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# Focus group Brussels Programme

## European responses to disinformation threats. Hostile narratives and electoral interference

Monday, October 24

**Venue/Sede: European Parliament/Parlamento Europeo**  
*Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Bruxelles, Bélgica*  
**Room number A5F385**

*Attendance is free.*

**10:30 Access and Security Control**

**11:00 Openings remarks: Dolors Monserrat (TBC)**

- MP organizer: Isabel Benjumea

**11.10 Keynote speaker: Carmen Romero, Deputy assistant Secretary General for public diplomacy, NATO**

Presented by Loreto Corredoira, Complutense University Communication Law Professor and Jean Monnet Chair

**11:30-13:00. Session 1. Regulatory responses to Disinformation-Cybersecurity threats in Europe (in English)**

*Scholars will discuss the Law responses to disinformation in EU countries like The Gesetz zur Verbesserung der Rechtsdurchsetzung in sozialen Netzwerken ("NetzDG"), Germany, 01.09.2017, the recent Italian Court ruling on profiles selection; the French Loi No 2020-766397 and Conseil constitutionnel français Décision n° 2020-801 DC du 18 juin 2020 and the Spanish Supreme Court case "Vox party v. Junta Electoral Central (2022)" for the Twitter account suspension during 2021 Elections*

**11.30** Chair: Isabel Serrano Maíllo, Universidad Complutense, Madrid

- Rafael Rubio, Complutense University Professor, adviser of the *Red Mundial de Justicia Electoral*
- Rodrigo Cetina, Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

Discussant: Katherine Sarikakis, Director of Media Governance and Industries Research Lab, Vienna University

## **LUNCH**

### **15.00-17:00. European Parliament policies on Disinformation (in Spanish)**

*In this panel we will discuss some European initiatives on Disinformation like the EU Parliament report on electoral interference, the DSA and the new regulation ahead on political advertising targeting.*

MP organizer: Javier Zarzalejos

Chair: Miguel Ángel Gonzalo, Jefe de la Unidad de Coordinación y Planificación de Proyectos, Gabinete del Secretario General, Congreso de los Diputados

- Francisco Javier Zarzalejos, Popular Party MEP. Report on electoral interference
- Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Ciudadanos Party MEP: Report on electoral interference
- Pablo Arias: Transparency and targeting of political advertising
- Pablo Sanz: DSA political implications.
- María Diaz Crego, Servicio de Estudios del Parlamento Europeo (Policy Analyst) (PC)

Discussant: Lourdes Nieto, Catedrática de Ciencia Política

**17:00** Final remarks.

### **Organizers:**

- EPP Group
- SN-Disorders. R&D Group, Complutense University, Madrid
- Department of Constitutional Law, Complutense University, Madrid
- Media Governance and Industries Research Lab- Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, FReuDE – Viena University
- Jean Monnet Chair, Modern Times, Complutense University

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- Rafael Rubio, Complutense University and Venice Commission member
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