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RAPID ALERT SYSTEM

STRENGTHENING COORDINATED AND JOINT RESPONSES TO DISINFORMATION

The Rapid Alert System (RAS) is an important element of the EU's overall approach to tackling Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI), including disinformation and is one of the four pillars of the Action Plan against disinformation endorsed by the European Council in December 2018. It is set up among the EU institutions and EU Member States to facilitate the sharing of insights related to FIMI campaigns and coordinate responses. The RAS is based on open-source information and will also draw upon insights from academia, fact-checkers, online platforms and international partners.

WHAT IS IT?



DEDICATED DIGITAL PLATFORM where EU Member States and EU institutions can share insights on FIMI and coordinate responses.



NETWORK OF 27 NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS who coordinate their government's participation and sharing of information and best practices in the RAS.

WHY IS IT SET UP?

RAPID ALERT SYSTEM WILL ENABLE:



Alerts: sharing instances of FIMI campaigns



Regular sharing of analysis, trends and reports



Coordinated response



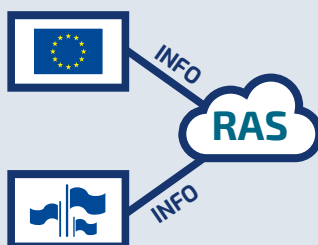
Discussing best practices in countering FIMI



Time and resource efficiency

HOW DOES IT WORK?

EU institutions and EU Member States feed information into the system.



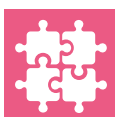
EEAS, in close cooperation with Commission, acts as facilitator of the Rapid Alert System.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES :

- public information and awareness raising activities
- flagging serious cases to online platforms
- empowering researchers, fact-checkers and civil society
- coordinated responses
- coordinated attribution

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Close cooperation with European cooperation election network, NATO, G7 and other partners.



Complementary to EU structures dealing with crisis response, cybersecurity, hybrid threats, etc.