

**Online Webinar**

„Addressing the challenges posed by disinformation in the Western Balkans “

11-12 November 2020**DRAFT AGENDA**

DAY 1 Wednesday (11 November 2020)	
14:00 – 14:20	<p><i>Moderator of the Conference: Hana Sokolovic, TV Host, Journalist</i></p> <p>Welcome and introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majlinda Bregu, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) • Andrea Cascone, Adriatic and Balkans Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy • Luisa Chiodi, Head of Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa (OBCT) • Lutz GÜLLNER, Head of Division for Strategic Communications and Information Analysis, European External Action Service (EEAS) • Guy Berger, Director of Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development UNESCO
14:20 – 15:45	<p style="background-color: #D9E1F2;">Panel 1: Disinformation operation as a part of hybrid threats: What do we need to know and why?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Giorgio Comai, Researcher and Data Analyst, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa (OBCT)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jussi Toivanen, Finnish Prime Minister's Office ➤ Hanna Smith, Director of Strategic Planning and Response at the Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats ➤ Alicia Wanless, Director of the Partnership for Countering Influence Operations, Washington DC ➤ Jovana Marović, Director of the Politikon Network, a think tank based in Podgorica ➤ Agron Sojati, Head of the IISG Secretariat (Integrative Internal Security Governance of the WB)
15:45 - 16:00	Q & A / Discussion
16:00 - 16:30	Break
16:30 - 18:00	<p style="background-color: #D9E1F2;">Panel 2: Disinformation in the Western Balkans and how to address it – Civil society perspective</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jasna Jelisic, Head of Western Balkans Task Force, Strategic Communications and Information Analysis, EEAS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aleksandar Miladinović, reporter, BBC (Serbia); ➤ Ilva Tare, News Director, Euro News (Albania);



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Milica Kovacevic, Raskrinkavanje; Center for democratic transition; (Montenegro); ➤ Ana Brakus, Faktograf.hr (Croatia); ➤ Agron Bajrami, Editor „Koha“ (Kosovo*¹); ➤ Rosana Aleksoska, F2N2.mk – Citizens Association MOST (North Macedonia); ➤ Nermina Kuloglija, Journalist, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network B&H (BIRN Bosnia and Herzegovina)
18:00 - 18:30	Q & A / Discussion and Wrap up of DAY 1
DAY 2	
Thursday (12 November 2020)	
10:00-11:30	<p>Panel 3: Disinformation in the Western Balkans and how to address it - Institutional perspective</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Amela Odošić, Director of Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency (RAK), Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mikael Tofvesson, Head of Counter Information Influence Section, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) ➤ Mirela Kumbaro, Deputy Chair of Media Parliamentary Committee, Albania ➤ Zoran Trajchevski, Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media, North Macedonia ➤ Ranko Vujovic, Agency for Electronic Media of Montenegro ➤ Josip Popovac, Member of the Electronic Media Council - Electronic Media Agency (AEM) Croatia ➤ Luan Latifi, Chief <i>Executive</i> of Independent Media Commission - IMC, Kosovo*
11:30-12:00	Q & A / Discussion / Closing session

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