

Regional Online conference
“Spread of disinformation during the pandemic and its impact on the Western Balkans”
8 July 2021
DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday (8 July 2021)	
10:00 – 10:20	<p>Moderator of the Conference: <i>Ms. Petra Balazić</i>, Political Advisor, RCC</p> <p>Welcome and introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amer Kapetanovic, Head of Political Department, RCC • Mr. Andrea Cascone, Adriatic and Western Balkans Director, Directorate General for the European Union, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation • Ms. Chiara Sighele, Director of the Center for International Cooperation (CCI)
10:20 – 11:20	<p>Panel 1: How do the governments from the WB economies address challenges of disinformation during the pandemic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moderator: <i>Ms. Amela Odošić</i>, Director of Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency (RAK), Bosnia and Herzegovina ➤ Mr. Gledis Gjipali, Member of Albanian Media Authority, Albania ➤ Mr. Ranko Vujovic, Executive Secretary, Media Self-Regulation Council of Montenegro ➤ Mr. Niman Racaj – Director of Legal Department, Independent Media Commission-IMC, Kosovo*¹ ➤ Mr. Marjan Zabrcanec, National Coordinator for Strategic Communications at Government of the Republic of North Macedonia
11:20 - 11:35	Q & A / Discussion
11:35 - 12:00	Break
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Panel 2: How do the media and civic actors from the WB economies address challenges of disinformation during the pandemic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moderator: <i>Mr. Federico Giulio Sicurella</i>, Researcher, lecturer and consultant ➤ Mr. Simon Van Woerden, Technical Officer Risk Communication and Community Engagement, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe ➤ Mr. Lutfi Dervishi, Media expert, Lecturer at the University of Tirana ➤ Ms. Alexia Kalaitzi, Reporter, Multimedia Journalist , DW, Greece ➤ Mr. Predrag Mijatović, SEECheck representative ➤ Mr. Darwin Muric, Editor in Chief at Raskrinkavanje.me ➤ Ms. Aleksandra Srečković, Digital media analyst at CRTA - Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability ➤ Ms. Anida Sokol, Researcher and project coordinator at Mediacentar Sarajevo
13:00 - 13:15	Q & A / Discussion
13:15 - 13:30	Break

¹ * This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

13:30-14:30	<p>Panel 3: The impact of disinformation on democratic processes and building societal resilience against the threat of disinformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moderator: Ms. Sheelagh Brady, Independent Analyst, Phd student at the University of Dublin ➤ Ms. Carme Colomina, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium ➤ Mr. Guy Berger, Director of Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development UNESCO ➤ Prof. dr. Marko Milosavljević, Faculty of Social Sciences - University of Ljubljana ➤ Ms. Rebecca Dearden, Strat Com Advisor, NATO HQ ➤ Ms. Miruna Troncota, Director of Center for European Studies, Department of International Relations and European Integration
14:30-14:45	Q & A / Discussion
14:45-15:00	Closing remarks by Dr Mary Drosopoulos , Founder & President: Eurobalkan Youth Forum, Research assistant, University of Leeds