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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 Notice of 19 April 2021, we continued our organizational work and wish to update you concerning same.

Official start of the media monitoring

We are aiming to announce the official start of the Mission during the month of May 2021.

Composition of the Mission

As of this day we have 160 members of the Mission from 53 countries, who will be media monitoring in 39 languages.

The monitors are from the following 53 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, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Mozambique, New Zealand, Northern Macedonia, Norway, 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 39 languages covered 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, Kazakh, Latvian, Lithuanian, Luxembourgish, Macedonian, Maltese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

We have monitors from 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 training in Ukrainian

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”.

If you have not followed our online training (either on 27 March 2021 or later on YouTube), please view our online training, by 15 May 2021, with the following link to the YouTube channel of NGO “Ukraine-2050”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PywE6fc2xRY>

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 15 May 2021 at the following email address: ngo@ukraine-2050.org

Online training in English

For members of the Mission who do not fully understand Ukrainian, we will hold an online training in English on Saturday, 15 May 2021, at 16h00 (Kyiv time). This training will be conducted by Mr. Marcus Kolga, Director of DisinfoWatch.org and Senior Fellow at Macdonald-Laurier Institute.

A ZOOM invitation will be sent separately to all the members of the Mission.

We will also record this training on the YouTube channel of NGO “Ukraine-2050” and send you the link.

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 had 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 they are willing to be part of both teams by 15 May 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.

During our online meeting on 24 April 2021, we asked all the members of our Analytical team to choose a certain number of links from that list that they are willing to monitor. We are also inviting all our monitors to do the same.

Please send us an email by 15 May 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 online reports

We prepared updated bilingual Forms for online reports by our monitors on articles that disseminate disinformation about Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora. These forms are attached to the notice.

You will be able to use them once we announce the official start of the Mission.

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; and
- Artem Laptiiev, StopFake Fact-checker.

They also conducted the online training in Ukrainian for the members of the Mission on 27 March 2021.

We are very grateful to our experts for having conducted the online training in Ukrainian for the members of the Mission and for their acceptance to be the consultants of our Mission on disinformation.

Legal advisors of the Mission

The law firm Vasil Kisel & Partners will be the legal advisors 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 his acceptance for his law firm to be the legal advisors of the 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.