders) in a more suitable time frame the next time we seek to invite him to a Subgroup meeting.

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I would like to allow @[redacted] (CELA) and @Michael Meyer to give their views on a postponement, with acknowledgement that I am personally no longer in a position to give any more time to this over the next 2.5 working days.

Looking forward to also hearing about their availability for a co-coordinators meeting, thanks @[redacted] for already signalling yours.

Best,

[redacted]

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On Wed, 29 May 2024 at 23:33, [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com> wrote:

Hi [redacted] -

My apologies (again), I was under the impression that you wanted to be connected to Andy. Very happy to follow up with him separately and note that the meeting is postponed & to brief him myself ahead of the new date, it was not my intention to create work for anyone.

Regarding co-coordinators meeting, any of the morning times you offer on Thursday 6/13 or Friday 6/14 would work for me.

Best,

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[redacted]

On Wed, May 29, 2024, 23:25 [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai> wrote:

Hi all,

Thank you for your messages.

I also acknowledge here receipt of a separate email from [redacted] this evening putting me in touch with Andy Parsons, and asking me to take over correspondence with Andy in briefing him for this Subgroup meeting. @[redacted] please note that I am **not** in a position to take this on with such limited notice.

With 2.5 working days remaining until this Subgroup meeting, I regret the lack of satisfactory preparation. I no longer believe that we can in good conscience take up valuable time in people's calendars for this meeting, as I do not find it appropriate for so much to remain unresolved this close to a meeting taking place. **I would respectfully request that we postpone it** until the necessary deliverables can be met within an appropriate time frame. **Please note that your (pending) agreement with this will require communication with the broader Subgroup as well as invited experts to let them know**, I believe this is relevant to @[redacted] and @Michael Meyer in relation to communication with Hans from Valid.

Please also find below alternative availability on my end for a co-coordinators' meeting to discuss ways of working going forward:

- Tuesday 11th June 15:00 - 18:00 CET
- Thursday 13th June 10:00 - 13:00 CET
- Friday 14th June 10:00 - 12:00 or 15:00 - 16:30 CET

Wishing you all a good evening,

[redacted]

Sophie [redacted]
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On Wed, 29 May 2024 at 19:52, Michael Meyer [redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Dear colleagues, dear [redacted]

a few points:

- [redacted], you are right. We should talk about organization. You have been the most active to keep us going (thank you for that!) and that's not fair. TBD (I would like a model where one of us is in charge of preparing a session based on some parameters with discretion on details. Then one person/org is in charge, making it clearer). I now have my colleague Daniela, so I hope DRI can be more consistent.

- I think we should do the event as planned if Andy Parsons confirms. We then have two speakers for the first session and could treat the second session (on hallucination) as a variable: If we don't find a speaker (we are trying in the academic community; [redacted](CELA) could somebody from MS talk about the hallucination problem and how it is addressed?) we make it a bit shorter and discuss how to address the issue further in this sub-group (I am happy to kick that off with some remarks).

- Commission colleagues, I had not checked the invitation, indeed something went wrong. My suggestion was as below (two main themese; Andy and Prof. Steinebach both for the first theme).

- Co-ordinator meeting: The dates don't work for me, but I would task a DRI colleague to join.

Have a good evening, Michael

- **Meeting of Working Group on generative AI**/ Code of Practice Disinfo
- When: **Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**
- Agenda:
- 14:00 Opening and Agenda Check
- 14:10 Detecting/reacting to AI generated mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond. Focus on the challenges.
- Kick-Off statements (5min each): Andy Parson, Prof. Steinebach, an expert from Google
- 15:15 gAI misinformation – how to prevent hallucination
- Kick-off statements: TBC.

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- Discussion
- 15:50 A.O.B. and closure
- 16:00 END

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Sent: Mittwoch, 29. Mai 2024 20:12
To: cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu
Cc: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>; [redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KATZY-REINSHAGEN Anna [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi all -

First, I apologize - I misremembered my action item and thought the Adobe rep in the Permanent Taskforce was reaching out to Andy. This obviously hasn't happened since it's clear from prior emails the action was on me.

I'm checking with him now to see if he could make next Monday work; it seems like that may be the case. [redacted] I'll connect him with you over email shortly - noting that he is not 100% confirmed but it's looking good - that way you and him can answer each other's questions if any without me playing middle man.

To the other questions - there is no other internal Google speaker I would recommend at this stage, based on the proposed agenda, unless you want to dive into the specifics of SynthID (our watermarking tech) but I'm not sure it'd be the best use of time for the group.

As for postponing vs not + meeting as co-coordinators: would defer to the group here given that as previously mentioned I'm OOO (starting yesterday and until June 10th -- I'll be working on FR hours week of June 10th if you'd like to meet then, but shouldn't be a bottleneck if you'd like to meet earlier).

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Hope this helps -

[redacted]

On Wed, May 29, 2024, 13:04 CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

Dear all,

We have updated the agenda according to [redacted] suggestions. Please let us know if any further changes need to be made. Professor Steinebach has been confirmed by Hans via email to us. However, we are still waiting for confirmation for the other speaker slots. Please let us know which other speakers will be presenting, so that we can give them access to the meeting.

Best regards,

CoP Task Force

From: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 1:49 PM
To: [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted]@logically.ai>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Cc: CNECT COP TASK FORCE <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>; Catalina Gemanari <t-cgemanari@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hello colleagues, I am in meetings. Just to say that Prof Steinebach is confirmed (info: Hans). More later. Cheers, Michael

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From: [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 1:31:06 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>; Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Cc: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi [redacted]

I had understood that Prof Steinbach was an expert in the field of automated detection of dis- and misinformation (on platforms), hence I thought Michael's order of topics made sense. I see you have now placed Steinbach in the 'prevention' bucket in the new agenda. Was that for a particular reason?

Wrt possible correspondence with Adobe and Hans, I have not been in the loop on this.

On a co-coordinators meeting, I could do:

- Friday 7th June 14:30-15:00 CET
- Monday 10th June 14:00 – 15:00 CET
- Tuesday 11th June 15:00 – 16:00 CET

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 18:51On
To: [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>; Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Cc: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

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Hi [redacted] thanks for confirming that.

Some outstanding requests:

- I don't believe that the agenda contained within the calendar invitation is clear enough to have been sent to Subgroup members, I am struggling to understand it myself. Please find a tidied version below, I would appreciate **confirmation from you all as to whether this was indeed how the agenda was intended to come across.** If so, I would kindly ask if @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna could update the calendar invitation with this version of the agenda.

- **I see that we are missing one speaker**, whom I believe ([redacted] was intended to propose - is this correct? Can I ask who the final speaker is?

- **Can someone kindly include me in the correspondence with Andy Parson or relay on this thread the discussion that was had with Andy about his contribution?**

- As I had flagged before I went on AL, Hans from Valid Tech had proposed the below researchers/experts to partake. **Can anyone direct me to the follow up with Hans? Did we only confirm Prof. Steinebach?**

- **Can anyone direct me to any oral/written discussion we have had with any of the invited external speakers regarding their contributions?**

- I think it would be helpful for us to **meet again as the 4 of us to discuss our ways of working**, as I have found the organisation of this latest Subgroup meeting quite time-consuming. Please find some **proposed slots** for such a conversation below, **I would be grateful if you could signal your availability. I welcome the Commission's participation in such a meeting.**

Agenda (updated version):

1. Opening remarks & approval of the agenda
2. Contributions from researchers/experts (kick-off statements and discussion)

- The challenges of detecting/reacting to AI generated mis/disinformation – C2PA and beyond. Andy Parson

- Generative AI misinformation - how to prevent hallucinations. *Professor Martin Steinebach from the Fraunhofer Institute for Cybersecurity*

- **XXX** (an expert from Google?)

- Discussion

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Co-Coordinators' meeting slot proposals:

- Friday 7th June anytime after 14:30 CET
- Monday 10th June anytime after 14:00 CET
- Tuesday 11th June anytime after 15:00 CET

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On Tue, 28 May 2024 at 17:20, [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com> wrote:

Hi [redacted]

Welcome back.

The Commission sent out a outlook invite including the agenda, so you should have that in your calendar.

I didn't see any response from Hans in response to your earlier email.

Best,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 17:16
To: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Cc: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; BURIAN Peter <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Hi all,

Just catching up on my emails from the last couple of weeks - I don't see any confirmations from [redacted] or [redacted] regarding the agenda or clarifying that proposed speakers have been invited, not correspondence with Hans from Valid Tech regarding his proposed speakers. **Can someone please forward me those confirmation messages or kindly update me on the state of play?** In particular, it would be great to confirm the final agenda for circulation to the wider Subgroup ahead of the meeting next Monday.

I believe it is my turn to chair this meeting, but please correct me if I am wrong or if someone else would prefer to do so.

Very much looking forward to hearing from you and to these important discussions with key stakeholders.

Best,

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On Thu, 23 May 2024 at 16:54, KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

Dear all,

Thank you for taking over Michael. Peter in CC will take care of the invite. We are just waiting for the final confirmation from you concerning the agenda.

Please keep Peter always in the loop as he is co-coordinating this SG from our side.

Best,

Anna

From: Michael Meyer <[redacted]r@democracy-reporting.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 2:30 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>; [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna (CNECT) <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Cc: CNECT COP TASK FORCE <CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne (CNECT) [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Next subgroup on gAI (3 June) - get invitation out

Dear colleagues,

with [redacted] away, we should wrap this up.

Can we agree on the following:

Meeting of Working Group on generative AI/ Code of Practice Disinfo

When: **Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**

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Agenda:

14:00 Opening and Agenda Check

14:10 Detecting/reacting to AI generated mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond. Focus on the challenges.

Kick-Off statements (5min each): Andy Parson, Prof. Steinebach, an expert from Google

15:15 gAI misinformation – how to prevent hallucination

Kick-off statements: TBC.

Discussion

15:50 A.O.B. and closure

16:00 END

If @[redacted] (CELA) and @[redacted] are ok, could you send this out to participants @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna, so that people can reserve the slot?

I will be in touch on remaining details (who could speak from Google? Could Tjade help to get an industry expert on LLMs and the hallucination problem).

But for the invite the above should be good enough.

With best wishes,

Michael

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Montag, 13. Mai 2024 16:08
To: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>; [redacted] (CELA) <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Cc: cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]A@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted] <[redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

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Thanks Michael, all fine with me. We await the responses from our fellow co-coordinators to get the ball rolling

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On Mon, 13 May 2024 at 15:00, Michael Meyer <m.meyer@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Hi [redacted]

my proposal is two sessions. The first one longer, with 2 experts (or three; ok for me if they do not make long presentations). The second one with two experts. As you are pressed for time, [redacted] why don't we do misinfo/hallucination which complements the first session; and in the following meeting we look at behaviour and maybe risk assessments.

I can connect the experts for prep/briefing once confirmed (maybe it is enough to do this through email; avoiding another meeting).

Cheers, Michael

From: [redacted]@logically.ai>
Sent: Montag, 13. Mai 2024 14:34
To: Michael Meyer <[redacted]@democracy-reporting.org>
Cc: [redacted] (CELA) [redacted]@microsoft.com>; [redacted]@google.com>; cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu; KOLODZIEJSKA Anna <[redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; [redacted]@microsoft.com>; GILLET Jeanne [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next Subgroup meeting due before the European elections

Hi Michael,

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Thanks for your email.

Can I confirm that your preference is therefore to have 2 experts speaking on one topic (or is it 3 experts speaking on the topic of "Detecting/reacting gAI mis/disinfo – C2PA and beyond"? I am struggling to understand your email), and then 2 further experts speaking on two other separate topics each? Therefore, 4 altogether across 3 presentations? It would be helpful to clearly quantify what you mean by "too many experts and presentations".

I think we are still waiting for [redacted] to reply with next steps on reaching out to Andy Parson.

Do we have @[redacted] (CELA) and @[redacted] green light to go back to Hans from Valid tech to reach out to his proposed stakeholders (outlined in my last emails)? I am interpreting that

Lastly, @Michael Meyer I reiterate from my email on Friday 10th that **I will unfortunately NOT be able to reach out to NATO's principal scientist, Gundars Bergmanis-Korāts**. Therefore, unless it would be appropriate to nominate someone from Logically to speak (which I am happy to do, but I will need this confirmation **TODAY** to get the ball rolling to that end before I go on annual leave).

Remaining action points listed below for your convenience:

- @GILLET Jeanne **or** @KOLODZIEJSKA Anna **to circulate a calendar invitation for this next Subgroup meeting to take place on Monday 3rd June 14:00 - 16:00 CET**

- Once researchers/experts have been identified, reached out to (hopefully with success) **we will need to set up a briefing with them to set out how the meeting will unfold. The only other acceptable date for our availabilities i.e. Thursday 30th May between 15:30 - 17:30. Can someone please take responsibility for setting this up once the researchers are confirmed?**

As I will be on annual leave Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 28th May I am unable to contribute further to this after today. Can someone else please take on the responsibility of following up on the above action points?

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[redacted]

On Mon, 13 May 2024 at 13:24, Michael Meyer [redacted]@democracy-reporting.org> wrote:

Thank you, [redacted] and [redacted]

I see the problem with too many experts and presentations. Maybe if we can convince them to be very short it could work. (Otherwise, I would drop Prof. Steinebach)

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Dear Signatories,

We would like to invite you to the third extraordinary Plenary meeting of the Code's signatories about the process of the conversion of the Code of Practice on Disinformation into a Code of Conduct under Article 45 of the DSA. We would like to update you on the latest developments in this regard.

The meeting will take place on **14 June (Fri) at 15:00 – 16:30**. The webex connection details will follow.

Please note that for the moment you are not required to send your submission forms by 10 June.

Kind regards,
CoP Team

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Dear Members of the Crisis Response Subgroup,

In accordance with the latest agreement, we send you the recurring meeting invitation for our monthly meetings.

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Looking forward to seeing you, kind regards,

Kind regards,

The CoP Disinfo Team

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Subject: Response to Third technical roundtable European Elections (Online) on July 10, 2024

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10 July 2024

Attention: Prabhat Agarwal, Head of Unit

Response to Third technical roundtable European Elections (Online) on July 10, 2024

Dear Mr. Agarwal,

We refer to your email and letter dated 10 June 2024 requesting a written response noting Meta Platforms Ireland Ltd's ("**MPIL**") plans for finalising a post-election review of our 2024 European Parliamentary Elections ("**EP Elections**") efforts and any other relevant information before the roundtable scheduled on July 10, 2024.

As mentioned in our previous responses dated 17 May 2024 and 3 June 2024, MPIL takes the integrity of electoral processes very seriously. The conclusion of the EP elections on June 9, 2024 drew to a close year-long preparations by teams across MPIL to identify and mitigate the most pressing platform risks posed by the electoral period. These elections took place against a backdrop of over 90 scheduled elections globally, and were the first EU-wide elections to take place in the context of the Digital Services Act, and its associated Elections Guidelines ("**Guidelines**") published in the spring.

For the EP elections, MPIL utilised election management processes refined over many years, by teams with expertise in electoral risk mitigation as well as local knowledge and context. We worked hard to adopt feedback from the Commission, Digital Services Coordinators, election authorities, and civil society, making additional adjustments and improvements to our processes in light of the Guidelines and direct discussions undertaken at EC hosted roundtables and a cross-sector tabletop exercise.

Whilst we experienced no major incidents during this electoral period, it was not without its complexity and learnings. As recommended in the Guidelines, MPIL plans to compile a post-election report and publish a public version of this report mid-late September, but in the interim below is a non-exhaustive overview of Meta's impact during the EP election.

Meta's Impact During the EP Elections

Over many years, MPIL has developed a range of tools and processes designed to ensure that platform risks arising from ongoing electoral processes are accurately identified and effectively mitigated. We continuously improve these measures to make sure they remain responsive to risks as they emerge, as well as external feedback. Several of our processes and tools mirror the measures outlined in the Commission's election guidelines.

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For the EP elections, we prioritised efforts aimed at addressing risks from adversarial threats (such as the Russia-origin network known as Doppelgänger), infringement of our transparency requirements for political advertisements, and misinformation, including AI-generated misleading content. We deployed mitigation measures to tackle each of these risk areas, as well as running standard mitigation for other election-relevant risks, such as hostile speech.

1. Connecting People to Reliable Information on the Electoral Process

MPIL launched in-app Voter Information Units and Election Day Reminders on Facebook and Instagram, reminding people of the day they can vote in their Member States and re-directing them to local authoritative sources on how and where to vote.

These were complemented by two supporting media literacy efforts, namely a campaign by the European Fact-Checking Standards Network (EFCSN) on how to spot AI-generated and digitally altered media, and the European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services' (ERGA) awareness raising campaign against disinformation.

2. Cooperating with Stakeholders

Our efforts were strengthened by close cooperation with both civil society and election authorities. We onboarded 26 election authorities to a dedicated reporting channel. In addition, we took active part in the EU Disinformation Code Taskforce's Elections Working Group and its Rapid Alert System, with both an email alias and an online form for working group members to report content and trends that were time sensitive, serious or related to protecting the integrity of the electoral process.

3. Combatting Adversarial Threats

At Meta, we have specialised global teams who are focused on stopping coordinated inauthentic behaviour on our platforms. Since 2017, more than 200 Coordinated Inauthentic Behaviour (CIB) networks have been identified and removed by this team. Their efforts are detailed in quarterly Adversarial Threat Reports, the latest of which was published on May 29, 2024. These teams are part of our elections cross-functional team, and work to identify and disrupt specific threats targeting public discourse globally, including ahead of major elections.

In preparation for the 2024 EP elections, these specialist teams conducted a threat ideation session to focus on threats specifically associated with Europe and its elections; organised deep dive sessions with the relevant national authorities in France, Germany and Poland as well as the Commission's team in charge of the Disinformation Code; and designed proactive measures to minimise online risk.

This work included our continued efforts to combat a long running cross-internet covert influence operation from Russia, known as Doppelganger, using a combination of automated technology and manual investigation to stop the majority of Doppelganger's attempts to place ads and typically remove the successfully placed ads within hours of their creation. This allowed us to reject the majority of Doppelganger's attempts to place ads, and led to this operation attempting to evade detection by degrading the quality of their ads – some to a point of illegibility. We provided our contemporary insights on major changes in the Doppelganger network's tactics on our services in our Q1 2024 Adversarial Threat Report.

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In addition, whilst public discourse ahead of the EU parliamentary elections focused primarily on foreign threats like Doppelganger, the majority of EU-focused inauthentic behaviour we disrupted ahead of our Q2 Threat Report in May was domestic in nature. This included Coordinated Inauthentic Behaviour in Croatia and more simple inauthentic clusters removed in France, Germany, Poland and Italy – an insight we included in our Q1 2024 Adversarial Threat Report. These clusters and networks had small numbers of assets, primarily targeted audiences in their own countries, were more focused on domestic local elections rather than the EU parliamentary elections, and many were linked to individuals associated with local campaigns or candidates. Where we did see some targeting by foreign actors, including Doppelganger and a handful of simpler inauthentic behaviour clusters, they were primarily focused on undermining support for Ukraine in the EU member states, rather than directly targeting the parliamentary elections.

4. Political Advertisements

Meta provides industry-leading transparency for ads about social issues, elections or politics (SIEP ads), and we reject ads that encourage people not to vote or call into question the legitimacy of upcoming elections. Advertisers who run SIEP ads are required to complete an authorisation process and include a "paid for by" disclaimer, and we remove them if they don't. Advertisers can only run ads in the countries they are authorised in. Cross-border advertising within the EU is allowed for the EU institutions and registered European political parties and groups.

As the EP elections approached, there were additional measures we adopted to identify and if necessary prevent undeclared political advertisements from being posted on our platforms.These steps included using automation to identify as SIEP any advertisements that contained certain keywords likely to be political in nature, and any advertisements posted by political actors. We also provided extra information to our content reviewers to ensure they had country-level and election-specific contextual information to identify undeclared political advertisements. Finally, we made sure reviewers had tooling that automatically highlighted the names of EP elections candidates, so that content was easier to identify, and improved monitoring of the ads library to check for undeclared SIEP advertisements, misinformation and smear campaigns.

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5. Combating Misinformation

We continued to work with our network of 29 fact-checkers in the EU, which is the largest network of any provider. We increased their capacity to rate and review content during the elections. We used keyword detection to group potential misinformation content related to the election in one place to facilitate their work, and organised refresher sessions on our policies attended by 21 organisations. We are seeing encouraging results of this approach, such as Fundación Maldita's recent report which estimates that over 88% of the election-related misinformation on Facebook, and over 70% on Instagram, received visible action - out-performing all other providers.

6. Efforts to detect and enforce on Deceptive Generative AI

As previously outlined, MPIL's Community Standards and Advertising Standards apply to content generated by AI. Those policies are complemented by (a) labels on photorealistic images created using Meta AI, (b) tools to detect AI generated images from Google, Microsoft, Adobe, MidJourney, and Shutterstock posted on Facebook, Instagram, or Threads, (c) a feature for people to disclose when they share AI-generated video or

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audio, and (d) an obligation on advertisers running ads related to social issues, elections, or politics with Meta to disclose if they use a photorealistic image or video or realistic sounding audio created or altered digitally including with AI. This approach to automatically labelling AI-generated images represents the cutting edge of what's technically possible right now. But it's not yet possible to identify all AI-generated content, and there are ways that people can strip out invisible markers. We're working hard to develop classifiers that can help us to automatically detect AI-generated content, even if the content lacks invisible markets.

MPIL appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on its efforts to manage the EP Elections, and values the constructive, multi-stakeholder and multi-pronged approach that the Commission repeatedly demonstrates in its election readiness work.

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Dear colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Mick O'Dwyer and I am a librarian in the Council of the European Union. I contacting you in relation to the upcoming joint event being organised by the Council Library, Springer Nature and its journal *Nature Human Behaviour*.

We are delighted that you all agreed to participate as a panelist and I am messaging to say hello and provide some basic information on the event. Our event with Springer Nature last year was one of the most well received events we organised in the library in the Council. This year looks set to be even better!

- Topic: Disinformation : how new communication technologies are influencing elections and the information landscape
- Date: October 10, 2024 (Panel discussion: 13:00 – 14:30)
- Location: JL Press Room, Council of the European Union Brussels, Belgium
- Audience: Policy officers and other staff of the Council staff (plus some colleagues from the Parliament and Commission) and delegates from the EU 27 Permanent Representations to the EU

The goal of the panel discussion is to offer cutting edge insights into this topic to policy officers and other staff in the Council of the European Union by leading experts in industry, academia, and civil society.

Based on previous events, we expect strong participation from EU officials and staff, and a lively and informed Q&A with the audience. The panel discussion will be followed by a small networking reception, providing opportunity for further interaction with attendees.

I have attached the abstract for the event.

My colleague Beatrix Von Polenz in cc will forward you information on accessing the Council premises in the coming weeks.

*To obtain a visitors badge to enter the building you will need to provide your **DOB and Passport number**/National ID card number to enter the building. **Please send this to me ASAP and I can register you on the system*** This will speed up the process for when you visit on October 10.

We will arrange a follow up meeting in September. Please let us know if you have any questions prior to that.

With kind regards, and have a nice summer.

Mick

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Sent: 9/4/2024 1:22:45 PM
To: 'Michael Meyer' [redacted]@democracy-reporting.org]; [redacted]@google.com]; [redacted]' [redacted]@microsoft.com]
CC: KOLODZIEJSKA Anna [redacted]@ec.europa.eu]
Subject: Gen AI WG meeting

Hello [redacted] Michael, and [redacted]

The Gen AI WG meeting is scheduled for Monday. The high-level agenda is in the meeting invite, however we were wondering whether there are any other points to add? We were also wondering how you want to run it, and whether you foresee Powerpoint presentations for the point on elections, or whether it will be more freestyle. At the end of the meeting, it might also be good to ask the participants whether there are any specific topics linked to generative AI and disinformation they would like to discuss in the future. That way, we can then put it into the pipeline of future meetings, and maybe see what types of experts to invite to address these topics.

Best regards,
Peter

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Sent: 9/9/2024 4:21:07 PM
To: [redacted]@google.com]; [redacted]@google.com]
Subject: Re: Julia joins the CoP task-force for Google

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your message.

Dear [redacted]

Welcome back ! I already sent you a calendar invitation for the Extraordinary Plenary meeting on the Code Conversion scheduled next Monday 16 September from 15:00 to 17:00 CET.
In order to make sure that you receive information that is relevant to you, would it be possible to confirm which of the subgroups below you intend to be involved in?
1. Monitoring and Reporting
2. Transparency Centre
3. Integrity of services
4. Scrutiny of advertising
5. Crisis response (+ elections)
6. Outreach and Integration of New Signatories
7. Empowering Fact-checkers
8. Generative AI

Thank you very much in advance.
Best regards,

Soraya for the CoP team

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com>
Sent: 09 September 2024 14:21
To: CNECT COP TASK FORCE
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] joins the CoP task-force for Google

Dear all,

I hope you all had a nice summer!

Please allow me to re-introduce [redacted]r, who is no stranger to most of you:) Julia has just returned from her maternity leave and she'll help cover some aspects of the Code of Practice moving forward (yay!).

Can I kindly ask you to add [redacted] on all relevant communication, invites and documents?

Many thanks and kind regards,

[redacted]

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Dear Members of the Task-force,

Please note that at a request of some of you we have moved this afternoon meeting to Webex. Please find the updated connection details below and attached.

We kindly remind you that for your convenience we have attached to this invitation:

- revised Preamble and the Technical Amendments proposed by the Commission at the Plenary in July
- comments to the revised Preamble and the Technical Amendments of ERGA
- comments to the revised Preamble and the Technical Amendments of VLOPSEs signatories

We are looking forward to our call this afternoon.
Kind regards,
CoP Team

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Dear Members of the Task-force,

We have been approached by the VLOPSE signatories' with a request to reschedule the next Plenary meeting in view of the deadline for the submission of the Code's reports. Therefore, we propose to move the Plenary meeting to **Monday, 16.09 at 15:00-17:00**. We apologise for all the inconvenience it may cause. Please find the connection details below.

Thank you for all the comments to the revised Preamble and the Technical Amendments. Please find in the attachment the documents we have received – from Code's VLOPSE signatories and from ERGA.

We are looking forward to our discussions.
Kind regards,
CoP Team

Dear members of the Code's Task-force,

As agreed at the last Plenary meeting on the Code's conversion of 11 July, the DDL to send potential comments to the revised Preamble and the closed list of the Technical Amendments is today (5 Sept). Should you have such comments to share with us, please do it by today COB.

In order to progress swiftly with the Code's conversion, we are inviting you to a next Plenary meeting on the Code's conversion on **Friday, 13.09 at 14:00 – 16:00.** The aim of the meeting is to discuss your potential comments on the Preamble and agree on its final text as well as on the Technical Amendments.

Please find below the connection details.

Kind regards,
CoP Team

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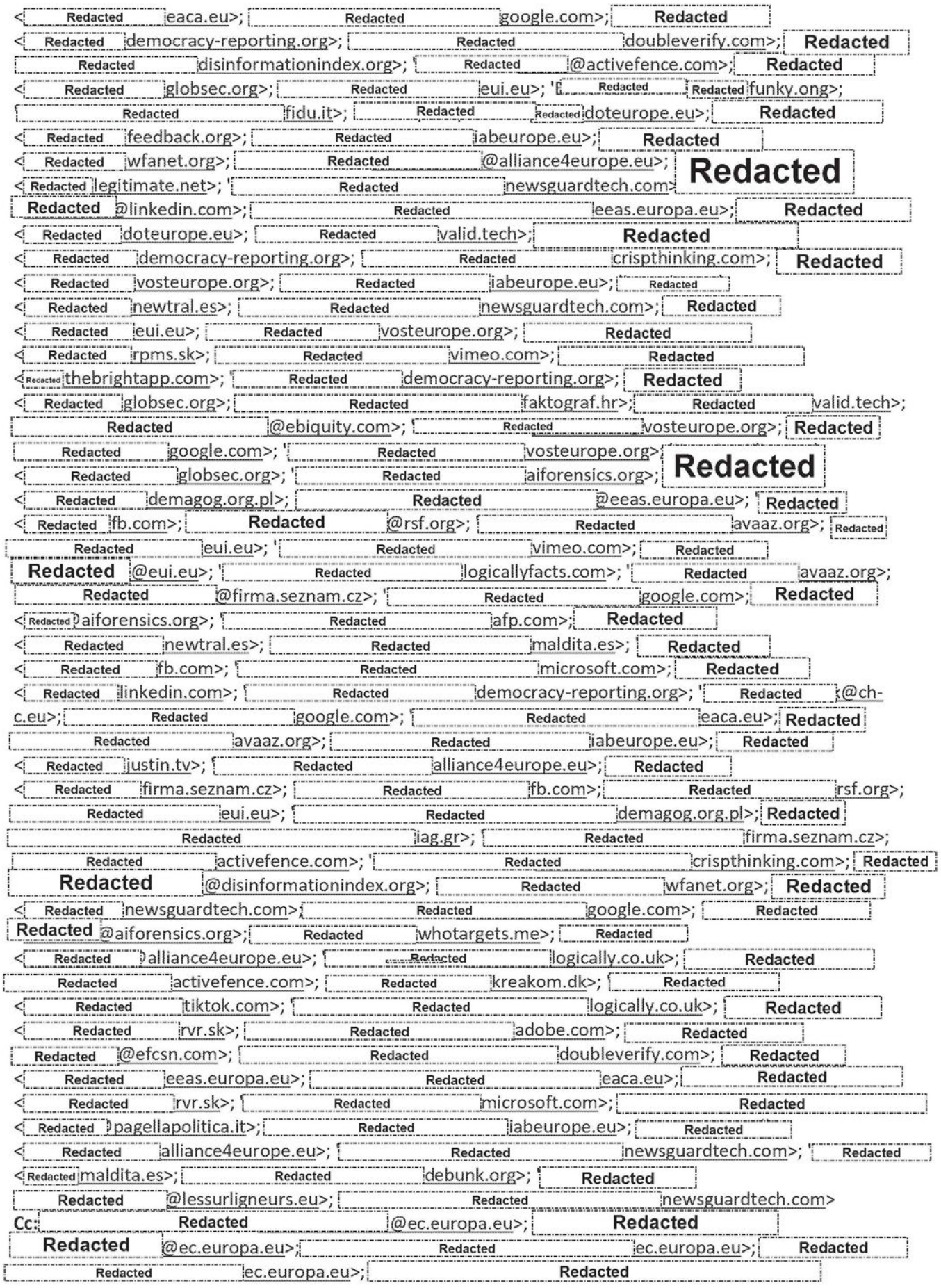

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Dear Signatories,

We are following up on the last Plenary meeting on the Code's conversion on the 11th of July.

Firstly, to recall, the following way forward was agreed at the meeting:

- Conversion of the Code to a Code of Conduct on **1 January 2025** – process for the conversion to start in autumn while the date of the entry into force fixed to the 1st of January 2025
- A **roundtable dedicated to the question of audit** will be organised between Signatories, auditors, and the Commission as facilitator. The agenda of the meeting will be consulted with you in advance. As discussed at the Plenary meeting, there will be written minutes/takeaways of the meeting.
- A **revised Preamble + a closed list of technical amendments** to address concerns raised by industry signatories on the interplay between the Code, the Digital Services Act and the Transparency and Targeting of Political Advertising Regulation with the following new elements:
    - Revised preamble language on the interplay with the DSA
    - Addition of an additional clause to clarify the links with the Transparency and Targeting of Political Advertising Regulation
    - Deletion of Commitment 44 as a technical amendment - as this is the only commitment in the Code which fully duplicates a DSA requirement without bringing a complementary added value. To be done via the technical amendment list.

Please find attached our proposed **additions and clarifications to the Preamble**, as well as the suggested **Technical Amendments**. Please note that, in view of the summer break, this is a preliminary suggestion that is still under review by our Legal Service.

Thirdly, please find below a **timeline** of the next steps and deadlines to move the process forward decisively:

- 5 September: Signatories to send their comments on the proposed language for the Preamble and technical amendments
- 10 September: Written agreement by VLOPs on the way forward / on the package
- Asap after the Summer break [Date to be agreed]: Audit Roundtable
- 30 September: Submission forms to be sent to the EC
- 1 January 2025: Entry into force of the Code as a Code of Conduct

As indicated, we are awaiting your potential comments to the preamble by the 5th of September the latest.

We stay at your disposal should you have any question,

Kind regards,
The CoP and DSA teams

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Summary of the Roundtable on
Auditing Commitments of the Code of Practice on Disinformation
30 September 2024 (Brussels / Webex)

1. Background

Article 45 of the Digital Services Act (DSA)[1] encourages the development of voluntary codes of conduct at Union level that can contribute to the proper application of the regulation, taking into account in particular the specific challenges of tackling different types of illegal content and systemic risks. The Code of Practice on Disinformation (hereafter 'the Code') was revised and strengthened in 2022 with this in mind, based on the Commission's Guidance[2] and anticipating the entry into force of the DSA. The Signatories to the Code aim to convert the Code into a code of conduct under Article 45.

The purpose of the audit roundtable, that took place on 30 September 2024, was to discuss the audit of the Code once converted into a code of conduct against the background of Article 37 DSA and the Delegated Regulation on Audits (DR)[3]. The meeting was chaired by the Commission services and attended by members of the Permanent Task-force to the Code, including Signatories who are providers of very large online platforms or very large online search engines (VLOPSEs), representatives of civil society organisations (CSOs) and other non-platforms signatories of the Code, auditing organisations and representatives of the European Board for Digital Services ('the Board').

Based on input from VLOPSE signatories, the Commission services had suggested to structure the roundtable around three over-arching topics: the general approach to Code auditing; interactions between the Code and the DSA from the auditing perspective; and auditing in view of the specificity of commitments and of the nature of the services. The present summary of the meeting does not follow the above structure, but rather reflects the main remarks and proposals that emerged during the discussion, They are grouped by topic for a better overview.

This document solely aims to reflect the discussion and cannot be constructed as a legal interpretation or guidance from the Commission on the discussed matters. Statements made by the Commission services at the roundtable and summarised in this document do not represent a formal position of the European Commission. The reference to "auditors" and "VLOPSEs" in this document should be understood as summarising positions or statements made by individual participants from the respective groups and not necessarily as a joint or common position of all the participants representing the group.

2. Introduction to the Roundtable

Ms. Redacted (Deputy Director General at DG CONNECT) opened the Roundtable by stressing the key role of the Code as an important element of the DSA framework and emphasised that the level of ambition of the Code should not be reduced throughout the process of conversion. The Commission noted that the meeting was not to discuss the Year 1 DSA audit, and that learnings from this process

[1] Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market For Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act).

[2] COM(2021) 262 final https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/guidance-strengthening-code-practice-disinformation

[3] Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/436 of 20 October 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council, by laying down rules on the performance of audits for very large online platforms and very large online search engines.

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could be gathered at a later time. Providing an overview, the Commission services introduced the key features of codes of conduct and of audits under the DSA and DR and provided some background on the Code. The Commission services underlined that they see the Code as an important and ambitious instrument to address the spread of online disinformation. The Code commitments and measures ~~relevant for VLOPSEs~~, if properly implemented, ~~can~~could represent a strong ~~risk~~ mitigation measure by VLOPSEs to address Article 34 DSA systemic risks ~~the systemic risks linked to disinformation~~, depending on the results of the VLOPSEs' risk assessment exercises. Moreover, the Commission services recalled that the Code, ~~once converted to a code of conduct, will become a set of best practices against disinformation recognised by the Commission and the Board. In this regard,~~ as indicated in DSA recital 104, the refusal without proper explanations by a provider of an online platform or an online search engine ~~a VLOPSE~~ of the Commission's invitation to participate in the application of ~~such~~ a code of conduct could be taken into account, where relevant, when determining whether the provider ~~VLOPSE~~ is complying with the obligations laid down by the DSA. At the same time, it is important to note that not all commitments may be relevant, pertinent and practicable to all signatories, and that a negative audit outcome regarding the Code does not equal an infringement of DSA obligations.

The Commission services recalled that auditing the Code should follow the requirements found in the DSA and the DR. Providers of VLOPSE are subject, at least once a year, to independent audits that assess compliance with Commitments undertaken pursuant to codes of conduct (Article 37(1)(b) DSA).

Prior to any audit procedure, the audited provider shall transmit to the selected auditing organisation a description of ~~any~~ ~~the~~ internal controls and benchmarks for each audited Code commitment (Article 5 DR). The audited provider must make specific additional information available to the auditing organisation regarding codes of conduct to which it is a signatory (Article 17(1) DR).

Prior to the audit procedure, the auditing organisation must carry out a risk analysis. This shall take into account in particular the nature of the audited service and the nature of the audited commitments, among other things (Article 9 DR). The auditing organisation must use appropriate auditing methodologies to reduce the assessed audit risks to a level that enables reaching audit conclusions with a reasonable level of assurance (Article 10 DR).

The audit opinion on compliance with the DSA is separate from audit opinions on each code of conduct under the DSA (Article 8 DR).

Regarding the timing of the audit, the Commission services explained that the audit period for signatories starts as soon as reasonably possible (with the date to be published for certainty) once the Code is converted. If the Code is converted, as agreed, as of 1 January 2025, the first audit period ~~may~~should be shorter, to align it with the DSA audit for the following year. It is important to note that these timescales do not contemplate how the Code would apply for later signatories to the Code.

When it comes to CSOs and non-platform signatories of the Code, Global Disinformation Index and Science Feedback noted their unique roles as non-platform signatories to the Code and expressed their willingness to provide support during the auditing process, where possible.

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3. Discussion on auditing the Code commitments

3.1 Level of audit and definition of benchmarks

The Commission services indicated that Article 37 DSA and Article 10 DR require VLOPSEs to be audited on their compliance with all commitments they sign up to under the Code. The commitments and the corresponding measures that are relevant or pertinent to their services are identified in the signatories' respective subscription documents to the Code. Auditors indicated that, absent Commission guidance, assessing compliance with a given commitment would take into account these corresponding measures, Qualitative Reporting Elements (QREs) and Service Level Indicators (SLIs). Hence, absent Commission guidance, individual VLOPSEs subject to the auditing obligation will be asked to~~should~~ provide auditors with documentation related to the QREs and SLIs for all the measures they, as a provider of a specific service, have individually subscribed to. Auditors also pointed out that the various commitments, measures, QREs and SLIs are often drafted in unclear and ambiguous terms in the Code, which is expected to make the audit a challenging process. Auditors invited the Commission to come up with standards or a framework to facilitate this process.

The Commission services explained that these measures describe the specific means through which signatories intend to achieve the objective of the commitment, and QREs and SLIs provide the evidence that the measures have been implemented, with the QREs and SLIs featuring in the regular reporting under the Code.

VLOPSEs also voiced concerns about the challenges with the preparation and anticipated burden of the Code audit, considering its scale and magnitude, as well as the level of detail and ambiguity of the Code's commitments, measures, and QREs and SLIs. They noted uncertainty about being able to document their internal controls in time for the first audit for all the commitments they are ~~have~~ signed up to ~~in 2022. To ease the burden,~~ VLOPSEs proposed to only consider a subset of QREs and SLIs that each provider would identify as the most relevant benchmark(s) for its audited service(s) for the purpose of the audit ~~in the first audit~~.

Auditors indicated that reaching audit conclusions with a reasonable level of assurance, as required under the DR, is too high a standard and will ~~may~~ be difficult to achieve especially for the first audit. They acknowledged that even if platforms have internal controls for each commitment in place, these may not yet be 'mature' enough to serve as basis for the audit and therefore they most likely have to switch to a substantive approach.

The Commission services flagged the need to preserve compliance with the reasonable assurance requirement as defined in the DR. At the same time, they stressed that VLOPSEs enjoy ~~some~~ **flexibility in interpreting and further defining** commitments, measures, QREs and SLIs they sign up to under ~~the QREs and SLIs set in~~ **the Code, in particular for the purposes of the first audit.** Notably, Article 5 DR requires and empowers VLOPSEs to determine their internal controls and benchmarks for the various commitments and transmit those to the auditor prior to the beginning of the audit procedure. This helps to ensure that the audit accounts for the specific nature of the audited service, including between VLOPs and VLOSEs. Nevertheless, the Commission services and auditors stressed that the relevant **benchmarks and internal controls defined by the individual VLOPSEs** for each commitment **under Article 5 DR should**

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not excessively depart from measures and QREs/SLIs and should take inspiration from them, not least to prepare the Code audit reports for public scrutiny.

Auditors explained that they will assess the information provided by the VLOPSE, which should be appropriate and sufficient to reduce audit risks and is the basis to form an audit conclusion and opinion (Article 11 DR). If they cannot rely on the information provided and on testing internal controls, they will have to conduct more substantive procedures such as test samples, data analysis, etc. to reach audit conclusions at commitment level with a reasonable level of assurance. Whereas ~~Therefore,~~ having documentation on internal controls in place from the beginning of the audit procedure would help to reduce the burden for both auditors and VLOPSEs, both auditors and VLOPSEs indicated to the Commission this is unlikely to happen in light of the timing the Commission is pursuing for the conversion process.

The Commission services then stated that, in the view of the Commission, ~~discussion culminated in identifying a constructive landing zone for the first-year audit of the Code, whereby~~ the task for VLOPSEs would consist mainly in providing a detailed explanation of the internal controls and benchmarks prior to the beginning of the audit procedure, maintaining flexibility in the interpretation of the Code commitments as applied to the relevant service. Without prejudice to the independence and professional judgement of the auditors, the Commission services stated ~~pointed out~~ that the more precise the information provided by VLOPSEs prior to the audit procedure is, the less likely it is that auditors may need to ask for more information. **For the first audit of the Code, auditors indicated that they may then show some flexibility in how they follow up to the information received, without prejudice to their professional judgement on a case-by-case basis.** For example, auditors explained that there is flexibility in designing how often metrics should be run as long as this meets the benchmark set by the VLOPSEs themselves. ~~The Commission services indicated that, taken together, this approach is expected to lighten the workload in particular for the first audit of the Code.~~

3.2 Comparability and Consistency of Code audits

Auditors considered that guidance for setting materiality thresholds may help increase the consistency and comparability of the Code audit. In their view, the biggest challenge will be to assess the point beyond which compliance with Code commitments is considered sufficient. They considered that when thresholds are not clear, auditors typically feel obliged to go very far in documenting their audits to be on the safe side, which may result in unnecessarily burdensome audits for industry (including significant work to confirm systems, processes, and practices), as well as lengthy audit opinions.

Upon inquiry from VLOPSEs and auditors about a potential Commission Guidance or revision of the DR on Audits, the Commission services pointed out that **the first round of Code audit reports will be a useful basis to decide whether additional guidance** or revisions are ~~is~~ **needed.**

3.3 Other elements discussed, including interactions between Code commitments and the DSA

As foreseen in the agenda, the discussion also focused on how to audit specific cases where Code commitments partly overlap with DSA obligations and where the implementation of Code commitments depends on third parties other than the audited company.

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Regarding the first point, the Commission services stated that, in the EC's view ~~noted that~~ there are no conflicts between commitments under the Code and obligations under the DSA, only partial overlaps that will be addressed in the preamble to the Code. VLOPSEs disagreed, pointing out, e.g., the apparent conflict between the vetting process outlined in Article 40 of the DSA as opposed to Commitment 27 of the Code.

Using the example of the relation of Commitment 19 on transparency of recommender systems to the obligations under Article 27 DSA, the Commission pointed out that commitments under the Code overlapping with the DSA obligations add value to the latter ~~e.g. by introducing additional reporting requirements~~.

The discussion also explored ways to avoid duplications between DSA and Code auditing. The Commission services pointed out that **in cases where there are** relatively minor ~~only small~~ **variations in language between overlapping elements of Code commitments and DSA obligations, these should be** disregarded and **interpreted in favour of the legislation**. For instance, if a VLOPSE has internal controls in place to comply with Article 27 DSA, the same documentation will likely be reused for the purposes of auditing the overlapping elements of Commitment 19.

VLOPSEs also inquired about auditing commitments where the implementation of certain elements is dependent on third parties. In this context, the Commission's services highlighted that certain elements of Commitment 27 will have to take into account mechanisms that have yet to be defined in the upcoming Delegated Act on Data Access and include cooperation with third parties. Auditors noted that services can scope out provisions where relevant means of compliance (such as the vetted researcher process) are not yet set up, and should therefore not be audited under the Code.

On a more general level, the Commission services pointed out that regarding commitments to support a collaborative process, it may be most appropriate to focus on auditing internal controls/governance processes that platforms have put in place, subject to the professional judgement of the auditor. Auditors confirmed that for commitments to "cooperate", VLOPSEs could explain how they interpret this cooperation and auditors would then assess whether a VLOPSE has met this definition in its cooperation actions. Moreover, auditors noted that if VLOPSEs indicate that they consider a certain element of a commitment to be out of scope of the audit, it will be marked as such in the audit report.

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Subject: Re: Council of the European Union/Springer Nature event - Brussels, Oct 10
Attachments: Springer Nature Council Library panel discussion event abstract.docx

Hi [redacted] and all,

This panel seems to be growingly challenging, given the ongoing conversations re fact-checking, both in terms of framing of the conversation and participants - see the agenda attached.

So I'm inclined to step out, unless people think it's too late to decline or the people involved are too important.

Thanks in advance for your thoughts.

[redacted]

On Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 9:48 PM [redacted] <[redacted]@google.com> wrote:

Hello
As i will not be in Brussels, my colleague +[redacted] will replace me
Thanks
[redacted]

On Mon, Sep 23, 2024, 20:50 Stavroula [redacted]@nature.com> wrote:

Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much once again for agreeing to participate in the panel event on disinformation and elections, taking place in Brussels on October 10th. I will be moderating the panel discussion and look very much forward to meeting you and to your contribution on the day.

I have attached the information leaflet for the event. As a reminder, each panellist will be making a brief 'opening statement' on the topic (5-8 minutes), followed by questions by myself and the audience.

Based on my prior experience with moderating panels, discussions tend to be more productive and flow much more smoothly if we have the opportunity to meet and discuss briefly ahead of the event. These brief discussions also help me determine the best order of opening statements. With this in mind, I was wondering whether you could spare no more than 15-20 minutes for a brief conversation next week (i.e., the week of Sep 30th). If you could let me know your availability during the week of Sep 30th, I will arrange a slot for us. If you would prefer to have this brief conversation this week instead, that would also be possible.

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Many thanks in advance and best wishes,

Stavroula

Stavroula Kousta, PhD

Chief Editor, *Nature Human Behaviour*

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Subject: Council of the European Union/Springer Nature event - introduction message

Dear colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Mick O'Dwyer and I am a librarian in the Council of the European Union. I contacting you in relation to the upcoming joint event being organised by the Council Library, Springer Nature and its journal *Nature Human Behaviour*.

We are delighted that you all agreed to participate as a panelist and I am messaging to say hello and provide some basic information on the event. Our event with Springer Nature last year was one of the most well received events we organised in the library in the Council. This year looks set to be even better!

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- Topic: Disinformation : how new communication technologies are influencing elections and the information landscape
- Date: October 10, 2024 (Panel discussion: 13:00 – 14:30)
- Location: JL Press Room, Council of the European Union Brussels, Belgium
- Audience: Policy officers and other staff of the Council staff (plus some colleagues from the Parliament and Commission) and delegates from the EU 27 Permanent Representations to the EU

The goal of the panel discussion is to offer cutting edge insights into this topic to policy officers and other staff in the Council of the European Union by leading experts in industry, academia, and civil society.

Based on previous events, we expect strong participation from EU officials and staff, and a lively and informed Q&A with the audience. The panel discussion will be followed by a small networking reception, providing opportunity for further interaction with attendees.

I have attached the abstract for the event.

My colleague Beatrix Von Polenz in cc will forward you information on accessing the Council premises in the coming weeks.

*To obtain a visitors badge to enter the building you will need to provide your **DOB and Passport number**/National ID card number to enter the building. **Please send this to me ASAP and I can register you on the system*** This will speed up the process for when you visit on October 10.

We will arrange a follow up meeting in September. Please let us know if you have any questions prior to that.

With kind regards, and have a nice summer.

Mick

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CC: [redacted]@google.com]
Subject: Fwd: FW: Council of the European Union/Springer Nature event - Brussels, Oct 10

Hi [redacted]

Timon reached out to me as well about the disinfo event at the Council.

Given the previous discussion on our internal thread and the current disinfo flux, I would decline it - but let me know please if you think we should reconsider (or if you declined it already for the second time).

Thanks and safe travels!
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FYI – Please see below.. As [redacted] is sending out of office.

All the best, Timon

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Dear [redacted]

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Your email was forwarded to me. I'm the event organizer, our side. Thanks so much for letting us know that [redacted] can't join after all, and thank you also for offering an alternative. After giving the matter the most careful consideration we have jointly agreed with our co-organizers at the EU Council, to decline the offer for DOT Europe to join the panel. It's very last minute and honestly, we have always said that we want a panel speaker directly from a company in the industry – that adds a lot of value to the panel.. Therefore, I did want to check in with you again, is there any chance at all that somebody from Google could join us on the panel? It's really not too late and we'd be super thrilled to have somebody from Google join us. In case that's not possible, we do of course do understand..

All good wishes,

Timon

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Dear colleagues,

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We will arrange a follow up meeting in September. Please let us know if you have any questions prior to that.

With kind regards, and have a nice summer.

Mick

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Hi again,

I just wanted to add in case you didn't already know: the panel will not be recorded, there is no streaming, no press/publicity, etc.. It's a totally closed event. We've had reps of other major global social media platforms join past panels and never had any issues. In fact, they all enjoyed the discussions and insights and networking.. I am therefore really confident you too would enjoy the event. And of course, we all (audience and other panelists) would love for Google to join the session.. Also, you'd be most welcome to join us for dinner on the event day.

All the best from Berlin,

Timon

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Your email was forwarded to me. I'm the event organizer, our side. Thanks so much for letting us know that [redacted] can't join after all, and thank you also for offering an alternative. After giving the matter the most careful consideration we have jointly agreed with our co-organizers at the EU Council, to decline the offer for DOT Europe to join the panel. It's very last minute and honestly, we have always said that we want a panel speaker directly from a company in the industry – that adds a lot of value to the panel.. Therefore, I did want to check in with you again, is there any chance at all that somebody from Google could join us on the panel? It's really not too late and we'd be super thrilled to have somebody from Google join us. In case that's not possible, we do of course do understand..

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Council of the European Union
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Panel discussion event

"Disinformation : how new communication technologies are influencing elections and the information landscape"

Title: **Disinformation: how new communication technologies are influencing elections and the information landscape**

Co-organised by: Springer Nature and the Council Library, with the support of ORG.1, EU Consilium

Audience: Internal event open to staff members from GSC, Permanent Representations and EU institutions

Moderated by: Editor in Chief, *Nature Human Behaviour*, Stavroula Kousta

Overall objective: Provide a range of views and insight from experts across this field

Date: 10 October 2024, JL press room (capacity 320), followed by a networking opportunity

Background:

2024 is a pivotal year, with over 40 national elections scheduled. Countries including the US, UK, India, Brazil, and EU member states (Finland, France, Portugal, Slovakia, Belgium, Croatia, Austria, Lithuania and Romania) are heading to the polls. Notably, the EU Parliament elections took place on 6-9 June this year.

These elections will directly influence our global response to pressing issues such as climate change, trade wars, mass migration, geopolitical tensions, and crime.

Given the stakes, it is crucial for countries to monitor their online environments to ensure elections are free from interference and manipulation. Existing – but limited – evidence suggests that misinformation may have thus far had a more limited impact on political behaviour than initially feared. However, new AI-driven disinformation tools have become increasingly accessible and affordable, posing a threat to democracy.

The rise of (political) bots and computational propaganda involves the "use of algorithms, automation, and human curation to purposefully distribute misleading information over social media

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networks". These tools enable bad actors to produce disinformation in myriad ways, including deepfakes, false narratives, hate speech, fake accounts, false data, and microtargeting.

Once absorbed by global social media systems, disinformation can spread rapidly. In 2023 alone, over 500,000 videos and voice deepfakes circulated online. Reports indicate that deepfakes have been used in election campaigns in Poland and Slovakia. Looking ahead, synthetic content is likely to dominate the online space, with Europol predicting that 90% of online content may be synthetically generated by 2026.

Voter concerns are at an all-time high. Recent surveys reveal that 71% of German citizens and 57% of French citizens are worried about the threats posed by AI and deepfakes. Similarly, 58% of US adults believe that the use of AI will increase misinformation. At the same time, social media companies are largely failing to curb the spread of disinformation on their platforms.

In light of these concerns Springer Nature and Library of the Council of the European Union have invited five international experts from academia, industry and civil society to share their expertise on this topic.

They will explain the new technologies and systems that are now shaping the information landscape, consider how governments are seeking to regulate these companies, discuss the impact of disinformation on free and fair elections and citizen's trust, the effect of social media echo chambers and algorithms on political polarisation, and provide insights into the likely nature of the risks and threats in the near future.

13:00 – 13:05 **Welcome and opening**

TBC from the Council of the European Union

13:05 – 13:10 **Introductory remarks**

Steven Inchcoombe, President, Research, Springer Nature

13:10 – 14:25 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

Each panelist will be briefly presented by the moderator, then will give a position statement (5-7 minutes) before engaging in discussion with other panelists, the moderator and the audience:

- **Karen Massin** – Head Government Affairs and Public Policy, EU Institutions, **Google**
- **Stephanie Burnett** – Digital verification editor and unit leader of **Reuters Fact Check, Reuters**
- **Jason Reifler** – Professor of Political Science, **University of Exeter**
- **Matt Bailey** – Senior global advisor for cyber and information Integrity**, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)**
- **Trisha Meyer** – Director of the **Research Centre for Digitalisation, Democracy and Innovation**, Academic Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Winter and Summer Schools on EU Policy-Making, and Assistant Professor of Digital Governance and Participation at the Brussels School of Governance

14:25 – 14:30 **Closing remarks**

Fernando Florindo, Head of Unit Information Services, General Secretariat of the Council

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From: CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu [CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu]
Sent: 12/4/2024 4:42:36 PM
To: [redacted]disinformationindex.org]; [redacted]google.com]; [redacted] [redacted]demagog.org.pl]; [redacted]@fidu.it]; [redacted] [redacted]activefence.com] [redacted]rsf.org]; [redacted]fidu.it] [redacted] [redacted]feedback.org]; [redacted]lessurligneurs.eu]; [redacted] [redacted]ec.europa.eu]; [redacted](TikTok) [redacted]tiktok.com]; [redacted] [redacted]@aiforensics.org]; [redacted]google.com] [redacted]google.com]; [redacted] [redacted]@legitimate.net]; [redacted]maldita.es]; [redacted]tiktok.com]; [redacted]microsoft.com]; [redacted]google.com]; [redacted] [redacted]lessurligneurs.eu] [redacted]newsguardtech.com] [redacted] [redacted]disinformationindex.org] [redacted]eaca.eu]; [redacted] [redacted]democracy-reporting.org]; [redacted]doubleverify.com] [redacted](Resolver) [redacted]resolver.com]; [redacted]disinformationindex.org]; [redacted] [redacted]activefence.com]; [redacted]globsec.org]; [redacted]eui.eu] [redacted] [redacted]funky.ong] [redacted]fidu.it]; [redacted]doteurope.eu]; [redacted]feedback.org]; [redacted]iabeurope.eu] [redacted] [redacted]wfanet.org] [redacted]@alliance4europe.eu]; [redacted] [redacted]@legitimate.net] [redacted]@ec.europa.eu]; [redacted]@rsf.org]; [redacted]newsguardtech.com] [redacted]linkedin.com]; [redacted]eeas.europa.eu [redacted]doteurope.eu]; [redacted] [redacted]valid.tech]; [redacted]democracy-reporting.org]; [redacted](Resolver) [redacted]resolver.com [redacted]iabeurope.eu] [redacted]newtral.es]; [redacted]newsguardtech.com [redacted]eui.eu]; [redacted] [redacted]vosteurope.org]; [redacted](CMS/ERGA) [redacted]rpms.sk]; [redacted] [redacted]vimeo.com]; [redacted]- TheBright App [redacted]thebrightapp.com]; [redacted]Logically) [redacted]logically.ai] [redacted]globsec.org] [redacted]faktograf.hr]; [redacted] [redacted]@valid.tech] [redacted]vimeo.com] [redacted](Ebiquity) [redacted]ebiquity.com]; [redacted]vosteurope.org] [redacted]google.com] [redacted] [redacted]vosteurope.org]; [redacted](Google) [redacted]google.com]; [redacted]arcom.fr; [redacted] [redacted]@globsec.org] [redacted]aiforensics.org]; [redacted] [redacted]demagog.org.pl [redacted]@ec.europa.eu]; [redacted] [redacted]eui.eu]; [redacted]eeas.europa.eu; [redacted]eeas.europa.eu; [redacted] [redacted]@fb.com] [redacted]eui.eu] [redacted]vimeo.com]; [redacted] [redacted]eui.eu] [redacted]@logicallyfacts.com] [redacted]avaaz.org] [redacted] [redacted]@firma.seznam.cz] [redacted]google.com] [redacted]@aiforensics.org]; [redacted]afp.com]; [redacted]newtral.es]; [redacted] [redacted]maldita.es] [redacted]fb.com] [redacted] [redacted]microsoft.com] [redacted]linkedin.com] [redacted]eeas.europa.eu [redacted] [redacted]democracy-reporting.org] [redacted]ch-c.eu]; [redacted]google.com]; [redacted]google.com] [redacted]eaca.eu]; [redacted] [redacted]avaaz.org] [redacted](IAB) [redacted]@iabeurope.eu] [redacted]justin.tv]; [redacted] [redacted]alliance4europe.eu [redacted]firma.seznam.cz]; [redacted]@eui.eu]; [redacted]demagog.org.pl] [redacted](NCRTV/ERGA) [redacted]iag.gr] [redacted]firma.seznam.cz] [redacted]rsf.org]; [redacted]@activefence.com] [redacted](Resolver) [redacted]resolver.com] [redacted] [redacted]disinformationindex.org] [redacted]google.com]; [redacted] [redacted]aiforensics.org] [redacted]@whotargets.me] [redacted]alliance4europe.eu]; [redacted]logically.ai] [redacted](Active Fence) [redacted]activefence.com] [redacted] [redacted]tiktok.com] [redacted]rvr.sk] [redacted] [redacted]adobe.com] [redacted]efcsn.com] [redacted] [redacted]doubleverify.com] [redacted]eeas.europa.eu] [redacted] [redacted]eaca.eu] [redacted]rvr.sk] [redacted] [redacted]microsoft.com] [redacted]PagellaPolitica [redacted]pagellapolitica.it] [redacted] [redacted]iabeurope.eu] [redacted]eui.eu] [redacted] [redacted]alliance4europe.eu] [redacted]newsguardtech.com] [redacted] [redacted]maldita.es] [redacted]debunk.org] [redacted]

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Subject: Plenary Meeting of the Task-Force of the Code of Practice on Disinformation on the Code's conversion
Location: https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=md573260019caee4efa88cf3afda12ac3

Start: 12/13/2024 2:30:00 PM
End: 12/13/2024 4:00:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Dear CoP Signatories,

We would like to invite you to the **next Plenary Meeting of the Task-Force of the Code of Practice on Disinformation on the Code's conversion** taking place on Friday 13 December 2024 from 15:30 to 17:00 (CET) in the presence of Redacted Redacted **Deputy Director General of DG CONNECT**.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss next steps regarding the **Code's conversion into the Code of Conduct under the DSA** including the timeline for final subscription documents.

We look forward to your participation!

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to us in case of any questions, comments or concerns.

Best regards,

The CoP team

Technical details:

Meeting link https://[redacted]
Meeting number (access code): [redacted] Meeting password: [redacted] ([redacted] when dialling from a phone)
Mobile device (attendees only) +[redacted]

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1. indicate your **full name and organisation** so that you can be identified and allowed in the virtual room.

2. **mute your microphone** during the entire event, except when you are presenting. To ask a question, use the hand sign to request the floor.

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Exhibit 181

From: COP Rapid Response System [cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com]
Sent: 12/12/2024 12:31:18 PM
To: Redacted funky.ong]
CC: Redacted ec.europa.eu]; Redacted gate-ai.eu]; Redacted funky.ong]; CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; Redacted vosteurope.org]; Redacted [Redacted tiktok.com]; Redacted tiktok.com]
Subject: Re: [External] RRS Romania

Hi Redacted

Thanks for your email.

We would like to follow up on the RRS report received 9.12.2024. We are happy to discuss this during our next sub-group meeting.

- 65 links received referring to 64 TikTok unique video/photo posts (1 link if from Facebook platform); Among the 64 video/photo posts reported:
  - 45 videos/photo posts in violation of Misinformation and Bullying policies.
  - 18 videos/photo posts were already removed by TikTok or permanently deleted by the user by the time they reached us

We are also happy to bring to your attention two blogposts recently shared, including Continuing to protect the integrity of TikTok during Romanian elections and How TikTok counters deceptive behaviour.

Thanks,
TikTok T&S Team

From: Redacted funky.ong>
Date: Mon, Dec 9, 2024, 15:26
Subject: [External] RRS Romania
To: <cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com>
Cc: Redacted ec.europa.eu>, Redacted gate-ai.eu>, Redacted Redacted funky.ong>, "cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu"<CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>, <Redacted democracy-reporting.org>, Redacted @democracy-reporting.org"<Redacted democracy-reporting.org>, Redacted @vosteurope.org"<Redacted vosteurope.org>, "Redacted alliance4europe.eu"<Redacted alliance4europe.eu>

Good evening,

We continue to see false narratives that link the cancel of elections to war narratives in Romania. Please find enclosed the flags that appeared in our narratives:
Report_Tik_Tok_09.12.xlsx - Google Sheets

Also, kindly note that we think that the following account is not marked as being of a politician: https://www.tiktok.com/@calin.georgescu.real?_t=8s4jim5GrOY&_r=1

Thank you,

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Sent: 12/16/2024 10:45:42 AM
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Subject: Plenary Meeting of the Task-Force of the Code of Practice on Disinformation on the Code's conversion
Attachments: Webex_meeting.ics
Location: Webex

Start: 12/19/2024 2:30:00 PM
End: 12/19/2024 4:00:00 PM
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Recurrence: (none)

Dear CoP Signatories,

We would like to invite you to the **next Plenary Meeting of the Task-Force of the Code of Practice on Disinformation on the Code's conversion** taking place on **Thursday, 19 December 2024 from 15:30 to 17:00** (CET).

The purpose of the meeting is to conclude the discussion on the draft subscription documents and to discuss the next steps regarding the conversion of the Code into the Code of Conduct under the DSA.

Please find Webex connection details below and attached. When dialling in, please indicate your full name and organisation so that you can be identified and allowed in the virtual room.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to us in case of any questions, comments or concerns.

We look forward to your participation.

Best regards,

Redacted for the CoP team

DG CONNECT CNECT.I.4 is inviting you to a scheduled Webex meeting.

Thursday, December 19, 2024
3:00 PM | (UTC+01:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris | 2 hrs 30 mins

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Exhibit 183

From: COP Rapid Response System [cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com]
Sent: 12/19/2024 10:28:07 PM
To: Redacted funky.ong]
CC: Redacted ec.europa.eu]; Redacted gate-ai.eu]; Redacted funky.ong]; CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; Redacted vosteurope.org; Redacted [Redacted tiktok.com]; Redacted tiktok.com]
Subject: Re: [External] RRS Romania

Hi Redacted

Thanks for your email.

We would like to follow up on the RRS report received on 16.12.2024.

- 28 links received referring to 28 TikTok unique video/photo posts; Among the 28 video/photo posts reported:
  - 24 videos/photo posts were in violation of our Misinformation, Violent and Criminal Behavior, Civic and Election Integrity and Hate speech policies.

Kind regards,
TikTok T&S Team

From: Redacted funky.ong>
Date: Mon, Dec 16, 2024, 07:12
Subject: [External] RRS Romania
To: <cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com>
Cc: Redacted ec.europa.eu>, Redacted gate-ai.eu>, Redacted Redacted funky.ong>, "cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu"<CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>, <Redacted democracy-reporting.org>, Redacted @democracy-reporting.org"Redacted @democracy-reporting.org>, Redacted vosteurope.org"<Redacted vosteurope.org>, "Redacted alliance4europe.eu"Redacted @alliance4europe.eu>

Good morning,

Please find some flags we would like to bring to your attention: Report_16.12_TikTok.xlsx - Google Sheets

Kind regards,

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Exhibit 184

From: COP Rapid Response System [cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com]
Sent: 12/19/2024 10:24:02 PM
To: Redacted funky.ong]
CC: Redacted ec.europa.eu]; Redacted gate-ai.eu]; Redacted funky.ong]; CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; Redacted vosteurope.org; Redacted [Redacted tiktok.com]; Redacted tiktok.com]
Subject: Re: [External] RRS Romania

Hi Redacted

Thanks for your email.

We would like to follow up on the RRS report received 13.12.2024.

- 38 links received referring to **38 TikTok unique video/photo posts**; Among the 38 video/photo reported:
  - **23 videos/photo** posts were in **violation** of our Misinformation, Violent and Criminal Behavior and Civic and Election Integrity policies.
  - Access to **7 videos/photos** was **blocked** in Romania for violating local law.

Thanks,
TikTok T&S Team

From: "Redacted funky.ong>
Date: Fri, Dec 13, 2024, 11:11
Subject: [External] RRS Romania
To: <cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com>
Cc: "Redacted ec.europa.eu>, Redacted gate-ai.eu>, Redacted Redacted funky.ong>, "cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu"<CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>, <Redacted democracy-reporting.org>, Redacted @democracy-reporting.org" Redacted @democracy-reporting.org>, Redacted vosteurope.org"<Redacted vosteurope.org>, Redacted alliance4europe.eu" Redacted @alliance4europe.eu>

Good morning,

Unfortunately, it does seem that there is a starting narrative that incites especially the Romanian diaspora that come home for the holidays to go do a "revolution" because of the elections being annuled. For context, please note that the Romanian revolution started in 15 December 1989 and culminated with 22 December. We see several references to this, as well as sometimes people dressed in military apparel.

The flags are here and we put in red the most troubling ones: Report_TikTok_13.12.xlsx - Google Sheets

Thank you,

Redacted

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Exhibit 185

From: COP Rapid Response System [cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com]
Sent: 12/20/2024 6:33:08 PM
To: Redacted funky.ong]
CC: Redacted @ec.europa.eu]; Redacted gate-ai.eu]; Redacted funky.ong]; CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu; Redacted @vosteurope.org]; Redacted Redacted @tiktok.com]; Redacted @tiktok.com]
Subject: Re: [External] RRS Romania

Hi Redacted

As per our conversation during the last meeting, we would like to follow up on the RRS report received on 3.12.2024.

- On top of previously communicated community guidelines violations, access to **1 video** was blocked in Romania for violating local law.

Kind Regards,
TikTok T&S Team

From: "COP Rapid Response System"<cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 12, 2024, 13:28
Subject: Re: [External] RRS Romania
To: "Redacted funky.ong>
Cc: "Redacted ec.europa.eu>, Redacted gate-ai.eu>, Redacted Redacted funky.ong>, "cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu"<CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>, Redacted vosteurope.org>, Redacted Redacted tiktok.com>, Redacted tiktok.com>

Hi Redacted

Thanks for your email.
We would like to follow up on the RRS report received on 8.12.2024. We are happy to discuss this during our next sub-group meeting.

- 37 links received referring to 35 unique video/photo posts (2 duplicates); Among the 35 video/photo posts reported:
  - 32 videos/photo posts in violation of Hate speech, Misinformation, Civic and Election Integrity policies.
  - 1 videos/photo posts were already removed by TikTok or permanently deleted by the user by the time they reached us

We are also happy to bring to your attention two blogposts recently shared, including Continuing to protect the integrity of TikTok during Romanian elections and How TikTok counters deceptive behaviour.

Thanks,
TikTok T&S Team

From: "Redacted funky.ong>
Date: Sun, Dec 8, 2024, 17:04
Subject: [External] RRS Romania
To: <cop-rrs-elections@tiktok.com>
Cc: Redacted @ec.europa.eu>, "Redacted gate-ai.eu>, Redacted Redacted funky.ong>, "cnect-cop-task-force@ec.europa.eu"<CNECT-COP-TASK-FORCE@ec.europa.eu>, Redacted @democracy-reporting.org>, Redacted @democracy-

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Good evening,

Please see in the spreadsheet some flags identified by my colleagues on their elections monitoring in RO:

Report_08.12.xlsx - Google Sheets

Please note that we will be sending another batch of flags in the coming day because we see an increase in posts related to the annulment of the elections.

Also, please kindly note a very specific rise in disinformation and misinformation related to war being started or mobilization for war. In our view, a particular attention should be paid to posts with #razboi getting viral at this point in association to the decision to cancel the elections (the narrative goes that the elections were canceled because the establishment didn't want candidate Calin Georgescu to become president because this stops their plans to start war/ draw Romania into a war).

Thank you,
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Subject: Re: [External] RRS Romania

Hi Redacted

As per our conversation during the last meeting, we would like to follow up on the RRS report received on 1.12.2024 (second submission).

- On top of previously communicated community guidelines violations, access to further **52 videos/photo posts** were blocked in Romania for violating local law.

Kind Regards,
TikTok T&S Team

From: "COP Rapid Response System" [redacted]s@tiktok.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 12, 2024, 13:22
Subject: Re: [External] RRS Romania
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Hi Redacted

Thanks for your email.
We would like to follow up on the RRS report received on 2.12.2024, discussed during our sub-group meeting.

- 72 links received referring to 72 video/photo posts; Among the 72 video/photo posts reported:
  - 17 videos/photo posts in violation of Hate speech, Misinformation, Civic and Election Integrity policies.

We are also happy to bring to your attention two blogposts recently shared, including Continuing to protect the integrity of TikTok during Romanian elections and How TikTok counters deceptive behaviour.

Thanks,
TikTok T&S Team

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Good evening,

Please see in the spreadsheet some flags identified by my colleagues on their elections monitoring in RO:

Report_Tik_Tok_02.12.xlsx - Google Sheets

Thank you,

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Dear Members of the Task-force,

We would like to invite you to the **next Plenary Meeting of the Task-Force** of the Code of Practice on Disinformation taking place on **Thursday, 23 January from 14:30 to 16:00** (CET).

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the state of play and the way forward on the Code's conversion.

Please find Webex connection details below and attached. When dialling in, please indicate your full name and organisation so that you can be identified and allowed in the virtual room.

Kind regards,
[redacted] for the CoP Disinfo Team

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Thursday, January 23, 2025
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Subject: RE: Submission of subscription documents & request to convert the Code - publication on Transparency Centre

Dear Members of the Task-force,

We would like to inform you that based on a request received from platform-signatories we extended the deadline for submitting the subscription documents until the end of the week (i.e. until **Fri 17.01 cob**).

At the same time the publication date for the subscription documents through the transparency centre shall remain unchanged, i.e. scheduled for **Wed 22.01 at noon**.

We take this occasion to remind you of the "**silence period**" agreed in the Task-force, during which all signatories are requested not to disclose the information contained in the subscription documents to the public and to time any communication related to this matter no earlier than the agreed date.

Kind regards,
[Redacted] for the CoP Disinfo Team

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Subject: Submission of subscription documents & request to convert the Code - publication on Transparency Centre

Dear signatories of the Code of Practice on Disinformation,

We are writing to remind you of the upcoming deadline of **15 January**, close of business, for **submitting your subscription documents**, **should you wish to update them** ahead of the Code's conversion to a Code of Conduct. As agreed at the last Plenary meeting of 19 December, we kindly remind you (i.e.

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VLOPSEs) to add to your submission a written request for the converted Code to enter into force as a Code of Conduct, **effective from 1 July 2025**, to reflect your related demand. As a reminder, please find below the proposed language for this:

> *"[name of service] hereby submits the **final subscription document** listing its commitment and measures. This document replaces the earlier draft submitted to and discussed within the Task-force. Further to the discussions at the Task-Force meetings of 13 and 18 December 2024, [name of service] **requests that, subject to a positive assessment from the European Commission and the European Board for Digital Services, the submitted Code enters into force as a Code of Conduct as of the 1 July 2025**."*

As agreed during the plenary, the subscription forms of all current signatories will be uploaded to the Transparency Center website. To this extent, VOST has created an additional section for the Transparency Center, where **both the original and the revised subscription forms will become available to the public on 22 January**. Besides submitting your subscription form to the CoP functional mailbox, no further action is needed from your side.

In this regard **we also would like to remind you of the agreed silence period until 22 January**, until when **contents of the submitted forms will remain confidential**, and **during which (all) signatories are kindly requested not to disclose the information contained in the submissions to the public**.

Under the following link, you will find the slides that were presented at the last Plenary meeting:
Plenary_2024.12.19 (002).pptx

Thank you all, and kind regards,

The CoP Disinfo Team

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Exhibit 188

EU CODE OF PRACTICE PERMANENT TASKFORCE: Ad-scrutiny/Demonetisation Subgroup

DELIVERABLE – New SLI on demonetisation efforts, capturing the financial value (€uros) of actions taken

Content:

Context: Goal for this group and process/key considerations
Method agreed for developing and reporting on the new SLI

Context: Goal for this group; Process and key considerations

Objective

Under commitment 1 of the Code, Signatories are expected to report quantitatively, on actions they took to remove, block, or otherwise restrict advertising on pages and/or domains that disseminate harmful Disinformation, at the Member State or language level (existing SLI 1.1.1).

In addition, according to the same commitment, Signatories should develop a methodology to report on demonetisation efforts, including data related to the volume of advertising supporting Disinformation sources. To that end, they should propose, within 6 months, a new Service Level Indicator that provides insight into the impact of actions taken, at service and Member States levels – to be included in the first reporting exercise (as a new SLI 1.1.2).

Process and key considerations

Since July, the Ad-Scrutiny/Demonetisation Subgroup has held sessions to identify activities pertinent to demonetizing disinformation. The group ran a series of workshops that uncovered two main actions to take towards demonetising disinformation:

1. Preventing the flow of legitimate advertising investment **to** sites or content that are designated as disinformation (on which the SG is expected to deliver a new SLI, as required by Measure 1.1),
2. Preventing the flow of advertising investment **from** designated sources of disinformation.

The SG has agreed that financial values are the best way of expressing the impact of actions taken. However, we recognize that financial measures may be difficult for all signatories to divulge or produce. For that reason, and based on the diversity of the types of companies that are signatories we have identified best practice metrics for all members to work towards, while accepting that signatories will progress towards best practices over time:

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Preventing Legitimate Advertising to Sites or Content Designated as Disinformation (focus of the SG's work, in line with the request of the Code)		
	Authorized Metric (Best Practice)	Authorized Next Best Metric (Acceptable Practice)
Media Measure[1]	Query / Bid[2]	Impression[3]
Reporting Territory[4]	Member State	Member State
Media Format/Unit Type[5]	Media format	Media format

Preventing Advertising from Sites or Designated Sources of Disinformation (to be further discussed)		
	Authorized Metric (Best Practice)	*Authorized Next Best Metric (Acceptable Practice)*
Media Measure	*Euro*	*Query / Impression*
Reporting Territory	*Member State*	*Member State*
Media Format/Unit Type	*Media format*	*Media format*

In the event that a signatory is submitting a media metric (e.g., query / bid, impression), the SG has agreed to onboard an agreed-upon conversion factor (e.g., normative cost-per-thousand) to translate the media metric to a financial value. The SG has agreed that at the very least it must recognize Territory, and in the best case recognize Territory and Unit Type.

The SG also spent considerable time discussing and reviewing the lookback window for historical actions (such as impressions) and whether or not the CoP monitoring efforts should take into account previous harms rendered (e.g., advertising that was inadvertently in support of disinformation). The SG considered that a particular challenge in this context concerns the observed patterns where a persistent purveyor may deceive industry actors by acting as a legitimate entity and then shift to illegitimate activities. Pinpointing the precise date when the transition happens may prove difficult and could bring potential inaccuracies into the process (over or underestimation). The SG nevertheless concluded that impressions are an important and insightful metric to take forward and will work towards establishing an appropriate lookback window that sufficiently mitigates the risk of potential over or underestimation, in time for incorporation into the baseline reports.

Method for developing and reporting on the SLI

Method developed

[1] Metric submitted

[2] Request placed between a seller and buyer of advertising that can detail amongst other things website, specific content, targeting data inclusive of audience or content, impressions

[3] Comprehensive calculation of the number of people who have been reached by a piece of media content by passive exposure (viewing a piece of content) or active engagement (visiting a destination)

[4] Geographical unit for reporting purposes (e.g., Italy, Spain, France, Germany, etc.)

[5] Media format (e.g., Online video, Display banner unit, Story unit, In-stream audio)

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In our review of signatory activities, we identified that the queries and bids are a common practice that brings together industry participants in the purchase or sale of media inventory. This is a common metric that is shared by ad buyers (agencies and advertisers), and ad sellers (platforms, publishers) and placement services such as adtech.

However, in our discovery of this common method we identified that costs or value are not associated with this metric as it is a pre-monetization or pre-transaction measure. In other words a query or bid is a signal on media purchasing or sale before a cost estimate is provided.

As such a conversion factor needs to be used to develop a value for the media metric (be it query / bid or impression) using a database of normative media costs at the most specific level as possible: at the market level and at the unit level.

In identifying this need, the SG has agreed that the provider must have a transparent and accepted methodology for estimating media costs that should be available to members and stakeholders of the code of practice.

Step 1: Conversions updated	Third party estimator updates normative media costs at market level and/or unit level (e.g., conversion factor)
Step 2: Conversion factors distributed	Third party estimator distributes conversion factor output to signatories
Step 3: Signatories apply conversion factor	Signatories apply conversion factor to media metric related to their actions during the reporting period
Step 4: Signatories fill in reporting	Signatories provide the results of the calculation (inserting the financial value) in the approved monitoring template to report on activity
Step 5: Monitoring quality assurance	Subgroup convenes a meeting with the signatories and third-party estimator to verify accuracy

As a result, signatories will be able to attest a certain number of euros related to demonetisation of legitimate advertising to disinformation actors in Member States, through:

> **SLI 1.1.2 Signatories will report on the financial value (in euros) of the actions taken to demonetise disinformation actors (as reported under SLI 1.1.1), based on media metrics available to them (query/bid or impression) and applying an agreed-upon conversion factor provided by a third party designated by the Task-force. Reporting will be provided at Member State level.**

The SG will continue to explore the possibility to develop an additional SLI in relation to demonetization of advertising investment from disinformation actors in its future discussions.

Finalisation steps (ongoing)

In terms of finalizing the proposal, we need to confirm:

1. Final sign-off by signatories on the level of metrics provided by organizations
2. SG leaders to confirm that component media metric will not be distributed outside of key personnel involved in the code, monitoring, or conversion process
3. SG to finalize the selection/designation of an official third party estimator
    a. SG to clarify the operational designation of the estimator within the code

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   b. SG to confirm if any commercial requirements are necessary to compensate the third party estimator
4. SG to engage in ongoing discussions to determine steps taken to harmonize future submissions
5. SG to document reporting timelines for benchmark and subsequent waves with signatories

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FIRST MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

10 August

16:30 – 18:00

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1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**
2. **Discussion of Draft Terms of Reference for the Subgroup**
3. **Tour de table on actions taken related to fighting disinformation on the war in Ukraine *(all subgroup members)***
    - ***a.*** *Overview of actions taken by each signatory*
    - ***b.*** *Current cooperation between signatories and identifying further possibilities for cooperation*
    - **c.** *Main learnings so far and possibilities for further action*
    - **d.** *Cooperation opportunities based on previously successful cooperation workflow implemented bilaterally*
4. **Any other business**

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MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

21 September

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**

2. **Tour de table on actions taken related to fighting disinformation**

   a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives about Ukrainian offensive, targeting support for sanctions, etc. and new actions taken by signatories to limit disinformation around the war (including any policy changes).

   b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and Monkeypox and new actions taken by signatories to limit disinformation around the war (including any policy changes).

Please share as much as possible input ahead of the meeting in writing to keep the discussion round efficient and concentrate in the oral interventions on new developments and priority issues.

3. **Discussion on pre-emptive actions on emergent crises** on the basis of the proposal submitted by VOST

4. **Discussion of sharing practices in the subgroup** (if time allows)

   a. Sharing of input about disinformation narratives ahead of the SG meetings

   b. Sharing of relevant reports

5. **Any other business**

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MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

7 September

16:30 – 18:00

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1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**
2. **Tour de table on actions taken related to fighting disinformation on the war in Ukraine, as well as other current crises such as COVID-19**
    - ***a.*** *Overview of actions taken by each signatory*
    - ***b.*** *Current cooperation between signatories and identifying further possibilities for cooperation*
    - **c.** *Main learnings so far and possibilities for further action*
    - **d.** *Cooperation opportunities based on previously successful cooperation workflow implemented bilaterally*
3. **Any other business**

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MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

19 April

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**
2. **Sharing of new developments and actions taken related to fighting disinformation**
    a. *War in Ukraine*
    b. *Public Health and Pandemic*
3. **Subgroup comments and deliberation on the discussion paper for a Crisis Risk Assessment Methodology & Rapid Response System**
    a. *Discussion on what the signatories currently do in terms of crisis response, and how this could be used as basis for further action on individual and group level*
4. **Any other business**

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MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

22 February

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**

2. **Sharing of new developments and actions taken related to fighting disinformation**

    a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives, e.g. about the 21 March speech of President Putin, Russian bombing of Ukrainian civilian energy infrastructure, on sanctions in connection with the energy crisis, delivery of armoured vehicles to Ukraine etc.

    b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and new actions taken by signatories to limit such disinformation (including any policy changes)

3. **Presentation of discussion paper on risk assessment and rapid response, followed by first impressions by the group**

4. **Any other business**

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MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

08 February

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**
2. **Sharing of new developments and actions taken related to fighting disinformation**
    a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives, e.g. about Russian bombing of Ukrainian civilian energy infrastructure, on sanctions in connection with the energy crisis, delivery of armoured vehicles to Ukraine etc.
    b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and new actions taken by signatories to limit such disinformation (including any policy changes)

Wherever possible, ***please share input ahead of the meeting in writing*** *to keep the discussion round efficient and* ***concentrate in the oral interventions on new developments and priority issues, in particular new policy changes and latest developments on trends and narratives****.*

3. **Discussion: Access to API's and its impact on crisis response actions**
4. **Discussion on terms of reference and work ahead for the subgroup**
5. **Any other business**

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MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

11 January

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**

2. **Sharing of new developments and actions taken related to fighting disinformation**

    a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives, e.g. about Russian bombing of Ukrainian civilian energy infrastructure, on sanctions in connection with the energy crisis, delivery of armoured vehicles to Ukraine etc.

    b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and new actions taken by signatories to limit such disinformation (including any policy changes)

Wherever possible, ***please share input ahead of the meeting in writing*** *to keep the discussion round efficient and* ***concentrate in the oral interventions on new developments and priority issues, in particular new policy changes and latest developments on trends and narratives****.*

3. **Discussion: Signatories responses to the call by Vice President Jourovà to expand actions across Central and Eastern Europe**

4. **Any other business**

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MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

14 December

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**

2. **Sharing of new developments and actions taken related to fighting disinformation**

    a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives, e.g. about Russian bombing of Ukrainian civilian energy infrastructure, on sanctions in connection with the energy crisis, inflation and food shortages in developing countries.

    b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and new actions taken by signatories to limit such disinformation (including any policy changes)

Wherever possible, ***please share input ahead of the meeting in writing*** *to keep the discussion round efficient and* ***concentrate in the oral interventions on new developments and priority issues, in particular new policy changes and latest developments on trends and narratives****.*

3. **Discussion: Signatories future plans for actions and policies to fight Covid-19 misinformation and disinformation**

4. **Information Point: Final crisis reporting template adopted**

5. **Any other business**

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Exhibit 197

EU Code of Practice on Disinformation

PREAMBLE

Following European Commission "Guidance on strengthening the Code of Practice on Disinformation (hereafter the "Guidance"), the European Commission's Communication on the European Democracy Action Plan[1] (hereafter 'EDAP'), the European Commission's Communication "Tackling online disinformation: a European approach"[2] (hereafter the "Communication"), the Report of the High Level Expert Group[3], the Council Conclusions of 28 June 2018[4], and the various important initiatives taking place across Europe[5] to address the challenges posed by the dissemination of disinformation, the companies and associations listed on Annex [1] ("Signatories") of this code of practice (the "Code") recognise their role in contributing to solutions to the challenges posed by misinformation and disinformation[6].

As provided under the EDAP, "Misinformation" is defined as: "false or misleading content shared without harmful intent though the effects can still be harmful, e.g. when people share false information with friends and family in good faith."

In the same Communication, "Disinformation" is defined as : "false or misleading content that is spread with an intention to deceive or secure economic or political gain and which may cause public harm."

The notion of "Disinformation" does not include misleading advertising, reporting errors, satire and parody, or clearly identified partisan news and commentary, and is without prejudice to binding legal obligations, self-regulatory advertising codes, and standards regarding misleading advertising.

[1]https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2020%3A790%3AFIN&qid=1607079662423

[2] http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=51804.

[3]https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/final-report-high-level-expert-group-fake-news-and-online-disinformation.

[4] http://www.consilium.europa.eu//media/35936/28-euco-final-conclusions-en.pdf.

[5] Measures taken by the European Union, its Member States and other relevant stakeholders should limit the incidence and impact of online disinformation and must be taken within the legal framework provided by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (CFREU) and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). In particular, Freedom of expression is enshrined in Article 11 of the CFREU and Article 10 of the ECHR as an indispensable enabler of sound decision-making in free and democratic societies. Freedom of expression extends to print, broadcast and online media and includes the right to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas "without interference by public authorities and regardless of frontiers," as well as the integral, corollary values of media freedom and media pluralism.

[6] As the scope covers both misinformation and disinformation, certain signatories are often not able to accurately infer intent from online content or account level data due to the nature of their service/product

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Commented [A1]: Signatories might want to consider to add to the Preamble additional considerations from the Guidance, in particular on the broader scope of the new Code with a wider participation and new services to be covered, such as messaging apps.

Commented [A2]: Signatories might want to consider to add a reference to the DSA proposal.

In this context it is important to recall that the strengthening of the Code called for in the Guidance aims at establishing a co-regulatory framework for fighting disinformation for VLOPs. In that view we would suggest signatories to clarify that the strengthened Code should become the Code of Conduct that VLOP will adhere and comply to, once the DSA will be adopted, in order to take appropriate risk mitigating measure against disinformation.

At the same time, for those signatories that are not VLOPs, the Code will remain a Code of Practice without co-regulatory enforcement mechanism.

Signatories may want to consider to clarify this dual nature of the Code in the Preamble.

Commented [A3]: Signatories might want to be clearer in the preamble how they are planning to approach misinformation.

One way of approaching this could be to specify depending on the chapter and/or specific commitments to what extent the commitments / the measures apply to misinformation.

For reference we recall here the text of the Guidance: "While the main target remains disinformation in the narrow sense[1], in the strengthened Code signatories should commit to have in place appropriate policies ...

Commented [A4]: We would suggest signatories to reconsider using this example and consider rather the use of a more general wording, given in section 3.2 of Guidance, that better reflects the spirit of extending the scope of the Code regarding misinformation. There misinformation is defined as "false or misleading information spread without malicious intent".

The example used – sharing content with friends with family – may be misleading as it minimises the potential impact of misinformation, as misinformation is often circulated to a much wider audience than family ...

Commented [A5]: To avoid confusion, Signatories may want to clarify this formulation, to differentiate between "misleading advertising" and advertising containing disinformation.

While "misleading advertising" i.e. misleading or comparative advertising in the sense of the relevant legislation may be outside of the scope of the Code, advertising that contains disinformation should be clearly covered by the Code as foreseen in section 4.3 of the Guidance: "Commitments to address advertising containing disinformation" ...

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The Signatories recognise and agree with the Commission's conclusions that "the exposure of citizens to large scale Disinformation, including misleading or outright false information, is a major challenge for Europe. Our open democratic societies depend on public debates that allow well-informed citizens to express their will through free and fair political processes".[7]

As the Commission repeatedly acknowledges in its Guidance, the EDAP, and the Communication,[8] the Signatories are mindful of the fundamental right to freedom of expression and to an open Internet, and the delicate balance which any efforts to limit the spread and impact of otherwise lawful content must strike.

In recognition that the dissemination of Disinformation has many facets and is facilitated by and impacts a very broad segment of actors in the ecosystem, all stakeholders have roles to play in countering its spread.

It is in this spirit that the Signatories have drafted the present Code, its sign-up forms identifying the commitment areas each signatory is making, and a transitional plan translating these commitments into concrete actions that will be shared with the European Commission. These additional elements are an integral part of this Code, and hereby, the Signatories commit themselves to adhere to the relevant commitments listed next to their names. Given the breadth of the commitments outlined in the Code and the heterogeneous range of stakeholders involved, Signatories need not sign up to every commitment. Signatories will sign up to commitments which correspond to the product(s) and/or service(s) they offer, their roles in the value chain, their technical capabilities and their liability regimes as provided under EU Law, which vary depending on the role they play in the creation and dissemination of the content at stake. Hence, the Code refers to the individual Signatory that has accepted certain commitments as indicated on individual sign-up forms with the expression " Appropriate Signatory". This does not commit all Signatories of the Code to sign up to every commitment. Sign-up forms will include each Signatory's reasons for the commitments they did and did not elect to accept.

The Signatories recognize that because the various Signatories operate differently, with different purposes, technologies and audiences, the Code allows for different approaches to accomplishing the spirit of the provisions herein. Stakeholders who help address the spread of disinformation through their tools, technical efforts, philanthropic work[9], or specific expertise, could also become signatories, adopting commitments that are attuned to the company or organisation and the particular role they play in the online ecosystem[10].

[7] Communication, paragraph 1.

[8] See, e.g., the Communication, paragraph 3.1.1, where the Commission states that all actions taken to challenge Disinformation "should strictly respect freedom of expression and include safeguards that prevent their misuse, for example, the censoring of critical, satirical, dissenting, or shocking speech. They should also strictly respect the Commission's commitment to an open, safe and reliable Internet".

[9] In order to allow transparency and avoid potential conflicts of interest, NGOs wishing to join the Code as new signatories should submit information regarding their mission, funding structures and decision making processes.

[10] These interested signatories should declare the areas of commitments they intend to adhere to ahead of joining the relevant issue groups.

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Commented [A6]: As discussed previously, transitional plans need to be made public, to allow the necessary transparency and public scrutiny. They can not be shared with the Commission only. We suggest to reflect this in the preamble. Signatories might also want to consider mentioning in the preamble that transitional plans will contain a clear timeframe for the swift implementation of the Code's commitments with clear milestones and deadlines. Signatories may also want to indicate here the general timeframe for the implementation / transitional period of the Code that should overall take no more than 3-6 months.

Commented [A7]: We would suggest to clarify/spell it out what is meant by "additional elements"

Commented [A8]: Signatories may want to consider to nuance this statement, to be in line with the expectation set out in the Guidance that signatories should sign up to all commitments that are relevant for their services.

The Guidance states in this regard: "Signatories should sign up to the commitments that are relevant for their services. While participation in the Code and subscription to its commitments remain voluntary, in order to ensure the Code's effectiveness as a risk mitigation tool, signatories should not, in principle, opt out of commitments that are relevant for their services.

See related to this also the next comment.

Commented [A9]: Signatories might want to review this sentence to make sure that it may not be misleading to the reader. The Guidance makes it clear that "signatories should not opt out of commitments that are relevant for their services". (see full reference to the relevant part of the Guidance in the above comment). We would suggest to consider clarifying this sentence to make sure that it fully reflects the spirit of the Guidance.

We would suggest as well that Signatories consider adding a commitment in the preamble or closing that signatories will review their commitments (in the annual reports) and sign up to additional ones if they became applicable in the meantime.

Commented [A10]: See the comments above. We would suggest to revise the drafting to make sure that the formulations may not cause misunderstandings and fully reflect the spirit of the Guidance.

Commented [A11]: See the comments above. In that view Signatories might also want to review this sentence to make sure that it properly reflects the spirit of the Guidance regarding the requirement that signatories should not opt out of commitments that are relevant for their services. This could be e.g. done by referring to the signatories reasons for not signing up to the commitment in question.

It is also suggested that signatories consider to reflect here that the sign-up forms should also clarify how the commitments relate to the different services provided by the Signatory.

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The Signatories recognise that trade associations that have signed this Code are not entering into obligations on behalf of their members. However, these associations commit to make their members fully aware of this Code, and encourage them to join it or respect its principles, as appropriate.

The application of this Code is limited for each Signatory to services provided in the States that are Contracting Parties to the European Economic Area.

Signatories, including signatory associations, commit to undertake the actions provided for by this Code in a manner that ensures full compliance with EU and national competition law. By way of example, Signatories must not discuss, communicate or exchange any commercially sensitive information. This includes non-public information on: prices; marketing and advertising strategy; costs and revenues; trading terms and conditions with third parties (including purchasing strategy); terms of supply; trade programmes or distribution strategy.

The Code shall apply within the framework of existing laws of the EU and its Member States and must not be construed in any way as replacing or interpreting the existing legal framework, and, in particular (but not limited to):

- The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

- The European Convention on Human Rights;

- Directive 2000/31/EC, with particular reference to Articles 12 to 15, which shall apply to any obligation of this Code targeting or assumed by mere conduits, caching providers, or hosting providers such as providers of network, search engines, browsers, online blogging platforms, online forums, video-sharing platforms, social media, etc.;

- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data;

- Directive 2005/29/EC concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market;

- Directive 2006/114/EC concerning misleading and comparative advertising;

- The case law of the CJEU and ECHR on the proportionality of measures designed to limit access to and circulation of harmful content.

I. PURPOSES

The purpose of this Code is to identify the actions that Signatories could put in place in order to address the challenges related to "Disinformation"

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Commented [A12]: Signatories may want to consider to include here that trade associations also commit to work towards evolving the Code in a way that prepares the ground for their membership to join it.

Commented [A13]: Signatories may want to consider adding a reference also to the relevant legislative proposals, notably the DSA and the proposal on sponsored political content.

Commented [A14]: Signatories might want to reflect on the need and relevance of this section and consider replacing it by a more general and up-to-date formulation that properly reflects the scope and areas of the revised Code.

While the objectives/purposes of the Code may be recalled, the current drafting may be overly detailed and appear redundant with the specific parts expected on commitments. It may also be misleading as it singles out some of the commitments of the previous Code while not mentioning other important areas for the revised Code.

The signatories might rather want to include in this section an overall declaration of intent based on the main chapters of the Guidance where actions are expected (e.g.):
1/ scrutiny of ad placement:
- demonetising disinformation;
- improving cooperation;
- address adverstising containing disinfo.
2/ political advertising and issue-based ad:
- efficient labelling;
etc.

A revisited section could keep certain "horizontal" elements, which give an indication on how Signatories intend to operationalise the Code. These could be aspects related to e.g. the Code's governance, related to the use of key performance indicators and the monitoring process.

A reference to the 'living-nature' of the Code could be also considered, indicating that the Code will be subject to review by the Task-force, in view of evolving the Code in view of technological, societal market and legislative developments.

Signatories may also want to consider to indicate it here that the Code remains open for other Signatories to join.

Commented [A15]: Signatories might consider a revised language that reflects the objective and nature of the Code: For instance they might say "Signatories *will* put in place" or "*commit* to put in place"

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In line with the Commission's Communication, the Signatories of the Code of Practice recognise the importance of efforts to:

(i) Include safeguards against Disinformation and related misuses of services;

(ii) Strengthen transparency and accountability around ad placements by developing or implementing effective means to further reduce economic incentives for the spread of disinformation;

(iii) Ensure transparency about political and issue-based advertising, also with a view to enabling users to understand why they have been targeted by a given advertisement;

(iv) Implement and promote reasonable policies against misrepresentation;

(v) Intensify and demonstrate the effectiveness of efforts to close fake accounts and establish clear marking systems and rules for bots to ensure their activities cannot be confused with human interactions;

(vi) Intensify and communicate on the effectiveness of efforts to ensure the integrity of services with regards to accounts whose purpose and intent[11] is to spread disinformation, as per specifics assessed and determined by the Relevant Signatory, and consistently with Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the fundamental right of anonymity and pseudonymity, and the proportionality principle. Consistently with Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and the principle of freedom of opinion, invest in technological means to promote and where relevant prioritise relevant, authentic, and accurate and authoritative information where appropriate in search, feeds, or other automatically ranked distribution channels and invest in features that empower users to make informed decisions about the content they encounter online. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, signatories implemented various solutions that prioritise and lead users to authoritative sources (e.g. ranking systems, information panels, banners, pop-ups, maps and prompts) and will continue to build on this experience to develop and apply such tools on topics of particular public and societal interest or in crisis situations. Be that as it may, Signatories should not be compelled by governments, nor should they be forced to adopt policies, to delete or prevent access to otherwise lawful content or messages".

(vii) Consider empowering users with tools enabling a customized and interactive online experience so as to facilitate content discovery and access to different news sources representing alternative viewpoints, also providing them with easily-accessible tools to report Disinformation.

[11] Certain signatories are often not able to accurately infer intent from online content or account level data due to the nature of their service/product.

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(viii) Improve transparency regarding the main parameters, including context, used for prioritising or deprioritising information, and invest in user controls for the content that they see. Also, consider using risk management techniques to mitigate risks of recommender systems inadvertently spreading disinformation.

(ix) Work to enable privacy-compliant access to data for fact-checking and research activities. To that end Signatories will work, in cooperation with the research community, EDMO and relevant national authorities, towards an operational framework for privacy-compliant access to data on advertising and the functioning of their services with respect to the spread of disinformation for independent investigation by good-faith vetted researchers

(x)

(xi) Work towards a consistent implementation of the commitments across EU Member States, where the Signatory is operational.

(xii) Support the fact-checking community's work to provide people with reliable information and their efforts to increase the coverage of their activities across EU Member States.

This Code is without prejudice to other initiatives aiming at tackling Disinformation on platforms.

This Code is agreed in good faith between the Signatories, building on a fair and honest representation of their intentions. For the sake of allowing a more comprehensive understanding of the Code, the commitments listed in the following paragraph are introduced by an explanation of the detailed purposes and context related to each group of commitments in the five relevant fields addressed by the Code.

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Commented [A16]: DOT EUROPE: Our members would not be against sharing data in good-faith but we understand that eventually companies would need to make assessments on a case-by-case basis, as any of this would be subject to their own business obligations including confidentiality requirements, etc. The 'operational framework' sound quite ambitious, yet it is not really clear what would it entail, and from that perspective we would be more comfortable talking about 'enabling giving access to data…'.

The second tweak 'insight into' is to ensure alignment with the first change. Otherwise, this text would no longer make sense.

Commented [A17]: COM: As stated previously, we suggest to remove such details from this section.

Regarding the issue of access to data for research purposes, the Guidance aims at creating the condition for researchers to carry out research" essential to the proper understanding of the evolution of the risks linked to disinformation and can contribute to the development of risk mitigation mechanisms". Improving access to data for researchers is a key area of the Guidance where significant improvement is expected.

According to the Guidance the aim of the strengthened Code should be to" create a framework that, already in the interim before the DSA's adoption, allows researchers the necessary access to platform data and also facilitates in the long term the development of a specific framework for data access tailored for conducting research on the disinformation phenomena". Under the framework "The conditions for access should be transparent, open and non-discriminatory, proportionate and justified" and "provide for the possibility of real-time access to certain types of data, in order to enable the prompt assessment of emerging or evolving risks and the design of appropriate mitigation measures"

Commented [A18]: This could be a useful horizontal element to add in this chapter or another part of the preamble.

Commented [A19]: See the comment above related to the entire section "Purposes". We suggest revising this section in that view.

Therefore we do not give specific comments related to the list with the exception of data sharing – to react to the DOT comment – and to indicate that the element on MS level implementation is an important issue that could be indeed mentioned as a horizontal issue.

Commented [A20]: It may be useful to clarify what initiatives are meant here.

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	A	B
1	**List of problematic accounts on Slovak TikTok**	
2	**Name of the account**	**Name displayed**
3	**openworldfoundation**	Open World Foundation
4	**tinamartina316.g**	Tinamartina🖤
5	**tinamartina316g**	tinamartinasк
6	**opozicny_lider_marcel**	Marcel Ďurech999
7	**dannykollardkx**	dannykollar
8	**danny_kollar1**	dannykollar
9	**siminimisko**	user4521722702565
10	**neber_to_vazno**	neber_to_vazne
11	**verteneverte**	VerteNeverte
12	**verteneverte1**	VerteNeverte

	C	D	E	F
1				
2	**Following**	**Followers**	**Total number of likes (approx.)**	**BIO**
3	107	7515	155,900	Crypto ľudskou rečou Diplomacy & Politics √ Pure akademické communiqué
4	3307	9597	238,100	No bio yet
5	640	2233	38,200	No bio yet.
6	4884	2897	39,200	Blokovanie na Facebooku ma vynieslo na Tik-tok. Spolu zabojujme za Slovensko tu.
7	4	1281	3,832	No bio yet.
8	3	497	1,777	No bio yet.
9	2	203	1,869	Oficiálny telgramový kanál https://t.me/dannykollar
10	0	66900	784,400	Treba sa občas aj zasmiať. instagram: @neber_to_vazne fb: NeberToVazne
11	720	19,200	390,800	VerteNeverte 100 ľudí 100 chutí informačné sociálne videá
12	305	1,748	21,000	100 ľudí 100 chutí:Informačné sociálne médiá.VerteNeverte

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2	**Why is it problematic?**
3	Account, whose face is a young woman. The account is problematic due to continued propagation of prorussian narratives, justifies the invasion to Ukraine, shares other consipracies and unsupported claims about behaviour of certain geopolitical actors without proofs, spreads anti-western narratives. It calls Ukraine „Banderistan" repeatedly. Claims the existence of censorship in EU, but rarely touches domestic politics.
4	This account has been spreading conspiracy theories about vaccines and COVID-19 pandemics. It claims vaccination is harmful, and that it was supposedly responsible for deaths of people. Spreads pro-russian and anti-west naratives, russian naratives about the war in Ukraine, and decreases the trust in public institutions. Accuses Ukraine of genocide, conspires about the death of Milan Lučanský. The account „tinamartina316.g was probably suspended or deleted, therefore, it must have repeatedly violated the Community Guidelines of TikTok. Despite that, the newer account tinamartina316g continues as a replacement of aforementioned suspended account, and even shares the content from the previous account, which is visible thanks to the watermark of the suspended account in the videos of the new account.
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6	An account, which spreads intense anti-Ukrainian narratives, conspiracies, in some videos even indirectly threatens other groups of people ("progressives"), intensifies the distrust in institutions (for example by talking about a coup in police or the right to resist). The author himself claims that he was banned on Facebook and that brought him to TikTok, but his account on Facebook is active. Furthermore, author spreads disinformation such as rejecting the US landing on the Moon too. He actively defends actions of Vladimir Putin.
7	Two accounts of Danny Kollár, known conspirator and a person with 3 arrest warrants to his name. Both have been suspended, but a new account replacing the suspended ones is likely to appear.
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9	An account inactive from 2022, sharing videos of Danny Kollár. Due to functioning of For You Page, its videos are still being recommended to users.
10	This satirical account is focused on joking about Slovak politics, and most of the content is not potentially harmful. However, some of the videos tend to accuse certain actors of being directly controlled by the west or USA. The account uses fake videos with help of AI and other digital tools.
11	Previous version of this account, "verteneverte" was suspended or banned. The account shares interviews with Vladimir Putin, but also loads of other pro-russian, anti-ukrainian and anit-west narratives and propaganda. In addition to that, the account shares other misinformation and conspiracies, such as using migrants for the threat of "deliberate invasion of Europe", but also content eroding trust in coronavirus measures. Furthermore, video conspiracies about manipulating the elections were found.
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2	**Link to the account**	**Notes**	
3	https://www.tiktok.com/@openworldfoundation?_t=8e47WowHfXW&_r=1		
4	https://www.tiktok.com/@tinamartina316.g	**Account has been suspended/deleted**	
5	https://www.tiktok.com/@tinamartina316g	**Account established as a replacement for suspended/deleted account**	
6	https://www.tiktok.com/@opozicny_lider_marcel?lang=en		
7	https://www.tiktok.com/@dannykollardkx	**Account has been suspended/deleted**	
8	https://www.tiktok.com/@danny_kollar1	**Account has been suspended/deleted**	
9	https://www.tiktok.com/@siminimisko	**account inactive since 4/2022**	
10	https://www.tiktok.com/@neber_to_vazno		
11	https://www.tiktok.com/@verteneverte?lang=en	**Account has been suspended/deleted**	
12	https://www.tiktok.com/@verteneverte1	**Account established as a replacement for suspended/deleted account**	

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2	**Does the account feature Slovak politics - explanation of categories**	
3		Almost exclusively Slovak political content (support, sharing of political actors)
4		Rather significant amount (around half or more than half of posts) of Slovak political content
5		Content featuring Slovak politics is present, however, in rather small numbers
6		An account with no Slovak political content, or with a very small number of cases
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13	**adrianoofigoo**	AdrianoFigo
14	**zuzanazuzanov**	Žužu3
15	**ondrejmlynarcikpd**	Ondrej, to stačí☺
16	**ondrej.to.staci**	Ondrej Mlynarčík
17	**ondro.mlynarcik**	Ondro Mlynarčík
18	**true.k.u.k**	No bio yet.
19	**worldlive8**	worldlive8
20	**gc_media_2**	GC_Media_2
21	**vevanikaveronika**	VevaNikaVeronika
22	**ludommier**	mierludom
23	**iny.pohlad**	Iný Pohľad
24	**androidmarket12**	Android Market

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13	1916	112,900	3,900,000	MÔJ MERCH www.adrianofigo.com
14	18	2057	55,700	No bio yet.
15	80	870	20,800	V komentároch sa môže diskutovať bez vulgarizmov a urážania iných komentujúcich
16	39	23	396	3. účet v poradí. Pre slniečka čo "demokraticky" nahlasujú všetko čo im neladí.
17	130	251	3,470	No bio yet.
18	135	768	7,430	No bio yet.
19	1	6431	100,200	No bio yet.
20	0	7931	100,800	Slovensko - entertainment 🔥🗣️🇸🇰 linktr.ee/gc_media
21	202	1499	21,100	Venujem sa výkladu kariet, verím v osud a vesmír:)
22	6	600	7,160	No bio yet.
23	0	4495	44,800	Miesto kde môže ktokoľvek vyjadriť svoj názor na čokolvek🌪️ Skontroluj odkazy🗣️ beacons.ai/inypohlad
24	317	1788	46,800	No bio yet.

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13	A rather well-known and popular Slovak account. Most of the content is non-problematic and focused on entertainment. However, Adrián Figo has been sharing disinformation on the profile about immigrants, Covid-19, and supported Vladimir Putin. Figo himself lately announced plans for his own political party.
14	An account, which according to the author herself is already a replacement for previously suspended or banned accounts. In videos, the author claims that in case of banning this account, she will proceed with establishing a new one (Žužu4, 5, 6...). The account spreads a considerable amount of hoaxes and conspiracies, anti-immigrant hate speech, shares interviews and speeches of Danny Kollár (Daniel Bombic - wanted by 3 arrest warrants), disinformation on vaccinations and anti-ukrainian narratives, including hate speech. The account openly shares and supports several politicans and political parties in Slovakia.
15	Already a third version of the account, that has been suspended two times during the analysis since late July. Openly supports Russian aggresion in Ukraine, including sharing russian narratives about the war. Shares content from Brat za brata movement, hoaxes and conspiracies against immigrants and the west. The author has repeatedly reposted content originally posted on the banned accounts, and has a watermark of the previous account. He has also shared a video about "censhorship" and promotes his back-up account.
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18	An account, which shares conspiracy theories about the New World Order, Covid-19 and vaccines, and also connects deaths of celebrities to their vaccination status. The account shares videos from InfoVojna and other accounts mentioned in this list. Also shares pro-russian content, for example videos from the "Peace marches".
19	An account, which spreads pro-russian naratives and directly shares speeches and interviews with Vladimir Putin. Besides that it also shares anti-establishment and anti-weste posts, including posts supposed to erode the trust in institutions. Concentrates on sharing and spreading anti-ukrainian propaganda, describing the country as fascist, President Zelenskyy as a narc, sharing narratives about biological labs in Ukraine and similar.
20	This account uses a question "The truth or a hoax?" in its every post. By this, it does not provide statements, but despite that shares predominantly anti-ukrainian and pro-russian content, conspiracies about Covid-19, and other anti-establishment narratives and videos. Also other conspiracies were detected, such as claiming that Earth is not a globe, the existence of Chemtrails, or the benefits of Ivermectin.
21	An account, which is more personal, but also shares significant ammount of conspiracies, such as the New World Order, world genocide, but also many pro-russian narratives, speeches of Vladimir Putin or other Russian officials, hoaxes and conspiracies about Ukraine and the war. Shares very few domestic politics videos.
22	It might be clear from the name of the account (ludommier - "peace to the people"), that the main narrative of the account supports the Russian view on the war in Ukraine and the claim, that supporting Ukraine leads to further unnecessary warfare and peace should be achieved by stopping the support of Ukraine from Slovakia. The account bery often uses hashtags, suchs as "glory to Russia" "Ukraine fascists" and similar. Shares Russian and anti-Ukrainian propaganda. Promotes communist symbols, which might be considered illegal. Spreads hoaxes about Ukrainian regime, such as "children and human trafficking". The account has been working with anti-immigration narratives and conspiracies in the last weeks as well.
23	A channel, which promotes solely the videos of Peter Stanek. Stanek has been known to spread doubts about the climate change, and other conspiracies about New World Order. He has also continuosly been spreading fake news and disinformation about the war in Ukraine and pro-russian narratives. He has also spread conspiracies and disinformation about health issues, such as cancer treatment.
24	An account, which has been spreading pro-russian propaganda, conspiracies about the war in Ukraine, narratives and articles from "Zem a vek" journal, repeatedly accused of spreading disinformation and hoaxes. In addition to that, anit-western propaganda is prevalent, including sharing articles from sources such as RIA Novosti.

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16	https://www.tiktok.com/@ondrej.to.staci	**Account has been suspended/deleted**	
17	https://www.tiktok.com/@ondro.mlynarcik	**Account established as a replacement for suspended/deleted account**	
18	https://www.tiktok.com/@true.k.u.k		
19	https://www.tiktok.com/@worldlive8		
20	https://www.tiktok.com/@gc_media_2		
21	https://www.tiktok.com/@vevanikaveronika		
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25	**lukchyornyj**	Lukáš Chyornyj
26	**totes...company**	Dussan Hess
27	**jaroslavjeronymo**	JaroslavJeronymo
28	**imrichkraj**	Imrich Krajňák
29	**tomekei**	Tomáš Tomekei Kurta
30	**matovicov.cirkus**	Matovičov cirkus
31	**rovnovaha**	Rovnováha nová generácia
32	**mareksoun6**	marek šoun
33	**politika_na_slovensku**	Politika na Slovensku
34	**nemam_nervy**	nemam_nervy
35	**martinpoprac**	martinpoprac
36	**exotickyduch82**	exotickyduch
37	**exotickyduch2017**	exotickyduch

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25	200	2610	49,000	SK🇸🇦🇹🇷🇹🇷 SK🇹🇷RURSB
26	151	345	4,105	follow me 🇸🇦
27	4186	2475	12,700	No bio yet.
28	929	5166	138,200	No bio yet.
29	1069	5487	147,100	Neskúsiš, nevieš..
30	26	2482	41,100	Politika posledného 3,5 roka na Slovensku
31	1605	944	5,014	No bio yet.
32	3177	6492	165,300	No bio yet.
33	5	19300	241,900	No bio yet. obchod.infovojna.bz/obchod
34	10	95600	1,700,000	SKSLOVAKIASK 🏡♂Dubnica nad Váhom🏡♂ 🌍🌍🌍 Ig: i_mucka
35	631	1358	14,700	MENO A DATUM NARODENIA,URČUJU BYTNOST,TOTOZNOST OSOBY A ZMYSEL JEJ ŽIVOTA🇹🇷
36	15	398	7,193	No bio yet.
37	179	161	2,773	No bio yet.

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25	An account, which is tackling predominantly domestic politics, especially supporting and sharing pro-russian actors. In addition to that it shares videos from "Peace marches" supporting pro-russian narratives, or other posts promoting Russian world view. Connects some Slovak politicians with warmongering.
26	A smaller, personal account, which reshares the interviews and videos with Štefan Harabin, known element of conspiracy sharing. Misuses the migration problem to spread fear, reshares videos of Marián Kotleba, who has been convicted of hate speech, and also videos from already suspended accounts, such as ondrej.to.staci.
27	The account spreads conspiracies such as questioning the authenticity of Moon landing, hidden elites in control of the World, but predominantly focuses on spreading Russian propaganda, narratives, and even directly uses materials from Russian media, webpages, or other sources. Spreads conspiracies and hoaxes about Ukraine, and also posts videos doubting Covid-19 vaccines, including connecting the vaccines with deaths.
28	This account has been spreading anti-ukrainian videos, and shares other actors, who spread anti-ukrainian conspiracies. Reshares speeches and interviews with Putin, Lukashenko, and the person in charge of the account often interacts in the comment section, where they follow up on the narratives, often sharing even more conspiracies and similar problematic content.
29	An account which not only shares conspiracies and political videos, but also humour, which is often political and subconciously delivers a message. The author often attacks pro-ukrainian actors, shares conspiracies about enslavement of world population, genocide, anti-west narratives, and speeches and interviews of pro-russian polticians, including in Slovakia.
30	This account is focused on Slovak poltics. Most of the videos try to discredit representatives of previous government, which would not be a problem per se, but often works with conspiration narratives, such as invasion of immigrants, or tries to discredit instititions. Most of its videos have already been marked with the information banner about upcoming elections.
31	This account built its audience by tackling economic and social problems, such as rising inflation, high costs of living, and so on. However, in the rather big number of posts of this account, problematic content can be observed, such as anti-ukrainian conspiracies and hoaxes, anti-west narratives without any proof or other pro-russian content.
32	This account is highly political. Marek Šoun was a candidate for 2020 elections, however, unsuccesful. He is closely aligned with Smer-SSD political party, although not running in 2023 elections. Besides promoting this specific political party, which is not problematic, he shares content which is either directly anti-west and pro-russian, often operating with conspiracies, narratives unsupported by evidence. In the past, the author organised a "raid against doctors" during Covid-19 pandemic and claimed that at in Ukraine, US soldiers fought disguised as the Russian army.
33	Another account focusing on Slovak domestic politics. Reshared videos with Danny Kollár, and often acuses ideological opponents with unsupported claims and operates with fear of migrants. However, despite most of the content being aggresive, it most probably complies with the Community standards
34	A personal account, which is rather influential with its range and number of likes. In some of the posts, it tackles Slovak politics, often in a misleading way. Featured videos promoting anti-Ukrainian narratives. However, most of the content is not problematic.
35	This account is owned by a person, who records himself commenting various developments in goepolitics, economics and inflation, but also many other topics. The person behind spreads substantial ammount of disinformation, including conspiracies about deep state, hoaxes about Ukraine and its regime, such as child trafficking, acuses west of hybird warfare against the Slavs by e.g. manipulating the weather, and promoting similar content, such as questioning the climate change or conspiracies about aggrestive nature of NATO.
36	The account "exotickyduch82" has been suspended for breaching Community standards, however, another account has been established in the beginning of September and has already posted tens of videos. Anti-LGBTI hate speech can be found on the platform. The account shares political actors, often with pro-Russian, anit-West and anti-EU narratives, and it shares videos from other conspiracy channels, such as videos of Danny Kollár. Shared also fake content with anti-Ukrainian sentiment, especially trying to acuse the country of widespread fascism.
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29	https://www.tiktok.com/@tomekei		
30	https://www.tiktok.com/@matovicov.cirkus		
31	https://www.tiktok.com/@rovnovaha		
32	https://www.tiktok.com/@mareksoun6		
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40	**mcduck1987**	McDuck87
41	**jopkooo**	jopko
42	**dezolator222**	dezolátor
43	**ereportofficial**	ereportofficial
44	**igiotzeleny4**	Igiot Zeleny
45	**cat.wo.man3**	Cat.wo.man3
46	**petrinka1710**	За Россию и за Донбасс
47	**slovensky_spravodajca**	Slovenský spravodajca
48	**gusty856**	DR. Cvak
49	**politikainak**	POLITIKA INAK
50	**svkruskonavzdy**	RU Prezident putin fan RU
51	**sovietskaarmada**	Lukaš_horvath
52	**denisavojtkova117**	Dena
53	**denisa.vojtkova**	Dena
54	**maxmanmapping**	SlavicMapping31

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38	329	791	6,430	No bio yet.
39	80	861	19,000	No bio yet.
40	95	3777	39,700	No bio yet.
41	1591	381	5,868	Brat za brata CZSKRU IG: jopko_z
42	226	537	19,900	No bio yet.
43	34	468	3,663	Oficiálny profil mediálneho portálu https://ereport.sk
44	1615	1320	9,441	No bio yet.
45	464	615	7,501	Nikto nie je viac nenávidený ako ten, čo hovorí pravdu
46	2033	1347	17,900	За Россию! Брат за брата SKR
47	5	2295	32,200	No bio yet.
48	1975	1237	9,232	Liečim psychiatrických pacientov od ranného detstva...
49	0	2106	28,200	Stránka nie je súčasťou ,žiadnej politickej kampane. s
50	2537	1734	4,373	No bio yet.
51	44	1509	22,000	USA nie je priateľ ale nepriateľ
52	1546	1503	8,420	No bio yet.
53	1712	2410	22,800	No bio yet.
54	1102	1161	1,949	SKRURS - pan-slavist - future politician - слава России! 20.6.2023

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38	This account spreads mostly pro-russian, anti-Ukrainian and anti-west narratives and propaganda. Reshared content from Ľuboš Blaha, exotickyduch82 (an account which has been banned), Brat za Brata, Štefan Harabin, and so on. Spreads hoaxes about Ukraine (for example that it poisoned the whole Europe with its grain).
39	This account spreads pro-Russian narratives, and supports pro-Russian political parties in Slovakia. In addition, it reshares KulturBlog, conspiracies about the West and USA.
40	An account which has focused on domestic politics, although with some rather private content. Has questioned Covid-19 measures, conspired about the death of General Lučanský in the past, and shared some pro-Russian content. In the last period, it has concentrated on content concerning elections.
41	One of the discovered accounts that promotes Brat za brata organisation. A smaller personal account, however, with videos that reached tens of thousands of views. Supports pro-Russian narratives, reinforces positive image of Vladimir Putin.
42	An account which has repeatedly shared anti-Ukrainian content, defends Brat za brata organisation, and derogated Covid-19 measures.
43	This account promotes ereport.sk page, which has been included in the list of conspiracy media (kosnpiratori.sk). Has spread fear and conspiracies about the migrant situation, and the TikTok account of ereport focuses mostly on domestic politics, sharing mostly pro-Russian parties in Slovakia and interviews with their representatives.
44	This account has been spreading conspiracies and hoaxes concering Ukraine, including poisoned grain, anti-EU and anti-west narratives, pro-Russian content, describing Russia as a saviour against "degenerate west". Supports the narative of genocide in Donbass againsr Russian minority. Labelled NATO as "fascist".
45	An acconut which shares anti-ukrainian content, including narratives about Ukrainian "fascism", spreads distrust in media, hoaxes, such as biolabs in Ukraine, and pro-Russian, anti-west content.
46	Another account promoting Brat za brata organisation. Has shared its problems with Community Guidelines, which may lead to suspension of the account. The accounts has been spreading anti-Ukrainian content, hoaxes and conspiracies, openy supports pro-Russian naratives. In addition, the account has shared some articles from known conspiracy media, such as Zem a vek.
47	This account has been questioning Covid-19 measures, conspired about the reasons for the pandemics (that it was planned), spreads distrust against the vaccines, including connecting vaccination with death of celebrities. Besides that, shares anti-west, anti-Ukrainian content.
48	This account has repeatedly shared pro-Russian narratives, anti-Ukrainian propaganda, conspiracies, hoaxes, and is active in comment section, where the author often continues in hate speech. The account has shared its problems with Community Guidelines, and some of its content was already banned.
49	An account which is focused on Slovak internal politics. Besides Slovak political content, it spreads pro-Russian narratives, anti-Ukrainian content, and tries to undermine support for Ukraine.
50	An account directly supporting Slovak-Russian brotherhood, sharing speeches of Vladimir Putin, other pieces of Russian state propaganda, conspiracies, hoaxes, and other problematic content.
51	This account is built of anti-west, anti-USA and strongly pro-Russian narratives. Erodes trust in institutions, openly supports Russian regime, some of the content has been already banned for hate speech or other reasons. Shares conspiracies about Slovak political actors and supports Communist party of Slovakia.
52	Openly supports and reshares content of Brat za brata organisation, pro-Putin and pro-Russian narratives, conspiracies about chemtrails, anti-USA narratives and conspiracies, hoaxes and fake news about Ukraine, and the person behind has already several times shared that some of its content has been banned, suspended, and one of the accounts (denisavojtkova117) has been suspended as a whole.
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54	This account operates with mapping and cultural videos, but openly supports not only Russian invasion of Ukraine, but also illegal annexations of eastern Ukrainian territories and spreads anti-west sentiment.

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43	https://www.tiktok.com/@ereportofficial		
44	https://www.tiktok.com/@igiotzeleny4		
45	https://www.tiktok.com/@cat.wo.man3		
46	https://www.tiktok.com/@petrinka1710		
47	https://www.tiktok.com/@slovensky_spravodajca		
48	https://www.tiktok.com/@gusty856		
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56	**vladokocian**	Vlado Kocian
57	**alexander_riabov**	Alexander Riabov
58	**narodny_tiktok**	narodny_tiktok
59	**republika_fanpage**	VOLÍME REPUBLIKU!!!
60	**smer_ssd_republika_**	SMER+REPUBLIKA
61	**petrnachtmann0**	Petr Nachtmann
62	**koniechry**	Koniec hry SK
63	**odkaz.sk**	Slovenská Politika
64	"@www.bratzabrata.sk	BRAT za BRATA
65	**kucherova1993**	Dominika

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55	2	203	1,869	Oficiálny telgramový kanál https://t.me/dannykollar
56	458	1237	15,900	Slzy ti prinesú súcit, pot ti prinesie výsledky!
57	45	1234	10,500	Som športovec, vyštudovaný právnik a ekonóm a celý život presvedčený ľavičiar.
58	80	862	19,100	No bio yet.
59	125	304	1,444	vždy slobodná a hrdá. POSTAVÍME SLOVENSKO OPÄŤ NA NOHY!! REPUBLIKAs
60	22	3036	33,300	No bio yet.
61	86	653	51,300	LIVE
62	92	248	6,124	23 rokov zdravotník
63	12	7808	97,600	Spoľahlivý sprievodca v džungli informácií Slovensko | Politika SLEDOVAŤ
64	323	2896	64,300	www.bratzabrata.sk
65	519	9494	141,900	Slavic girl RUS

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55	An account with a reach of 10000+ for almost every video, but inactive since 2022. During its activity, it was spreading and sharing videos of Danny Kollár, and even election manipulation.
56	This account spreads examples of hate speech, conspiracies, hoaxes about vaccination. Reshared even a fake obituary about a candidate for 2023 elections. Shares also other conspiracies, such as flat earth. Spreads anti-Ukrainian narratives, conspiracies about Slovak polticians, or the west (USA).
57	A rather influential account spreading anti-Ukrainian conspiracies, such as labelling Ukraine as a terrorist state. Shares anti-West and anti-USA narratives and conspiracies, talks about a coup d etat of NATO in Slovakia.
58	This account promotes especially the agenda of a political party "Republika". It shares information from known disinformation media, such as Infovojna, Kulturblog. The account has been inactive since august 2022, however, its videos were still being recommended on For You Page a year later.
59	A fanpage of a political party "Republika". Hate speech against roma minority could be found.
60	A page which supports political parties "Smer-SSD" and "Republika". The account has shared that several videos have already been reported and banned. It shares pro-Russian content and conspiracies about the EU.
61	This account spreads conspiracies and narratives from disinformation media, such as Zem a Vek or AC24.cz. Examples of hate against LGBTQI+ community can be traced.
62	The account spreads pro-Russian narratives, anti-Ukrainian conspiracies (claiming that Volodymyr Zelensky is a "fascist"), conspiracies about USA and "intentional Islamisation of Europe"
63	This account focuses predominantly on Slovak politics. It mostly reshares politicians from "Smer" and "Republika" political parties, who are often recorded spreading pro-Russian and anti-West narratives, often with conspiracies. Most of the content, however, probably complies with the Community guidelines.
64	This account directly promotes Brat za Brata organisation, which supports the Russian regime, pro-Russian propaganda, anti-west and anti-Ukrainian conspiracies.
65	An account which has shared pro-Russian narratives, as might be expected from the description in BIO. Glorifies Russian army, supports pro-Putin policies. Promotes Russian narratives concerning war in Ukraine by promoting "Slavic unity".

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1	**TOP 5 problematic accounts**	
2	**Name of the account**	**Link to the account**
3	**openworldfoundation**	https://www.tiktok.com/@openworldfoundation
4	**tinamartina316g**	https://www.tiktok.com/@tinamartina316g
5	**verteneverte1**	https://www.tiktok.com/@verteneverte1
6	**politika_na_slovensku**	https://www.tiktok.com/@politika_na_slovensku
7	**mareksoun6**	https://www.tiktok.com/@mareksoun6

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2	**Number of followers**	**Number of likes**
3	9235	206,700
4	4978	122,000
5	2087	27,300
6	19500	250,400
7	7684	219,300

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2	**Description of the account**
3	The account, set up in 2021/2022, features a young woman who makes roughly 3-minute videos on geopolitical issues, promotes pro-Rus
4	This account has been spreading conspiracy theories about vaccines and COVID-19 pandemics. It claims vaccination is harmful, and that it
5	An account that shares hoaxes, pro-Russian narratives, conspiracies. However, it does not directly adopt narratives from Russia, but rathe
6	This is an account that has a link directly in the BIO to the Infovojna portal store. The portal is known for spreading of hoaxes, disinformati
7	This is a profile of activist Marek Šoun (45 years old), who organized a "hunt for doctors" during Covid. He shares substantial ammount of

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2	**Were previous versions of the account detected?**
3	NO
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5	YES, suspended
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1	**Examples of problematic content/posts**		
2	**Name of the account**	**Link to the account**	**Title of the post**
3	**tinamartina316g**	https://www.tiktok.com/@tinamartina316g	Banderites fled to Canada after the war, now they are controlling Ukraine
4	**ondro.mlynarcik**	https://www.tiktok.com/@ondro.mlynarcik	Soon at a new account: Ondrej Mlynarčík
5	**zuzanazuzanov**	https://www.tiktok.com/@zuzanazuzanov	N/A
6	**true.k.u.k**	https://www.tiktok.com/@true.k.u.k	No title.
7	**ludommier**	https://www.tiktok.com/@ludommier	Kyiv regime conducts children trafficking
8	**cat.wo.man3**	https://www.tiktok.com/@cat.wo.man3	Biolabs in Ukraine were destroyed in the beginning of the Special military operation
9	**vladokocian**	https://www.tiktok.com/@vladokocian	Šimečka and the whole PS (Progressive Slovakia) claimed that their candidate is okay after the 4th vaccination

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2	**Link to the post**
3	https://www.tiktok.com/@tinamartina316g/video/7262805344349457697
4	https://www.tiktok.com/@ondro.mlynarcik/video/7276044627491261729
5	N/A
6	https://www.tiktok.com/@true.k.u.k/video/7237087269474028827
7	https://www.tiktok.com/@ludommier/video/7262981762639318305
8	https://www.tiktok.com/@cat.wo.man3/video/7266858882201390369
9	https://www.tiktok.com/@vladokocian/video/7278260867907570976

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2	**Desription of the post and problematic content**	**Date of posting**
3	This post, which reaches the 10 minutes limit on videos, is problematic in several aspects. It is a repost from an already suspended account tinamartina316.g, which is visible due to the watermark of the previous, banned account. Furthermore, it also contains a watermark from other problematic account, openworldfoundation. The video is spreading conspiracies about Ukraine and narratives about Banderites being in charge of ruling in Ukraine. In addition, the video features Danny Kollár, known conspirator with 3 arrest warrants to his name.	8/2/2023
4	This is most likely a repost from already suspended account. That alone is problematic, but besides that, the author shares the problems with TikTok and the fact, that he might lose access to the account or get suspended. In reaction to that, he invites viewers to his new account where he promises to post even more of the content which was banned by TikTok for breaking Community Guidelines	9/7/2023
5	This account has shared substantial ammounts of problematic content, which led to previous version of accounts being suspended. However, in many videos, the author claims that "if this account (Žužu3) gets blocked, we will meet at Žužu4,5,6...). For the users, in case this account gets suspended or blocked, it is relatively easy to find a new version of the account.	
6	Example of a post, which links vaccination to deaths of celebrities. It does not directly claim that vaccination caused death, however, it posts pictures of dead celebrities, then shows the word "vaccinated", combined with display of official government campaign to increase vaccination rates.	5/25/2023
7	In this posts, without any evidence, the author claims that there is a human trafficking business booming in Ukraine, especially concerning children, which is backed up and supported by the Ukrainian government. It claims that this is an intended genocide conducted by the Ukrainian regime.	8/3/2023
8	This post is problematic in several aspects. It reshares content from the already suspended account tinamarrtina316.g, and spreads through the speech of Spňa Peková, who has been accused of spreading several disinformation narratives, a story about existence of Biolabs in Ukraine. This narrative was supported by Russian propaganda, as it served as one of the excuses for the invasion of Ukraine.	8/13/2023
9	The content of the video is a made up obituary of Tomáš Hellebrandt, one of the candidates for Progressive Slovakia party in 2023 elections. Pieces of disinformation about his death appeared on many social media accounts, with TikTok not being the exception.	9/13/2023

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2	**Comments**
3	This post is an example of problematic content in several ways: a) resharing content from previously suspended accounts b) collaboration with and resharing of other known problematic accounts spreading disinformation c) spreading conspiracies about Ukraine
4	This type of posts are problematic in a way that they offer viewers directions to the new account even in case the original account is suspended. For the author, it is relatively easy to create a backup account and redirect the viewers there, before the account gets suspended. This creates a loop of new accounts being created all the time, resharing content from previously banned accounts.
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6	Despite not directly stating that vaccination causes death, this narrative makes it clear that the autor intends to spread the message of vaccination leading to premature deaths.
7	Example of harmful disinformation/hoax, which creates anti-Ukrainian narratives, trying to erode the support for Ukraine in its war against Russia and therefore promoting the Russian view of the conflict.
8	The post spreads disinformation, pro-russian propaganda narratvies, connects with other disinformation spreading accounts, and reshares content of already banned accounts.
9	This type of content directly violates community guidelines, which claim that speculations about the health of a candidate should not be promoted, and despite that the video had more than 5000 views, while the account has only around 1300 followers. Furthermore, this is a clear example of a hoax concerning election campaign.

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10	This video is a clear example of creating a fake narrative by using graphic content. The Prime Minister of Germany is depicted in the photo in a position, which makes him look as if he was performing a Nazi salute. The photo is either fake, and if not, it is completely taken out of context. Similar type of posts aims to spread anti-West narratives, tries to support the claim of Russian propaganda, that fascism is on the rise in western Europe, and aims to discredit trust in allies.	9/2/2023

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10	Content spreading hoaxes and fake narratives, accuising a politican of promoting hate spreading ideology.

Exhibit 199

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

8 March

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**
2. **Sharing of new developments and actions taken related to fighting disinformation**
    a. *War in Ukraine*
    b. *Public Health and Pandemic*
3. **Subgroup comments and deliberation on the discussion paper for a Crisis Risk Assessment Methodology & Rapid Response System**
4. **Discussion on kick-off of election working group: Leads, deliverables and timeline**
5. **Any other business**

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Exhibit 200

Reporting on the service's response during the of the [COVID/UKRAINE] crisis			
Overview of the main threats observed, such as crisis related disinformation campaigns, spread of misinformation, coordinated manipulative behaviours, malicious use of advertising products, involvement of foreign state actors, etc. (max 500 words)			
Executive summary of the company's main strategies and actions taken to mitigate the identified threats and react to the crisis (max 500 words)			
Best practices identified for future crisis situations (max 500 words)			
Future plans for the next six months (max 500 words)			
[Note: Signatories are requested to provide information relevant to their particular response to the threats and challenges they observed on their service(s). They ensure that the information below provides an accurate and complete report of their relevant actions. As operational responses to crisis situations can vary from service to service, an absence of information should not be considered a priori a shortfall in the way a particular service has responded.]			
Changes in Policy Framework			
	Bullet list of Policies	**Rationale**	
Policies newly introduced for addressing the crisis			
Policies adapted for addressing the crisis			
Actions to mitigate the crisis impact on the service			
Type of mitigation	**Policies, Products and Initiatives**	**Implementation measures**	**Impact metrics**

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Actions taken against dis- and misinformation content (for example deamplification, labelling, removal etc.)	*Policy applied*	*Implementation and enforcement action(s) corresponding to Policy*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 18.1.1. or 18.1.2. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
	Policy applied	*Implementation and enforcement action(s) corresponding to Policy*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 18.1.1. or 18.2.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
Promotion of authoritative information, including via recommender systems and products and features such as banners and panels	*Source promoted, Product deployed or Initiatives taken*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 18.2.1. or 22.7.1. for the crisis context, or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
	Source promoted, Product deployed or Initiatives taken	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 18.2.1. or 22.7.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*

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Cooperation with independent fact-checkers in the crisis context, including coverage in the EU	*Approach of cooperation with Fact-checkers in specific country*	*Implementation measure (Agreement with fact-checker in Member state)*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 21.1.1., 21.1.2., 30.1.1., 31.1.1., 31.1.2., or 32.1.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
Measures taken to demonetise disinformation related to the crisis	*Policy applied*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 1.1.1., 1.2.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
Measures taken to prevent malicious advertising	*Policy applied*	*Implementation measure*	*Performance metrics (either as a subset of SLI 2.1.1., 2.3.1., 2.4.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
Measures taken in the context of the crisis to reduce manipulative behaviours/TTCs	*Policy applied*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance metrics (either as a subset of SLI 14.1.1., 14.2.1., 14.2.2., 14.2.3., 14.2.4. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
Measures taken to support research into crisis related misinformation and disinformation	*Program supported*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 26.1.1., 26.2.1. or 27.3.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
Additional human resources procured for the mitigation of the crisis	*Information related to the strengthening of content moderation teams (per MS and language)*	*Actions carried out by the additional resources*	*Number of additional content moderation actions*

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andrelevant changes to working practices to respond to the demands of the crisis situation			

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Overview of the main threats observed, such as crisis related disinformation campaigns, spread of ~~policy violative~~ misinformation, coordinated manipulative behaviours, malicious use of advertising products, involvement of foreign state actors, etc. (max 500 words)
Executive summary of the company's main strategies and actions taken to mitigate the identified threats and react to the crisis (max 500 words)
~~Learnings and b~~Best practices identified for future crisis situations (max 500 words)
Future plans for the next six months (max 500 words)
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~~Actions to mitigate the crisis impact on the service~~Changes in Policy Framework

	Bullet list of Policies	Rationale
Policies newly introduced for addressing the crisis		
Policies adapted for addressing the crisis		

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Actions to mitigate the crisis impact on the service			
Type of ~~crisis~~ mitigation	**Policies, Products and Initiatives~~deployed and/or adapted~~**	**~~Actions /~~ Implementation measures**	**Impact m~~M~~etrics**
~~Application or adaptation of Terms and Conditions (in particular to remove disinformation related to the crisis)~~	~~*Rationale used during review of terms and conditions*~~	~~*Description of adaptations (if any)*~~	~~*N/A*~~
~~Specific policies applied in the context of the crisis to limit the spread of harmful false or misleading information (where relevant iincluding any new policies applied, actions taken to remove policy violative content, downranking, de-amplifying ordisinformation, labelling of accounts etc.)~~ Actions taken against dis- and misinformation content (for example deamplification, labelling, removal etc.)	*Policyies applied ~~(and the rationale for any new policy applications)~~*	*Implementation and eEnforcement action(s) corresponding to Policy ~~1~~*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI ~~X.X.X~~18.1.1. or 18.1.2. for the crisis context or ~~, where unfeasible,~~ other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
	Policy applied	*Implementation and enforcement action(s) corresponding to Policy*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 18.1.1. or 18.2.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
~~Products and features designed to lead users to~~ Promotion of authoritative information, including ~~The~~	~~*Policies*~~*Sources promoted, Products deployed or ~~applied~~Initiatives taken*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI ~~X.X.X~~18.2.1. or 22.7.1.~~18.1.1.~~ for the crisis context, or ~~, where unfeasible,~~ other meaningful performance metrics*

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~~prominence of authoritative information for example~~ via recommender systems, and products and features such as banners and panels~~and cooperation with fact-checkers~~			*for the referenced policy)*
	Sources promoted, Products deployed or Initiatives taken	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 18.2.1. or 22.7.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
~~Products and features that lead users to authoritative sources on crisis related topics~~	~~*Policies applied*~~	~~*Implementation measures*~~	~~*Performance Metrics (subset of SLI 22.7.1. for the crisis context or, where unfeasible, other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*~~
Cooperation with independent fact-checkers in the crisis context, including coverage in the EU	~~*Policies applied*~~	*Implementation measures (Agreement with fact-checker in Member state)* ~~*Implementation measures*~~	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 21.1.1., 21.1.2., 30.1.1., 31.1.1., 31.1.2., or 32.1.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*~~*Performance Metrics (subset of SLI 21.1.1.& 21.1.2. for the crisis context or, where unfeasible, other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*~~
	Approach of cooperation with Fact-checkers in specific coun		
Measures taken to demonetise disinformation related to the crisis	*Policy~~ies~~ applied*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 1.1.1., 1.2.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*~~*Performance metrics*~~
Measures taken to prevent	*Policy applied*	*Implementation measure*	*Performance metrics (either as a subset of SLI 2.1.1., 2.3.1., 2.4.1. for the crisis*

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malicious advertising			*context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
~~Specific measures~~Measures taken in the context of the crisis to reduce manipulative behaviours/TTCs	*Policy~~ies~~ applied*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance metrics (either as a subset of SLI 14.1.1., 14.2.1., 14.2.2., 14.2.3., 14.2.4. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
Measures taken to support research into crisis related misinformation and disinformation	*Program supported*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI 26.1.1., 26.2.1. or 27.3.1. for the crisis context or other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*
~~Additional human~~Additional human resources procured for the mitigation of the crisis and r~~R~~elevant changes to working practices to respond to the demands of the crisis situation ~~resources dedicated to measures related to the crisis~~	*Information related to the strengthening of content moderation teams (per MS and language)*	*Actions carried out by the additional resources*	*Number of additional content moderation actions*

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Former versions:

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Specific policies applied in the context of the crisis to limit the spread of harmful false or misleading information (where relevant iincluding any new policies applied, actions taken to remove policy violative content,	*Policies applied (and the rationale for any new policy applications)*	*Enforcement action(s) corresponding to Policy 1*	*Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI X.X.X~~18.1.1.~~ for the crisis context or ~~, where unfeasible,~~ other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)*

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Products and features designed to lead users to authoritative information ~~The prominence of authoritative information~~ for example via recommender systems, and cooperation with fact checkers	~~Policies applied~~ Relevant product and features	Implementation measures	Performance Metrics (either as a subset of SLI X.X.X~~18.1.1.~~ for the crisis context or~~, where unfeasible,~~ other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)
~~Products and features that lead users to authoritative sources on crisis related topics~~	~~Policies applied~~	~~Implementation measures~~	~~Performance Metrics (subset of SLI 22.7.1. for the crisis context or, where unfeasible, other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced policy)~~
~~Cooperation with independent fact-checkers~~	~~Policies applied~~	~~Implementation measures~~	~~Performance Metrics (subset of SLI 21.1.1.& 21.1.2. for the crisis context or, where unfeasible, other meaningful performance metrics for the referenced~~ Redacted
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disinformation related to the crisis			
Specific measures taken in the context of the crisis to reduce manipulative behaviours/TTCs	~~Policies applied~~Measures taken	*Implementation measures*	*Performance metrics*
~~Additional human~~ Relevant changes to working practices to respond to the demands of the crisis situation ~~resources dedicated to measures related to the crisis~~	*Information related to the strengthening of content moderation teams (per MS and language)*	*Actions carried out by the additional resources*	*Number of additional content moderation actions*

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Commented [LC66]: we will not be in a position to provide this information. crisis response is a very fluid environment. We would be able to provide high level points on how we've ensured resources are available per [redacted] comment.

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Overview of the service's efforts in the framework of the ~~impact of the~~ [COVID/UKRAINE] crisis ~~on the service~~			
Overview ~~Analysis~~ of the main threats observed, such as crisis related disinformation campaigns, spread of misinformation, coordinated manipulative behaviours, malicious use of advertising products, ~~radicalisation of (organised) groups,~~ involvement of foreign state actors, etc. (max 500 words)			
Executive summary of the company's main strategies and actions taken to mitigate the identified threats and react to the crisis (max 500 words)			
Learnings and best practices identified for future crisis situations (max 500 words)			
~~Specific a~~Actions to mitigate the crisis impact on the service			
Type of crisis mitigation	**Policies**	**Actions / Implementation measures**	**Metrics**
Application or adaptation of Terms and Conditions (in particular to remove disinformation related to the crisis)	*Rationale used during review of terms and conditions*	*Description of adaptations (if any)*	*N/A*
Specific policies ~~adopted/~~applied in the context of the crisis to limit the spread of harmful false or misleading information (including actions taken to downrank, de-amplify disinformation, labelling of accounts etc.)	*Policy 1*	*Enforcement action(s) corresponding to Policy 1*	*Performance metrics, such as qQuantitative ~~estimation of the effectiveness of~~ or qualitative assessment of each listed enforcement measure, such as the reduction of the prevalence, views, or impressions of crisis related misinformation*
	Policy 2	*Enforcement action(s) corresponding to Policy 2*	*Quantitative or qualitative assessment ~~estimation of the effectiveness~~ of each listed enforcement measure, such as the reduction of the prevalence, views, or impressions of crisis related misinformation*
	…	*…*	*…*
~~Improving T~~the	*Criteria for choosing authoritative*	*Actions taken to improve prominence of*	*Quantitative ~~estimation~~ or qualitative*

Commented [TS(69]: How does this align to the crisis response under DSA? And how do we define a crisis and when is something no longer a crisis?

Commented [B(70R69]: These are elements to be further discussed when we go to the risk assessment methodology and rapid response system deliverable. Indeed the intention there is to have well defined answers to these questions.

Commented [LL71]: I added a suggestion of a simplified format below which reflects my comments as well

Commented [TS(72R71]: Support for this approach

Commented [LL73]: This seems to refer to terrorism and other dangerous organisations which is a little out of scope of the Code

Commented [LL74]: I think these 3 prompts will overlap with each other and with the table, would suggest we simply ask for one executive summary, of 1,000 words max, which covers main threats observed, main strategies, and key learnings.

Commented [B(75R74]: We're happy to tweak the prompts - suggestions welcome - to avoid overlaps but are not comfortable merging them. In our view these are distin…

Commented [TS(76]: The drafting in some areas predicated on the assumption that net new work / additions…

Commented [JG77]: It would be important to have a quantitative estimation of the total number of content …

Commented [B(78R77]: This type of metric would be the output of a an enforcement action (= providing policy for …

Commented [LL79]: I would suggest fewer categories that are a little bit less specific to what has been done in the pas…

Commented [LL80]: There are no SLIs required under Commitment 42 - I would suggest instead of having a …

Commented [TS(81]: Not every crisis needs T&Cs to be adapted.

Commented [TS(82]: "Quantitative estimation of effectiveness" is not an appropriate description of what the…

Commented [JB83]: I am new to the subject and to the task force – so pls. forgive me if it is misplaced or not …

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prominence of authoritative information via recommender systems	*information to promote*	*authoritative information*	*assessment ~~of the effectiveness~~ of increase in visibility of authoritative information*
Products and features that lead users to authoritative sources on crisis related topics	*Types of actions taken, (e.g. information panels, banners, pop-ups, maps and prompts, trustworthiness indicators), and their availability per Member State/Language*	*Additional information about the implementation of the features, if applicable*	*Quantitative estimation of the effectiveness of the action, e.g. (clicks, click-through rates and shares)*
~~Labelling of content via~~Cooperation with independent fact-checkers ~~on the service~~	*Information regarding ~~increased~~ cooperation with fact-checkers (by ~~per~~ MSs or~~and~~ language)* *Outline of fact-checkers' priorities during the crisis with regards to disinformation narratives*	*Type of actions taken, e.g. attachment of labels, informing users that content they interacted with was rated by an independent fact-checker, demotion of fact-checked content etc.*	*Total impressions of fact-checks related to the crisis; ratio of impressions of factchecks to original impressions of the fact-checked content, or other equally pertinent metrics* *Number of articles published by independent fact-checkers related to the crisis, number of labels applied to content* *Estimation of impact of labelling on user interactions with, or user re-shares of, content fact-checked as false or misleading.*
Measures taken to demonetise disinformation related to the crisis	*Policies applied*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance metrics*
Specific measures taken in the context of the crisis to reduce manipulative behaviours/TTCs	*Policies applied*	*Implementation measures*	*Performance metrics*
Additional human	*Information related to the strengthening*	*Actions carried out by the additional*	*Number of additional content*

Commented [S(85]: I do not believe we can provide impression data on fact-checks.

resources dedicated to measures related to the crisis	*of content moderation teams (per MS and language)*	*resources*	*moderation actions*

Analysis of each of the below: - *The main threats observed, such as crisis related disinformation campaigns, spread of misinformation, coordinated manipulative behaviours, malicious use of advertising products, involvement of foreign state actors, etc.* - *The company's main strategies and actions taken to mitigate the identified threats and react to the crisis* - *Learnings and best practices identified for future crisis situations* ***(1000 words)***		
Types of crisis mitigation	**Policies (including any chances to existing Terms and Conditions)** **(including any available quantitative information)**	**Actions** **(including any available quantitative information)**
Integrity (with focus on measures to tackle manipulative behaviours/TTPs)		
User Empowerment (with focus on elevation of/accessibility to authoritative sources and authoritative information)		
Fact-checking, research, and other pertinent partnerships (with focus on campaigns and partnerships to tackle disinformation as it pertains to the crisis)		

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Advertising (with focus on efforts to demonetise disinformation as it pertains the crisis)		

Exhibit 201

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

30 November

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**

2. **Sharing of new developments and actions taken related to fighting disinformation**

    a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives, e.g. about Russian bombing of Ukrainian civilian energy infrastructure, on sanctions in connection with the energy crisis, inflation and food shortages in developing countries.

    b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and new actions taken by signatories to limit such disinformation (including any policy changes)

Wherever possible, ***please share input ahead of the meeting in writing*** *to keep the discussion round efficient and* ***concentrate in the oral interventions on new developments and priority issues, in particular new policy changes and latest developments on trends and narratives****.*

3. **General discussion on the crisis chapter of the monitoring template**

4. **Any other business**

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Exhibit 202

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

19 October

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**

2. **Sharing of new actions taken related to fighting disinformation**

    a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives – in particular about Russian attacks on Ukrainian civilian infrastructure, explosion on the Kerch bridge, etc.

    b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and new actions taken by signatories to limit such disinformation (including any policy changes)

Wherever possible, ***please share input ahead of the meeting in writing*** *to keep the discussion round efficient and* ***concentrate in the oral interventions on new developments and priority issues****.*

3. **Expert Intervention: Clare Wardle, co-founder and leader of First Draft**

4. **Discussion on pre-emptive actions on emergent crises** on the basis of the submitted comments and ideas for contributions

5. **Discussion of repeat offender policies** on the basis of platforms' response to the written question shared ahead of the meeting

6. **Planning the start of the work on subgroup deliverables**

7. **Any other business**

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Exhibit 203

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TASK-FORCE
CRISIS RESPONSE SUBGROUP

05 October

16:30 – 18:00

1. **Opening and Welcoming remarks**

2. **Sharing of new actions taken related to fighting disinformation**

    a. *War in Ukraine:* Disinformation narratives – in particular about Russian mobilisation, referendums to annex Russian occupied territories - and actions taken by signatories to limit disinformation around the war (including any policy changes).

    b. *Public Health and Pandemic:* Disinformation narratives related to COVID-19 and new actions taken by signatories to limit such disinformation (including any policy changes)

Wherever possible, ***please share input ahead of the meeting in writing*** *to keep the discussion round efficient and* ***concentrate in the oral interventions on new developments and priority issues****.*

3. **Presentation by Meta on its recent disruption of two influence operations stemming from China and Russia** followed by **Q&A**

4. **Discussion on pre-emptive actions on emergent crises** on the basis of the proposal submitted by VOST

5. **Discussion of repeat offender policies** on the basis of platforms' response to the written question shared ahead of the meeting

6. **Any other business**

    a. Update on outreach activity to external experts

    b. Chapters on Covid and Ukraine for the Monitoring Templates

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