

# KEY FINDINGS ON DISINFORMATION AND FAKE NEWS

## THE SCOPE OF DISINFORMATION AND FAKE NEWS ISSUE

46 %

AN AVERAGE SHARE OF  
POPULATION THAT CANNOT  
IDENTIFY DISINFORMATION

1x

AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK  
SURVEY PARTICIPANTS COME  
ACROSS INFORMATION THAT  
THEY BELIEVE IS FALSE



MIGRATION POLICIES ARE  
AN AREA OF PUBLIC LIFE  
THAT IS HARMED TO A  
GREATEST EXTENT

## SOURCES OF HARM



INTENTIONAL  
POLITICAL  
ABUSE FOR  
POLITICAL  
PURPOSES



ANONYMOUS  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
ACCOUNTS AND  
POLITICIANS



SOCIAL  
MEDIA AND  
MESSAGING  
APPS ONLINE  
BLOGS AND  
FORUMS

## BEST WAYS HOW TO TACKLE DISINFORMATION



RAISING  
AWARENESS  
AMONG THE  
PUBLIC



PROMOTING  
MEDIA AND  
INFORMATION  
LITERACY



ENSURING  
TRANSPARENCY  
ABOUT  
SPONSORED  
CONTENT



ONLINE  
PLATFORMS  
SHOULD TAKE  
GREATER  
RESPONSIBILITIES

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## E-DEMOCRACY TOOLS TO ADDRESS THE DISINFORMATION



TOOLS AIMED AT REPORTING THE DISINFORMATION BEFORE VOTING ARE THE MOST FREQUENT E-DEMOCRACY TOOLS USED TO MINIMISE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE DISINFORMATION

SUGGESTED E-DEMOCRACY TOOLS TO BE USED MORE ARE CONTENT TRUSTWORTHINESS RATING SYSTEMS AND JOURNALISTIC PRINCIPLES AND TOOLS AIMED AT REPORTING THE DISINFORMATION, TRUSTED FACT-CHECKING ORGANISATIONS AND ACADEMIA



## KEY ISSUES IN EACH SURVEYED COUNTRY



ANONYMOUS SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS AND POLITICIANS MOST LIKELY WILL CREATE DISINFORMATION



LACKS E-DEMOCRACY TOOLS FOR ADDRESSING DISINFORMATION ON NATIONAL LEVEL



FAKE NEWS HAVE MOSTLY AFFECTED THE ECONOMY AND MIGRATION ISSUES



DISINFORMATION PRODUCED BY NGOS WHO ARE CLOSELY TIED TO POLITICAL PARTIES



CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF FAKE NEWS AND LOW TRUST IN THEIR RECOGNITION



FAKE NEWS MOSTLY AFFECT SOCIAL ISSUES (LGBT, RELIGION OR IMMIGRATION TOPICS)



88% OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS INDICATED THAT THE EU SHOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN COMBATING FAKE NEWS AND MISINFORMATION



Online expert survey on the issue of the disinformation in 6 SMARTeD project participant countries: Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece, Latvia and Slovenia. The survey was implemented by the SMARTeD consortium partners lead by ManaBalss. Read more about the project here: <https://ej.uz/smartereport>