

European Centre for Democratic Resilience

Online meeting with Centre contact points

17 June 2026, 10:30 – 11:30

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 23 Member States (AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, DK, EL, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI).

Main points raised:

The secretariat opened the meeting by welcoming all participants and providing updates on the Centre's projects. It presented the revisions made to the Blueprint concept note following the feedback received from the Member States and announced that the updated version would be shared after the meeting.

Regarding the association of candidate countries and potential candidates to the Centre, the secretariat informed participants about a meeting held with several Member States that had submitted comments on the concept note. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss those comments and see how to best reflect them. The secretariat then presented the resulting changes to all participants and indicated that the updated note would be circulated to all Member States after the meeting. Several Member States representatives expressed strong interest in and support for inviting other like-minded countries to cooperate within the framework of the Centre. A Member State

representative suggested to associate interested countries of the European Political Community by November. In this context, the secretariat suggested that a separate concept note should be prepared setting out the proposed next steps.

The secretariat then invited a Member State representative to present the work carried out on the stakeholder platform. The representative introduced a draft concept note together with guiding principles for the project. Member States were invited to submit their feedback on the draft concept note within the following two weeks. In addition, a survey will be circulated to gather more detailed feedback from all Member States.

Subsequently, the secretariat invited the Commission's DG CNECT to deliver a presentation on the Digital Services Act (DSA) and on Code of Conduct on Disinformation.

Finally, the secretariat reminded all participants of the registration deadline for the "Training the trainers" capacity-building programme. Participants also exchanged information on events and meetings planned in relation to the European Democracy Shield.

Next steps:

The next online meeting with Centre contact points will be held on 15 July 2026.

A high-level technical meeting with representatives from the Member States and candidate countries and potential candidates will be held on 9 July 2026.