

ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY INFOSPHERE

ABOUT

Our information space is plagued by deficiencies ranging from the proliferation of hate speech to dissemination of disinformation and harmful information to vulnerable audiences by plethora of domestic as well as foreign actors. These phenomena have detrimental impact on quality of democracies worldwide as they continue to undermine trust in public institutions, contribute to growing polarisation of societies and undermine fundamental values underpinning democratic societies such as equality, rule of law and human rights.

The lack of operational transparency among digital platforms further complicates the situation. Voluntary measures adopted by social media platforms to remove illegal content online, stop exploitation of personal information for malign purposes through targeted advertising of harmful content and disrupt the disinformation ad revenue ecosystems are next to impossible to truly evaluate. While increasing efforts implemented by the digital platforms are valued and recognised, they often focus on the world's largest markets and most widespread languages. In the meantime, millions of users from around the world have substandard user experience with persistent issues such as lack of transparency, insufficient enforcement of community standards, non-existent PoCs and customer service. This unequal treatment continues to disrupt the information space.

Recognising these serious deficiencies, the Alliance for Healthy Infosphere aims to address these issues and contribute to secure and just online space with meaningful checks and balances equally implemented for all.

AIMS

- Contribute to secure and just digital information space for all users.
- Advocate for stronger regulation of digital platforms to protect users from harmful content and secure implementation of the measures in all user markets equally.
- Strengthen the voice of actors from neglected markets with unique languages which suffer from marginalisation and the lack of measures implemented in their countries.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome public institutions, private companies, academic institutions, think tanks, NGOs or civil society actors to join.

Founder: GLOBSEC, Slovakia

Partner: Alliance for Securing Democracy at the German Marshall Fund, Belgium

Members: Association for International Affairs, Czechia | Centre for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria | Digital Infospace Security Initiative, Slovakia | Eastern European Studies Centre, Lithuania | Gerulata Technologies, Slovakia | GlobalFocus Centre, Romania | Kempelen Institute of Intelligent Technologies, Slovakia | Konspiratori.sk, Slovakia | Nelež, Czechia | Political Capital Institute, Hungary | Prague Security Studies Institute, Czechia | Res Publica – Civic Resilience Centre, Lithuania | Semantic Visions, Czechia | UMB Data&Society Lab, Slovakia

ACTIVITIES

- Policy feedback to public consultations on international, national as well as the EU level
- Policy proposals and recommendations
- Closed-door briefings
- Public webinars

OUR TAKE

10 Transatlantic Principles for a Healthy Online Information Space

5 Principles for the EU Digital Services Act as part of **feedback** to the European Commission's public consultation on the Digital Services Act.

Feedback to the UN OHCHR Special Rapporteur on disinformation and human rights.

Feedback to the Facebook Oversight Board on the suspension of Donald Trump's account.

Feedback to the European Commission's public consultation on the Digital Services Act Impact.

Feedback to the European Commission's European Democracy Action Plan.

Feedback to the UNDP and UNESCO's public consultation *Forging a Path to a Better Information Ecosystem - Effective Governance, Media, Internet and Peacebuilding Responses to Disinformation*.

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Who will make rules for internet? ([commentary](#) in Fair Observer)

Help people navigate the infodemic ([commentary](#) in Visegrad Insight)

EU's vision in the era of dataism ([commentary](#) in Euractiv.com)

Creating a Healthier Infosphere in Central Europe and Beyond ([commentary](#) in Transitions Online)

Five Tools We Need to Fight Disinformation ([commentary](#) in Fair Observer)

Infodemic's Disinformation Revenues as Million Dollar Business ([session](#) at GLOBSEC 2020 Digital Stage)

European Democracy Action Plan: Its Goals and Impact in Slovakia and the Czech Republic ([webinar](#) with European Commission's Vice President Věra Jourová in Slovak)

The devastating impact of disinformation on societies has been exposed ([chapter](#) in GLOBSEC Megatrends 2020)

Liberal Europe Podcast about potential regulatory solutions to create more democratic digital space ([Episode 45](#))

Future of Digital Platforms: Improving transparency of political advertising ([webinar](#))

Slovak Parliamentary Election 2020: Liberalism as a Threat, Facebook as a Battlefield ([report](#))