

Democratic SHIELD



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

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TRACK 1 MONITORING

- 1.1: Coordination on **detection of information manipulation campaigns**
- 1.2: Comprehensive **monitoring and alert system in real time**

TRACK 2 SOLUTIONS

- 2.1: Further support **fact-checkers**
- 2.2: Harness digital **technologies**
- 2.3: Equip fact-checkers with **digital tools**
- 2.4: **Common AI-powered platform** for recording and debunking
- 2.5: Support Europe's **industry and research community**

TRACK 3 GOVERNANCE

- 3.1: Balancing **freedom of expression** with the fight against disinformation
- 3.2: **Education** on media literacy and critical thinking
- 3.3: **Strategy to combat information manipulation** at national and EU level
- 3.4: **Code of conduct** on disinformation and AI for political actors
- 3.5: **Code of conduct** for influencers to declare political content

TRACK 4 PLURALISM

- 4.1: Defending the **independence of journalists**
- 4.2: Supporting **fact-based media**
- 4.3: Encouraging the adoption of **Open Government strategies**
- 4.4: Research on **pluralism obligations** for recommender systems

TRACK 5 PARTICIPATION

- 5.1: Promotion of **democratic narratives**
- 5.2: Increase opportunities for **citizen engagement** (online and offline).

The Democratic Shield initiative was launched in 2023 to secure the integrity of the 2024 European Parliament elections, independently from the European Democracy Shield. Many of the then proposed measures were adopted ahead of polling day. The abovementioned recommendations for the 2024 - 2029 EU mandate have been developed by the Democratic Shield task force (April 2025 updated version):

