

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[1] - [BASILIKO ATHLITIKO MORFOTIKO ORTHODOXO SOMATEIO BAMOS] ([VAMOS])
PIC number:	[931153926]
Project name and acronym:	[European Communities Against Disinformation] — [EUCOMMvsDISINFO]

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[1]		
Event name:	[First International Workshop: Disinformation and external interference as a threat to the democratic debate]		
Type:	[International Event]		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Cyprus], [Larnaka]		
Date(s):	From 09/03/2024 to 12/03/2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://eucommvsdisinfo.wordpress.com/2024/03/18/first-international-workshop-in-cyprus/		
Participants			
Female:	42		
Male:	28		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Cyprus]:	17		
From country 2 [Italy]:	25		
From country 3 [Spain]:	8		
From country 4 [Greece]:	9		
From country 5 [Poland]:	11		
Total number of participants:	70	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

DAY 1:

Arrival of the delegations, meeting with the local volunteers.

DAY 2:

Guided visit to the city of Larnaka.

Workshop pt.1 - "Disinformation and misinformation as a threat to the democratic debate"

Greetings by Loizos Hadjianastasiou (General Secretary of VAMOS association)

Speech by Mrs. Maud Cattiaux, Project Officer, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

Icebreaker brainstorming through DIXIT game cards: participants were divided into mixed groups, each participant received a DIXIT game card they had to use to reflect on the topic of the workshop. After they appointed a title to their card they had to share with their group and jointly select one card to represent the whole group and share with the rest of the participants.

EUCOMMvsDISINFO project presentation to introduce objectives, aim and structure of the project.

Presentation of partner organizations.

Interactive presentation on the topic of "Disinformation and misinformation" through Mentimeter: this instrument allowed to engage the participant into the presentation and to stimulate reflection and sharing of personal opinions and point of view. The participants answered to the questions:

1. Give a definition of Fake News.
2. Why is Fake News a hot topic today?
3. Have you ever encountered a Fake News story online? If so, could you tell the story was fake?
4. Have you ever shared fake news, whether accidentally or on purpose? Describe the circumstances.
5. What are the consequences of Fake News?

DAY 3

Visit to the Cypriot House of Representatives in Nicosia. The participants had the opportunity to learn about the history of the establishment of the independent Cypriot government and to learn how the policy-making system in Cyprus works.

Guided tour of Nicosia. Visit to the buffer-zone check points and understanding of the "Cyprus problem", the Turkish occupation in North Cyprus. Visit to the Municipality of Kythrea Town Hall (www.kythrea.com) in Nicosia and meeting with the Mayor Dr. Petros M. Kareklas. The town is now occupied by Turkish and the city council had to move in Nicosia.

Workshop pt. 2

Presentation about Disinformation and its narratives. The presentation gave to participants theoretical input on definitions, terminology, narratives, objectives and mechanisms that allow fake news to circulate.

Introduction of EU key actions against disinformation. Presentation of the <https://european-union.europa.eu/> portal, as source of reliable information about the European Union. Presentation of the <https://edmo.eu/> initiative and website for fact checking. Presentation of the <https://euvsdisinfo.eu/> website against external disinformation.

Presentation by the partner organization on the topic "That time I noticed the media lied to me". Sharing of examples of fake news and how they were fact checked.

Group work: the participants were divided in 6 mixed groups to debate and answer to relevant questions (GROUP 1 - What measures should be taken at EU level in order to combat fake news? GROUP 2 My message to EU citizens about fake news? GROUP 3 Actions my group is ready to take in regard to fake news? GROUP 4 What measures should be taken at EU level in order to combat fake news? GROUP 5 My message to EU citizens about fake news? GROUP 6 Actions my organisation is ready to take in regard to fake news?).

Debate about the workshop follow-up: mandatory reporting, evaluation, dissemination and restitution activities.

Gift exchange.

DAY 4

Departure of delegations.

The First International Workshop achieved the following results:

- To establish a cooperative environment, allowing young and elder people from different EU countries to meet and work together;
- To introduce the topic of "Countering disinformation and other forms of interference in the democratic debate"

- Introduce EU level initiatives to tackle disinformation
- Raise awareness on the situation in different European countries and exchange point of views
- Activate local citizens from grassroots organization to oppose to the proliferation of fake news
- Education of citizens on the mechanisms of disinformation and sharing of information on how to combat fake news.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).