

# European Centre for Democratic Resilience

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## Mission Statement

The European Centre for Democratic Resilience is a flagship initiative of the European Democracy Shield. It functions as a hub for Member States, EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and other stakeholders to cooperate and coordinate efforts to build democratic resilience. Defending democracy in a way that does not undermine the fundamental rights that underpin our democratic systems, such as freedom of expression, is crucial and it requires expertise and cooperation across the whole of government, with the support of whole of society. The Centre provides a space for such cooperation and exchange to take place, developing a joined-up approach and working on projects.

The Centre brings together expertise and resources to increase the Member States' capacities to anticipate, detect and respond to informational threats to democratic systems, in particular foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) and disinformation. It facilitates capacity building, information sharing, and the exchange of best/informed practices and tested national approaches, while helping to reduce fragmentation and strengthening standardisation and interoperability. It works in full respect of the allocation of competences including national competences and independent bodies, building on existing expertise and tools.

Within the wider framework of the European Democracy Shield communication, the Centre complements and facilitates the exchanges to ensure the integrity of the information space, strengthen democratic institutions, free and fair elections, the integrity of the information space, free and independent media and boost societal resilience and citizens' engagement.