External seminar of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)

*Hate speech, fake news, propaganda - modern enemies of democracy*

Venue: Radisson Hotel, Plac Rodła 10, Szczecin, Poland

Date: 28 May 2018, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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1. **Opening Session**
   - Welcome statement by **Olgierd Geblewicz (PL/EPP)**, President of West Pomerania Region, Poland
   - Opening speech by **Adam Bodnar**, Ombudsman
   - **Natalia Szczucka**, Director of the Regional Representation of the European Commission

**10 - 11.45 a.m.**

2. **First session: Populist Propaganda – the Erosion of Democracy**
– **Anni Hellman**, Deputy Head of Unit for Media Convergence and Social Media, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission; *Communication - Tackling online disinformation: the European approach*

– **Indrė Vareikytė**, EESC rapporteur on *How media is used to influence social and political processes in the EU and Eastern neighbouring countries*

– **Kamil Durczok**, Journalist, editor-in-chief and former presenter of TVN newscast Fakty TVN

*Exchange of views*

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3. **Second session: Social and Political Consequences of Fake News Proliferation**

– **Danica Ilic**, Programme Officer at the Ethical Journalism Network

– **Konrad Niklewicz**, Managing Director- Civic Institute, *Weeding out Fake News: An Approach to Social Media Regulation*

– **Jon Worth**, TechPolitics & EU blogger

– **Ruurd Oosterwoud**, developer of serious game "Bad News" and founder of "DROG" Platform to combat fake news and disinformation

*Exchange of views*

**Interpreting:**  
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