

2026 EEAS Counter FIMI Conference FROM INSIGHT TO IMPACT

BRUSSELS
17-18 March 2026



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DAY 1 – 17 MARCH	
8h30 – 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 – 10h15	<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
10h15 – 10h30	<u>Keynote speech</u> Milojko Spajić , Prime Minister, Montenegro
10h20 – 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 <p>Moderator: 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>Moderator: Jacob Tamm, Deputy Head of the Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service</p>

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13h00 – 13h15	<p><u>Spotlight 1: Ukraine and the EU in action</u></p> <p>Kyrylo Viktorov, Head of the Department for Countering Information Threats, Center for Countering Disinformation, National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine</p>
13h15 – 14h30	Networking lunch
14h30 – 14h45	<p><u>Spotlight 2: Chinese transnational information suppression</u></p> <p>Tauno Tõhk, Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security</p>
14h45 – 15h45	<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 Boutemeur, 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 • Guillaume Kuster, Deputy Director, Directorate of Communication and Press, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Europe, France <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	<p><u>Welcome remarks</u></p> <p>Filip Grzegorzewski, Head of the Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service</p>

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10h15 – 11h15	<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 <p>Moderator: Carl Vander Maelen, Legal Officer, DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission</p>
11h15 – 11h45	Coffee break
11h45 – 12h45	<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 • Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy • Artur Papyan, Threats Researcher, CyberHUB-AM <p>Moderator: Lisa Musiol, Head of EU Affairs, International Crisis Group</p>
12h45 – 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>Moderator: Filip Grzegorzewski, Head of the Information Integrity and Countering FIMI Division, European External Action Service</p>
15h15 – 15h30	<p><u>Spotlight 3: NATO's support to Ukraine – Fighting information threats together</u></p> <p>Chris Riley, Head of Data Insights and Information Threats Section, NATO</p>
15h30 – 16h00	Coffee break
16h00 – 16h15	<p><u>Spotlight 4: 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>