

## Felix Kartte

EU policy expert and communications professional, strategic advisor and team leader working at the intersection of technology and democracy.

### Professional Experience

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Since 2024  | <p><b>Senior Fellow, Mercator Foundation (Berlin)</b></p> <p>As <a href="#">Mercator Senior Fellow</a>, I focus on advancing democratic models of digital technology regulation. I work with the European Commission in Brussels to strengthen the EU's digital policy framework and incorporate diverse societal and expert perspectives in regulatory enforcement. In this context, I also advise public and civic actors on countering authoritarian influence.</p> |
| Since 2020  | <p><b>Strategic Advisor and Writer</b></p> <p>I help public interest actors understand and address digital threats to democracy. Partners included <a href="#">Süddeutsche Zeitung</a>, the European Commission, the European AI and Society Fund, the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Mercator Foundation and others.</p>  |
| 2022 - 2024 | <p><b>Director, EU, Reset (Berlin)</b></p> <p>Led <a href="#">Reset</a>'s work in Europe. Recruited and managed team of 10+ analysts and technologists. Responsible for budget of 4+ million EUR. Advised governments and political parties on tech policy and strategic communication.</p>  |
| 2020 – 2022 | <p><b>Senior Advisor, Reset (Berlin)</b></p> <p>Built and led coalitions of civil society organisations, political and government actors to advocate for legal frameworks to regulate Big Tech companies and enhance societal resilience to disinformation and authoritarian interference. Led Reset's media strategy, regularly placing research products in top tier outlets such as NYT, Washington Post, Politico, Spiegel or Le Monde.</p>                        |
| 2018 – 2020 | <p><b>Policy Officer, European External Action Service (Brussels)</b></p> <p>Drafted EU policy to safeguard democracy from digital threats, including the EU Action Plan against Disinformation, and contributed to legislative acts such as the Digital Services Act or the Regulation on Political Ads. Coordinated joint work of EU institutions, member states and partners such as NATO and G7 on countering disinformation and digital threats.</p>              |
| 2015 - 2018 | <p><b>Communication Expert, European Commission (Brussels)</b></p> <p>Drafted press briefings, talking points and speeches for the President of the European Commission. Developed approaches to qualitative and quantitative (social) media analysis across EU languages and media markets. Designed brochures and public information material.</p>   |
| 2015        | <p><b>Research Associate, Hertie School of Governance (Berlin)</b></p> <p>Conducted research in an interdisciplinary project on EU external relations in partnership with the London School of Economics. Designed and implemented a communication strategy.</p>   |
| 2011 – 2013 | <p><b>Freelance Journalist</b></p>   |

## Education

2012 - 2014	<b>Master of Arts, Political Science</b> Freie Universität Berlin (1,3) MA Thesis: <i>EU Internet Freedom Policy - Analysis in the Context of EU Democracy Promotion</i>
2008 – 2011	<b>Bachelor of Arts, European Studies</b> Maastricht University (8,5) Bachelor Thesis: <i>The Precautionary Principle in EU Risk Governance</i>

## Fellowships, Awards, Programmes

2018	US State Department International Visitor Leadership Program
2011	MARBLE Program: Maastricht Research-Based Learning
2009 – 2011	Maastricht University Honors Program: Research at the Chair for Risk Governance
2010	Exchange Semester at the University of Sydney
2009 – 2010	“Top 3 %” full tuition scholarship of Maastricht University

## Languages

German	Native
English	C2
Spanish	C2
French	B2

## Selected Publications

Op-Ed, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 2025: [Was Musk und Putin gemeinsam haben](#)  
Interview, ZDF, 2024: [Russland versucht, Demokratien zu spalten](#)  
Op-Ed, Tech Policy Press, 2024: [TikTok's Role in Romania's Election Should Be a Wake-up Call](#)  
Weekly Newsletter, Süddeutsche Zeitung Dossier, 2024: [Schattenspieler](#).  
Interview, ZEIT, 2023: Russische Desinformationskampagnen: [“Das kann nächstes Jahr ziemlich hässlich werden”](#)  
Op-Ed, Tagesspiegel Background, 2021: [Fünf Maßnahmen gegen Desinformation im Superwahljahr](#)  
Interview, Stern, 2021: [Tech-Experte zu neuer Studie: “Wahlkampf in den sozialen Medien ist Wilder Westen”](#)  
Op-Ed, POLITICO, 2016: [Russia beams message into Georgia: “You belong to us”](#).  
Op-Ed, taz, 2012: [“Wir sind keine Jammerlappen”](#)