

Felix Kartte

Professional Experience

- Since 2020 **Strategic Advisor to Governments, Philanthropies and Civil Society**
Advise philanthropies, governments and civil society on democratic resilience, AI governance and countering authoritarian influence. Clients include Omidyar Network, Mercator Foundation, Luminate, the AI and Society Fund, Reset, the European Commission, and international media outlets
- Since 2025 **Special Adviser to the European Commission (Brussels, unpaid)**
Appointed by the European Commission in 2025 to advise the Commissioner for Justice, Democracy and the Rule of Law on the European Democracy Shield and EU policies to promote democracy in the digital age.
- 2024 - 2025 **Senior Fellow, Mercator Foundation (Berlin)**
Hosted by the European Commission in Brussels as part of the [Mercator Fellowship](#). Developed new models for democratic digital regulation responsive to societal needs and underrepresented voices. Work focused on the EU's three landmark regulations: the Digital Services Act, the Digital Markets Act and the AI Act.
- 2020 - 2024 **Director, EU, Reset (Berlin)**
Led Reset's European strategy on platform accountability, AI governance and democratic resilience. Managed team of 10+ analysts and a €4m budget. Advised governments, ministries and political leaders on digital rights, platform regulation and strategic communication. Built coalitions across civil society and political actors; influenced EU debates on disinformation, platform power and AI regulation. Drove Reset's narrative strategy, with analysis published in NYT, Washington Post, Politico, Spiegel and Le Monde.
- 2018 – 2020 **Policy Officer, European External Action Service (Brussels)**
Drafted EU policy to protect democracy from digital threats, contributing to flagship initiatives including the EU Action Plan against Disinformation, the Digital Services Act and the Regulation on Political Advertising. Coordinated EU institutions, member states and partners including NATO and the G7 on countering disinformation and hostile information operations.
- 2015 - 2018 **Communication Expert, European Commission (Brussels)**
Developed briefings, speeches and political messaging for the President of the European Commission. Designed cross-EU media analysis and communications approaches on digital and geopolitical issues. Produced strategic public information materials across multiple EU languages and media markets
- 2015 **Research Associate, Hertie School of Governance (Berlin)**
Conducted research in an interdisciplinary project on EU external relations in partnership with the London School of Economics. Designed and implemented a communication strategy.
- 2011 – 2013 **Freelance Journalist**

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Education

2012 - 2014	Master of Arts, Political Science Freie Universität Berlin (1,3) MA Thesis: <i>EU Internet Freedom Policy - Analysis in the Context of EU Democracy Promotion</i>
2008 – 2011	Bachelor of Arts, European Studies 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”](#)