



About DE-CONSPIRATOR

DE-CONSPIRATOR is a Horizon Europe-funded research project focused on combating Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI). FIMI refers to tactics used by foreign actors to spread false information, create divisions, and erode trust in democratic institutions, all to advance their political or economic agendas at the cost of societal stability.

The project investigates how foreign actors, in particular Russia and China, manipulate, weaponise, and suppress information. By analysing their tactics and understanding what makes these campaigns effective through a transnational perspective, DE-CONSPIRATOR aims to build stronger defences against FIMI.

To achieve this, DE-CONSPIRATOR brings together a multidisciplinary team of top experts from thirteen organisations across Europe to decode FIMI. Together, they are developing innovative frameworks to safeguard information integrity and protect Europe's democratic values.

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DE-CONSPIRATOR Approach

TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS, DE-CONSPIRATOR USES A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH BY:



Investigating FIMI Tactics

Analysing how foreign actors, in particular Russia and China, design and execute FIMI campaigns to manipulate public opinion and destabilise democratic institutions.



Mapping FIMI Networks

Identifying and understanding the transnational networks that help spread FIMI across the EU and its Partner Countries, including their strategies and key domestic players.



Developing Innovative Tools

Creating advanced tools and methodologies, such as psychometric scales and a multilingual FIMI incidents database, to measure susceptibility to disinformation and assess its societal impact.



Engaging Communities

Conducting workshops and interviews to understand how individuals and institutions in Europe can strengthen their resilience against FIMI.



Promoting Collaboration

Bringing together researchers, policymakers, and cybersecurity experts to co-create strategies that protect information integrity and support democratic processes.

DE-CONSPIRATOR Across Borders



DE-CONSPIRATOR Impact

Strengthening Resilience

- Developing tools and frameworks to help individuals, communities, and institutions identify, understand, and resist disinformation.
- Enhancing societal resilience against FIMI through improved media literacy and public awareness campaigns.

Advancing Research and Policy

- Providing cutting-edge methodologies and databases to advance academic understanding of FIMI.
- Supporting evidence-based policymaking to protect democratic institutions and enhance regulatory frameworks against disinformation.

Empowering Collaboration

- Building strong networks between researchers, policymakers, media professionals, and civil society to co-create solutions.
- Promoting cross-sector cooperation to address FIMI at both national and European level.

DE-CONSPIRATOR Stakeholders

DE-CONSPIRATOR's findings and tools aim to empower:

Policymakers

Providing evidence-based insights and recommendations to shape policies that safeguard democratic institutions and protect against FIMI.

Academics and Researchers

Offering new methodologies, data, and tools to deepen the understanding of FIMI networks and their societal impacts.

Media and Communication Professionals

Equipping journalists and media outlets with resources to identify and counter FIMI, ensuring the integrity of public discourse.

Civil Society and NGOs

Strengthening community resilience by providing tools and knowledge to recognise and resist FIMI campaigns.

General Public

Raising awareness and promoting digital and media literacy to help individuals critically assess information and reduce susceptibility to manipulation.