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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Members of the Permanent International Media Monitoring Mission on Disinformation about Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora!

Following our previous notice of 8 May 2021, we continued our organizational work and wish to update you concerning same.

Leadership of the Mission

On 16 May 2021, the Board of Directors of NGO “Ukraine-2050” officially confirmed the creation of the Permanent International Media Monitoring Mission on Disinformation about Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora (the “Mission”) and elected the following Leadership of the Mission:

- Head of the Mission: Eugene Czolij;
- Executive Director: Myron Nayda;
- Chief Analyst: Roman Panchuk; and
- Director of Strategic Communications: Peter Sztyk.

Official start of the media monitoring

We are very pleased to inform you that the official start of the Mission will be on 4 June 2021.

On 4 June 2021, we will hold two press conferences at the Ukraine Crisis Media Center, at 14:00 in Ukrainian and 14:45 in English (Kyiv time), to announce the official start of the Mission,

Composition of the Mission

As of this day we have 163 members of the Mission from 55 countries, who will be media monitoring in 41 languages.

The monitors are from the following 55 countries (in alphabetical order):

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Mozambique, New Zealand, Northern Macedonia, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Ukraine.

The 41 languages covered for monitoring are (in alphabetical order):

Arabic, Austro-Bavarian, Belarusian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Crimean-Tatar, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Kazakh, Latvian, Lithuanian, Luxembourgish, Macedonian, Maltese, Montenegrin, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

We have monitors from all the G7 countries and all the 27 EU member states.

We wish to have monitors from all the 30 NATO member states. We now have monitors from 27 NATO member states and are still looking for monitors from 3 NATO member states, namely Albania, Iceland and Montenegro.

If you know of additional potential candidates to join our Mission as monitors from any country (including from the 3 NATO member states still not covered by our Mission, namely Albania, Iceland and Montenegro), please inform us by sending an email to: ngo@ukraine-2050.org .

Online trainings for members of the Mission

We conducted an online training in Ukrainian for members of the Mission on 27 March 2021 and recorded this training on the YouTube channel of NGO “Ukraine-2050”.

For members of the Mission who do not fully understand Ukrainian, we conducted an online training in English on disinformation about Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora on 15 May 2021 and recorded this training on the YouTube channel of NGO “Ukraine-2050”.

If you have not yet followed our online training in Ukrainian or English, please view our online training, by 4 June 2021, with the following links to the YouTube channel of NGO “Ukraine-2050”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PywE6fc2xRY> (in Ukrainian); or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1rozNhcPKA> (in English).

We thank all those who already confirmed that you followed our online training.

For those who have not yet done so, please send us an email confirming that you have followed our online training by 4 June 2021 at the following email address: ngo@ukraine-2050.org .

Online meeting for members of the Analytical team of the Mission

As mentioned in our Applications, the Mission has two teams:

- (A) a team that monitors media, social networks and other information resources and generates online reports on articles that disseminate disinformation about Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora; and
- (B) a team that analyzes the data of the online reports, draws conclusions and takes effective measures to help counter such disinformation (the “Analytical team”).

We held an online meeting with our Analytical team (Team B) on 24 April 2021 to divide the work among the members of this team and identify specific procedural issues regarding the analysis of disinformation materials.

We are asking all the members of our Analytical team (Team B) to also join the team of monitors (Team A) and to send us a revised Application indicating that you are willing to be part of both teams by 4 June 2021 at the following email address: ngo@ukraine-2050.org .

List of links to web sites for monitoring

We prepared the attached preliminary List of links to web sites for monitoring by our Mission.

We invite all the Members of our Mission to monitor the information at these links.

Please send us an email by 4 June 2021 at the following email address: ngo@ukraine-2050.org indicating which links in our attached list you are willing to monitor.

Updated Forms for reports on disinformation

We are attaching updated bilingual Forms for reports on disinformation about Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora.

Starting from 4 June 2021, please send your reports to our Mission at the following e-mail address: ngo@ukraine-2050.org .

Consultants of the Mission on disinformation

The following experts will be the consultants of our Mission on disinformation:

- Mariana Kitsa, Associate Professor at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the Lviv Polytechnic National University;
- Nadiia Balovsiak, Associate Professor at the School of Journalism and Communication of the Ukrainian Catholic University;
- Marcus Kolga, Director of DisinfoWatch and Senior Fellow at Macdonald-Laurier Institute; and
- Artem Laptiiev, StopFake Fact-checker.

They also conducted the online trainings for the members of our Mission.

We are very grateful to our experts for having conducted these online trainings and for their acceptance to be the consultants of our Mission on disinformation.

Legal advisor of the Mission

The law firm Vasil Kisel & Partners will be the legal advisor of our Mission.

We are very grateful to Mr. Andriy Stelmashchuk, Managing Partner at Vasil Kisel & Partners and member of the Board of Directors of NGO “Ukraine-2050”, for accepting that his law firm be the legal advisor of the Mission.

Language consultants of the Mission

The following individuals have agreed to be language consultants of our Mission:

- English language: Iryne Mycak;
- French language: Sophie Czolij;
- German language: Andreas Kaprocki;
- Polish language: Jerzy Rejt;
- Russian language: Sergii Vynnyk; and
- Spanish language: Jorge Danylyszyn.

We are very grateful that they have agreed to be language consultants of our Mission.

Information on our web site

Information on the Mission is also available in the “*Media*” section of the web site of NGO “Ukraine 2050”: www.ukraine-2050.org .

Thank you for your participation in the Mission!

Eugene Czolij

NGO “Ukraine-2050” President

The Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) “Ukraine-2050” is a non-profit organization established to help implement, within one generation – by 2050 – strategies for the sustainable development of Ukraine as a fully independent, territorially integral, democratic, reformed and economically competitive European state.