European Centre for Democratic Resilience
Pilot Phase Stakeholder Platform
21 October 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

The second Stakeholder Platform's pilot phase meeting was hosted by the European Centre for Democratic Resilience (ECDR) in hybrid format. It was attended by representatives of the European Fact-Checking Standards Network (EFCSN), the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO), the Centre Secretariat and JRC.

Main points raised:

It was highlighted that practical cooperation should be one of Stakeholder Platform's priorities. The stakeholders provided concrete ideas, considering how the Pilot could be used to test their relevance and practical implementation. Participants discussed a proposal for an interactive workshop with the EU Member States based on relevant case-studies.

Participants discussed knowledge sharing with Member States in the context of the Platform, in the form of regular exchanges, such as weekly or monthly updates, or access to a repository of fact-checking articles, with filtering options.

Participants discussed also possibilities to exchange on topics such as resilience measurement, considering the expertise and work already undertaken by the stakeholders.

Participants stressed the principles of editorial independence, two-way communication and support on a case-by-case basis.

Next steps:

Next technical-level meetings of the Pilot will be scheduled with the pilot phase members to continue testing workflows and modalities of engagement.

The Member States will be consulted on the engagement with the Platform (including a workshop proposal).

The pilot phase will continue until the launch of the Stakeholder Platform in spring 2027, when a high-level launch event will take place following the selection of the members of the Stakeholder Platform.