

doing democracy

connecting academia and civil society across borders

ALIANS 24/08

Political Participation

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Short (Research) Profile & Mission

Alliance 24/08 is an NGO officially registered in Poland. We bring together different communities: students and young professionals, cultural activists and researchers, Ukrainians and Poles, the diaspora and people living permanently in Ukraine. It is an association of conscious people in which different generations, competencies, experiences, and initiatives come together to achieve a common goal. 24/08 is the day Ukraine regained its independence, reminding us that freedom is not something that is given forever, but requires daily effort. This date has become a point of reference for us: Ukraine's independence is a value that we must protect and strengthen in every context, even far beyond our country's borders.

Current (Research) Project

The planned activities respond to the sudden increase in physical violence and disinformation directed at Ukrainians in Poland, observed in recent months. The project OBSERVATORY OF HATE - SEE. MONITOR. REACT aims to systematically monitor the Polish and Ukrainian information environment, identify harmful narratives, and track their path from anonymous social media channels to the mainstream public debate. At the same time, the activities will include documenting specific cases of violence and conflicts motivated by hatred and providing information on their further legal course in order to show that such acts are met with a response from the state in the form of a tracker. As a result of these activities, structured knowledge will be developed about the mechanisms of spreading disinformation and hate speech and their consequences.

Current (Research) Project

We conduct interactive trainings and workshops based on real cases of disinformation operations used by Russia to weaken bilateral relations between Ukraine and Poland, but their scope can also be expanded - disinformation is also being used to destabilize the European Union and for other purposes. Participants in our training courses work with real examples of fakes, manipulation, and information influence techniques circulating in the media and social networks, learning to recognize their structure, techniques, objectives, and channels of dissemination.

Questions to Academia

How can civil society datasets be integrated into academic research without losing methodological rigor?

How can academic institutions cooperate with NGOs to scale media literacy programs?

What are the biggest blind spots in current research on online hate and disinformation in Central and Eastern Europe?

Questions to Civil Society

How can NGOs better coordinate efforts to monitor hate speech and counter disinformation across borders?

How can grassroots organizations bring media literacy programs to audiences that are typically hard to reach?

How do we move from reacting to disinformation to building long-term societal resilience against it?

Questions to (Political) Decision-Makers

Contact

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What mechanisms could governments create to support independent observatories and media literacy programs?

Do you believe democracies are currently equipped to respond to large-scale disinformation campaigns? If not, what needs to change?



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