

**European Centre for Democratic Resilience**  
**Workshop: Holistic Approaches to Democratic Resilience**  
27 March 2026, 09:00 – 18:00

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# Meeting Minutes

## Attendance:

The workshop was organised by the Secretariat of the Centre and its Liaison Officers from the European Commission's DG COMM, DG JUST, DG CNECT, the Commission's Secretariat-General (SG) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). Contact points from the European Parliament and the Council of the EU as well as national contact points and/or experts from all Member States participated in the workshop.

## Main points raised:

The Commission and the EEAS welcomed the participants to the workshop on holistic approaches to democratic resilience, noting that it was the first stepping stone towards the Blueprint on Countering Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) and Disinformation, as announced in the European Democracy Shield. The workshop was structured around two main parts. The first part was devoted to Member States' presentations on best practices followed by discussions, which helped to provide better insights of structural options and practical approaches to building democratic resilience. The second part consisted of a tabletop exercise in which participants worked through a scenario aimed at developing both short-term response measures and long-term resilience building strategies.

Following the workshop discussions, the Commission highlighted that the Blueprint will neither be a prescriptive document nor follow a one-size-fits-all approach.

Building the Blueprint would require, among other things, clarifying the underlying concepts, identifying appropriate instruments, and offering adaptable options for a holistic approach to address the challenge of FIMI and disinformation.

**Next steps:**

The following steps were outlined at the meeting:

- Building on the knowledge of the Member States, the workshop findings will inform the collaborative work on the Blueprint.
- The next online meeting with national contact points will be held on 15 April.