

European Centre for Democratic Resilience

Online meeting with Centre contact points

23 September 2026, 10:30 – 11:15

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

The online meeting was organised by the secretariat of the Centre and its Liaison Officers from the European Commission's Directorates-General COMM, JUST, CNECT, ENEST, the Commission's Secretariat-General (SG) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). It was attended by the contact points from the European Parliament and the Council of the EU as well as the national contact points or substitutes from 20 Member States (AT, BE, BG, CZ, DK, EL, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SI).

Main points raised:

The secretariat welcomed all participants and provided updates on the Centre's projects. It was noted that the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU, together with Commissioners Kos and McGrath, will host an event in the margins of the General Affairs Council on 13 October 2026 to mark the association of candidate countries and potential candidates with the Centre. Practical modalities for the collaboration are being finalised taking into account Member States' feedback, and will be proposed to the candidate countries and potential candidates.

The secretariat then announced the launch of the pilot phase of the Stakeholder Platform with the participation of the European Digital Media Observatory and the European Fact-Checking Standards Network on 29 September 2026. The call for expression of interest is being prepared with the aim to publish it this autumn.

Regarding the Blueprint to Counter Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) and Disinformation, the secretariat informed participants about an upcoming presentation and discussion with the Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats.

On the ‘Training of trainers’ capacity building programme, the secretariat thanked the Swedish Psychological Defence Agency for the excellent cooperation and presented the very positive results of the evaluation survey, which was conducted with the participants of the first edition held in September 2026. A second session will be held in November 2026.

Linked to the project on common concepts, methodologies and standards, the secretariat continues to gather Member States’ feedback, which will feed into an operational workshop planned for November 2026.

Lastly, the secretariat presented a concept note for the ‘Handbook on EU rules and tools to protect elections against interference threats’ inviting Member States to provide their feedback.

Next steps:

The next online meeting will take place on 21 October 2026.