

# ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY INFOSPHERE

In the light of the growing polarisation and challenges democracies all around the world are currently facing, GLOBSEC's Alliance for Healthy Infosphere is proud to introduce its members jointly sharing its mission to secure a more strongly regulated digital space and to strengthen voices otherwise marginalised:



**GLOBSEC** is the founding organisation of Alliance for Healthy Infosphere and a Bratislava-based independent, non-partisan non-governmental organisation. To shape the world by generating ideas, foreign policy and international environment-related areas such as defence & security, democracy & resilience and future of Europe lie at the heart of research areas of its GLOBSEC policy institute. As part of its mission, Democracy & Resilience' Programme's activities include providing recommendations to social media platforms and public stakeholders based on our findings and insights from [election monitorings](#) and [mapping](#) of information operations and their impact on democratic societies. GLOBSEC has also focused on [monetary aspects](#) of the spread of disinformation and the infodemic connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. GLOBSEC has also been a platform bringing together both public and private stakeholders and driving [expert debates](#) on better transparency and regulation of social media platforms.



**THE ALLIANCE FOR SECURING DEMOCRACY (ASD)** is a nonpartisan initiative housed at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. It develops comprehensive strategies to deter, defend against, and raise the costs on autocratic efforts to undermine and interfere in democratic institutions. ASD has staff in Washington, D.C., and Brussels, bringing together experts on disinformation, malign finance, emerging technologies, elections integrity, economic coercion, and cybersecurity, as well as Russia, China, and the Middle East, to collaborate across traditional stovepipes and develop cross-cutting frameworks. <https://securingdemocracy.gmfus.org/>



**AMO.CZ**

**ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (AMO)** is a non-governmental organization founded to promote research and education in the field of international relations. Thanks to its activities and fifteen-year tradition, Association has established itself as the preeminent independent foreign policy think-tank in the Czech Republic. The Association facilitates expression and realization of ideas, thoughts and projects in order to increase education, mutual understanding and tolerance among the people. <https://www.amo.cz/>



**CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY (CSD)** is a Bulgaria-based European public policy institute. The key areas of its research and advocacy lie in the field of social innovation and institutional reforms. The topics include foreign economic influence and study of disinformation. In 2012, the Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI), an anti-corruption and good governance coalition of over 30 civil societies in the region, was founded by the centre. CSD's *Their Kremlin Playbook in Europe* has become to many a 'must read' to understand the growing influence of Russia and mechanisms behind its politics in Central and Eastern Europe. <https://csd.bg/>



**DIGITAL INFOSPACE SECURITY INITIATIVE** is a common platform of the Slovak think-tank Strategic Policy Institute (STRATPOL), Slovak Security Policy Institute and a Slovak watchdog platform Infosecurity.sk to strengthen cognitive resilience of individuals and communities. It aspires to achieve higher transparency in the information space. Among the initiative's main goals are the support of societal cognitive resilience and building of an effective defence against manipulative discursive practices. In the long-term, the platform seeks to secure a high-quality information environment to strengthen democracy, human rights, rule of law, transparency and accountability in Slovakia. <https://disi.stratpol.sk/>



**EASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES CENTRE (EESC)** is a Lithuania-based independent, non-partisan and non-profit think tank which specialises in international policy analysis and Lithuania's role in international relations, security, and economic cooperation. The scope of their activities includes research projects and public events organised under EU's motto "United in diversity". EESC is one of the oldest internationally recognised Lithuanian analytical centres. In the 2018 University of Pennsylvania Global Go To Think Tank Index Report, EESC was the Baltic top-ranked think tank (118<sup>th</sup> foreign policy and international affairs think tank worldwide). Their work has been featured in international media such as CNN, Die Welt and BBC. <https://www.eesc.lt/en/>



**GERULATA TECHNOLOGIES** develops technological tools to monitor and analyse the online information environment, using the latest techniques in artificial intelligence, and social network analysis. The team, consisting mainly of IT specialists, has years of experience with OSINT and combating misinformation and toxic manifestations on the Internet. The Gerulata Platform solution enables the timely detection of spreading information threats, analysis of trends, prevailing narratives and connections, and coordination between sources that distribute dangerous or illegal content. In addition to commercial solutions, Gerulata Technologies offers tools that are open to the general public, such as Populi.sk or Blbec.online. [www.gerulata.com](http://www.gerulata.com) [community.gerulata.com](http://community.gerulata.com)



**GLOBALFOCUS CENTER** is an independent, international studies think tank which produces in-depth research and high-quality analysis on foreign policy, security, European affairs, good governance, and development. Their purpose is to advance expertise by functioning as a platform for cooperation and dialogue among individual experts, NGOs, think-tanks and public institutions from Romania and foreign partners. Global Focus' current flagship projects focus on the transfer of reform and transformation experience; strategic communications and countering hybrid threats; fostering regional security and contributing to the reflection process of EU reform. <https://www.global-focus.eu/>



**KEMPELEN INSTITUTE OF INTELLIGENT TECHNOLOGIES (KInIT)** is an independent, non-profit institute dedicated to intelligent technology research. Their mission is to bring together and nurture experts in artificial intelligence and computer science with overreach into other disciplines to foster multidisciplinary and innovations and to create a healthy research and innovation ecosystem. Their most recent publications include *Cross-lingual Learning for Text Processing: A Survey* (2021) on challenges linked to language processing, *Addressing False Information and Abusive Language in Digital Space Using Intelligent Approaches* (2021) on the existing unhealthy phenomena in online environment and *An Audit of Misinformation Filter Bubbles on YouTube: Bubble Bursting and Recent Behaviour Changes* (2021). <https://kinit.sk/>



**KONŠPIRÁTORI.SK** is a Slovak watchdog platform and a public database of websites with problematic content in Slovakia. The platform fights against the websites spreading misleading by defunding their ad revenues. Rather than being an inquisitor

of anti-establishment web domains, the purpose of the platform is to be a “websites’ critic”. The belief that corporate responsibility extends to those who receive funds from businesses’ marketing activities is what motivated the establishment of a commission of experts to assess the reported websites. More than 190 Czech and Slovak domains have so far qualified as websites with clearly misleading, unethical, or otherwise problematic content. <https://www.konspiratori.sk/en/>



**NELEŽ<sup>1</sup>** is a Czech apolitical association. The members are Czech experts from diverse fields, including František Vrabec, CEO of Semantic Visions, who do not want to stay indifferent to the widespread occurrence of misinformation and disinformation in the country. The association aims to keep manipulative websites away from the budgets of media companies. More than 50 private, state, local and international companies have behaved responsibly and supported them in their mission so far. <https://www.nelez.cz/>



**POLITICAL CAPITAL**  
POLICY RESEARCH & CONSULTING INSTITUTE

**POLITICAL CAPITAL INSTITUTE** is an apolitical Budapest-based independent policy research, analysis and consulting institute. Since 2001, it has grown to be one of the most influential think tanks in Central and Eastern Europe. Their work focuses on democracy, human rights and free-market economy. In 2009, Political Capital was the first body in the region to point out the emergence of pro-Russian attitudes among Eastern European far-right. In 2018, their study *How to fight disinformation* was published as a disinformation guideline. It goes beyond recognising the origins of disinformation and their impact and helps readers to recognise such misleading content and to provide them with argumentative basis against it. <https://www.politicalcapital.hu/>



**Prague Security  
Studies Institute**

**PRAGUE SECURITY STUDIES INSTITUTE (PSSI)** is a leading Czech non-profit, non-governmental organisation. The Prague-based institute has been safeguarding democratic institutions in Central and Eastern Europe since 2002. Their work within the region and beyond encompasses a broad range of fields: space security, energy security, economic and financial threats, transnational security and Russia’s influence in Central and Eastern Europe. <https://www.pssi.cz/>

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<sup>1</sup> Means “Don’t Lie” in Czech

**RES PUBLICA – CIVIC RESILIENCE CENTER** is a Vilnius-based Lithuanian non-profit, non-governmental organisation. The organisation brings together volunteers who wish to contribute towards a higher digital resilience across civic societies by empowering the public in civic and media literacy. In their monthly reviews, Res Publica offers their findings on the degree of prevalence of disinformation in Lithuanian media. Their work on international level includes the coordination of volunteering activities in digital resilience and data analytics. <https://respublica.lt/en/>



**SEMANTIC VISIONS** is a data analysis and risk assessment firm based in Prague. The company's pilot project, Open-Source Intelligence system has been successfully integrated by SAP Ariba, the largest B2B network in the world. The company has been developing solutions in different areas ranging from stock market prediction to disinformation and propaganda. To provide citizens with unbiased information and to support them in their independent and balanced decision making, the company collects data and programs automatic analysis of textual information in the world's top 10 languages from 90% of web news content in real time. <https://semantic-visions.com/>

**UMB DATA&SOCIETY LAB (UMB DSL)** was founded in 2018 as a multidisciplinary centre within Matej Bel University's Faculty of Political Science and International Relations. Their main activities lie in the field of research, education, and policy work on the intersection of technology and society. As the first centre of its kind in Slovakia, UMB DSL strives to create an innovative environment for tackling the digital society challenges of today and tomorrow. As part of their Social Media Platforms, and Technology and Data Governance initiatives, they have been, among other, active in exploring digital infrastructural governance, researching computational propaganda on Twitter, developing media and digital literacy study modules, as well as providing policy feedback at national and EU level. <http://dsl.fpvmv.umb.sk/>



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