

IMMUNE 2 INFODEMIC 2

Immunising citizens against dis- and misinformation

FIMI Framework Workshop

When: 31 January 2025

Where: Residence Palace, Wetstraat 155, 1040 Brussels (Schuman)

By invitation only



Background

European citizens are all exposed to an **infodemic** spreading increasingly which can severely impact their democratic participation and engagement. This may include **disinformation, misinformation, fake news, and other types of interference** on different issues related to public life. A pre-emptive approach needs to be taken to decrease the worsening impact, such as using vaccination against the spread of the pandemic.

During IMMUNE 2 INFODEMIC we immunised EU citizens against disinformation and misinformation by empowering and equipping them with several easy-to-use tools. The project consortium co-produced 3 **instruments (vaccines)**: digital literacy, media literacy, and critical thinking; and applied these instruments to 3 selected hot **themes (boosters)**: elections, COVID-19 and migration.

In IMMUNE 2 INFODEMIC 2, we will cover 3 new topics: **AI-enabled disinformation, Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI), and environmental/climate change**. We will immunize citizens against disinformation on these topics and increase general awareness on disinformation during events in Belgium, Finland, Germany and Netherlands, and through our e-learning platform.

Vulnerable citizens/residents having limited/no knowledge about mis/disinformation activities but using social media extensively will be targeted for the injection in different forms of **in-situ** and **online events** with the support of multipliers including **media professionals, social media influencers** and **civil society organisations**.

Aim and Scope

The **FIMI framework workshop** aims to develop guidelines for selecting cases and formulating tools against dis/misinformation in terms of Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference. The workshop will focus on 3 pre-defined subtopics concerning FIMI. Each subtopic will shortly be presented by an expert, after which we will explore these topics more deeply during guided discussions within smaller groups.

The workshop will bring field experts, researchers, practitioners, media and communication experts, decision/policy makers, etc. together.

The participants will learn more about the priorities of the European Union, the project activities and will be able to exchange insights, knowledge, experiences and contribute to our democracy by making a difference via this EU project.

Agenda

Time	
09.00 - 09.30	Registration + coffee
09.30 - 09.40	A short introduction of the project and the structure of the workshop <i>Beyond the Horizon ISSG</i>
09.40 - 09.50	Russian interference in elections Introduction by Dr. Naďa Kovalčíková, Senior Analyst and Project Director, EU Institute for Security Studies
09.50 - 10.15	Discussion in groups <i>What are some of the main dis/misinformation narratives and tactics? Current and future perspectives.</i>
10.15 - 10.25	Information overload Introduction by Brady Hills-Nowacki, Director of Programmes & Senior Analyst, International Republican Institute
10.25 - 10.50	Discussion in groups <i>What are some of the main dis/misinformation narratives and tactics? Current and future perspectives.</i>
10.50 - 11.00	War in Ukraine Introduction by Olena Snigyr, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute
11.00 - 11.25	Discussion in groups <i>What are some of the main dis/misinformation narratives and tactics? Current and future perspectives.</i>
11.25 - 11.50	Presenting the ideas from each topic
11.50- 12.30	Lunch

Participation and Contact

Please confirm your participation to the event by contacting:

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The workshop is taking place within the EU-funded IMMUNE 2 INFODEMIC 2 project (Immunising citizens against dis- and misinformation).

For more information, please visit [the event website](#).

