

2026 EEAS Counter FIMI Conference FROM INSIGHT TO IMPACT

BRUSSELS
17-18 March 2026



DAY 1 – 17 MARCH

9h00 – 9h45	Registration and welcome coffee
9h45 – 10h00	<u>Welcome remarks</u> Olivier Bailly , Managing Director for Global Issues and Communication, European External Action Service
START OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAMME	
10h00 – 10h05	<u>Keynote speech and launching of the EEAS FIMI Threat Report</u> Kaja Kallas , High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission
10h05 – 11h00	<u>High-Level Panel</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milojko Spajić, Prime Minister, Montenegro • Kaja Kallas, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission • Timcho Mucunski, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Republic of North Macedonia • Tbc <p><u>Moderator:</u> Matthew Reece, Director for Policy Planning and Strategic Communication, European External Action Service</p>
END OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAMME	
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee break
11h30 – 11h40	<u>Introduction: The Sword complementing the Shield</u> Filip Grzegorzewski , Head of the Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service
11h40 – 12h00	<u>Presentation of the 4th EEAS Report on FIMI Threats and FIMI Explorer</u> Beatriz Marin Garcia , Team Lead, Data Team, Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service
12h00 – 13h00	<u>Panel 1: Trends and emerging issues: Designing European responses in an evolving threat landscape</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Mahieu, Neurotechnology Director, Centre for Future Generations • David Salvo, Managing Director for Transatlantic Policy and Programming, Institute for Strategic Dialogue • Margot Fulde-Hardy, Investigator, Graphika • Mykola Balaban, Deputy Head, Center for Strategic Communications and Information Security, Ukraine <p><u>Moderator:</u> Jacob Tamm, Deputy Head of the Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service</p>
13h00 – 13h15	<u>Spotlight 1: Ukraine and the EU in action</u>

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	Kyrylo Viktorov , Head of the Department for Countering Information Threats, Center for Countering Disinformation, National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine
13h15 – 14h30	Networking lunch
14h30 – 14h45	<u>Spotlight 2: Chinese transnational information suppression</u>
14h45 – 15h45	<p>Tauno Tõhk, Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security</p> <p><u>Panel 2: Beyond FIMI: Tracking FIMI in cyber and criminal activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodolphe Roques-Couchot, Team Leader, EU Internet Referral Unit, Europol • Jamila Boutemour, Head of the Threat Analysis Team, Operations and Situational Awareness Unit, EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) • Inês Narciso, CyberPeace Institute • Harrys Puusepp, Head of Bureau, Estonian Internal Security Service <p><u>Moderator:</u> Siim Kumpas, Team Lead, Policy Strategy and Partnerships Team, Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service</p>
15h45 – 16h15	Coffee break
16h15 – 17h15	<p><u>Panel 3: Disruptive action: How to raise the costs for FIMI perpetrators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandre Alaphilippe, Executive Director, EU DisinfoLab • Konrad Adamowicz, Deputy Director, Department for Strategic Communications and Countering Foreign Disinformation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland • Dirk Schuebel, Head of the Russia Division, European External Action Service • Tbc <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mattia Caniglia, Global Disinformation Index, Senior Intel Analyst / FIMI ISAC, Co-Chair</p>
17h15 – 17h30	<p><u>Concluding remarks: FIMI: Keeping the focus on the external threat</u></p> <p>Tomas Tobé, Vice Chair of the Delegation for relations with Belarus, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Special Committee on the European Democracy Shield</p>
17h30 – 19h00	Reception
DAY 2 – 18 MARCH	
9h00 – 10h00	Registration & welcome coffee
10h00 – 10h15	<u>Welcome remarks: Stepping up EEAS response to FIMI</u>
10h15 – 11h15	<p>Belén Martínez Carbonell, Secretary General, European External Action Service</p> <p><u>Panel 4: Approaches to upholding freedom of expression: Lessons learnt from the regulators and platforms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krisztina Stump, Head of the Media Convergence and Social Media Unit, DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission • Suzy Wild, Policy Lead, Anthropic • Michele Failla, Lead EU Law and Policy Advisor, Wikimedia • Tbc <p>This panel will feature frontline lessons and recommendations from several partners across the world on managing risks, transparency, FIMI responses and the shift from voluntary moderation to legal accountability as regards big platforms' regulation.</p>

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11h15 – 11h45	Coffee break
11h45 – 12h00	Spotlight 3: Tbc
12h00 – 13h00	<p><u>Panel 5: FIMI in Crisis Regions: From manipulated local grievances to operational responses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcela Luchița, Acting Head of the Resilience Building Directorate Moldovan Centre for Strategic Communication and Countering Disinformation • Valdez Onanina, Head of the Francophone Africa Office, Africa Check • Tbc <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lisa Musiol, Head of EU Affairs, International Crisis Group</p>
13h00 – 14h15	Networking lunch
14h15 – 15h15	<p><u>Panel 6: The future of FIMI: Towards AI-driven solutions to FIMI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halyna Padalko, Fulbright Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) • Carl Miller, DISARM Foundation • Pekka Kallioniemi, Policy Officer, Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service • Alex Colville, Researcher, China Media Project <p><u>Moderator:</u> Filip Grzegorzewski, Head of the Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service</p>
15h15 – 15h30	<p><u>Spotlight 4: NATO work on FIMI (title tbc)</u></p> <p>Chris Riley, Head of Data Insights and Information Threats Section, NATO</p>
15h30 – 16h00	Coffee break
16h00 – 16h15	<p><u>Spotlight 5: Turning offensive against Russian FIMI</u></p> <p>Marek Menkiszak, Head of the Russian Department at the Polish Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW)</p>
16h15 – 16h30	<p><u>Wrap up and thanks</u></p> <p>Matthew Reece, Director for Policy Planning and Strategic Communication, European External Action Service</p>

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