TACKLING COVID-19 DISINFORMATION: THE EUROPEAN RESPONSE
TOP 5 RECURRING DISINFORMATION NARRATIVES ABOUT COVID-19

1. US CREATED IT
2. EU FAILS TO RESPOND
3. THE CORONAVIRUS IS NOT SERIOUS
4. IT'S A SECRET PLAN OF THE GLOBAL ELITES
5. THE CORONAVIRUS WAS PROBABLY MADE BY NATO
TOP 5 CONSPIRACY THEORIES ABOUT COVID-19

1. A forced vaccination will inject nano chips
2. Bill Gates wants to introduce mandatory vaccination to control the world
3. COVID-19 might be an act of Anglo-Saxon revenge
4. A Canadian report indicts the US for spreading the coronavirus
5. COVID-19 epidemic is manufactured by the media
2015: EAST STRATCOM TASK FORCE

MANDATE

13. The European Council stressed the need to challenge Russia's ongoing disinformation campaigns and invited the High Representative, in cooperation with Member States and EU institutions, to prepare by June an action plan on strategic communication. The establishment of a communication team is a first step in this regard.

OBJECTIVES

- Communicating EU policies effectively
- Strengthening media environment
- Exposing & analysing disinformation
2018: EU ACTION PLAN AGAINST DISINFORMATION

- Improved detection, analysis & exposure
- Stronger cooperation & joint responses
- Mobilising private sector
- Raising awareness, improving societal resilience
2020: JOINT COMMUNICATION ON TACKLING COVID-19 DISINFORMATION

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The Coronavirus pandemic has been accompanied by a massive infodemic. In today’s technology-driven world, warriors wield keyboards rather than swords. Today we are stepping up action to increase our capacities, to counter misleading narratives. #FactsMatter

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#Disinformation waves have hit Europe during #Coronavirus. They harm not only the health of our democracies, but also of our citizens. To fight them, we need to mobilise all relevant players from fact-checkers, researchers to online platforms and authorities.
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