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A key element of the Commission's actions to fight online disinformation is the renewed EU Code of Practice on Disinformation¹, which is in the process of becoming integrated as a Code of Conduct under the Digital Services Act². More information about the Code implementation is available on the Code's Transparency Centre website³.

The recently adopted Political Advertising Regulation⁴ provides for legally binding measures to deter information manipulation, disinformation, and interference, through the disclosure of the political nature of advertising, the identity of its sponsors, the entities financing it and the public or private origin of the funds used.

As part of the Defence of Democracy package, the Commission also put forward a Recommendation on inclusive and resilient elections⁵, which promotes democratic participation of all groups, including Roma, and seeks to build resilience and develop public awareness, media literacy and critical thinking to address information manipulation, interference and disinformation related to elections.

Under the new European Democracy Shield announced by the Political Guidelines for the Commission 2024-2029, the Commission and the High Representative will work to counter foreign information manipulation and interference online. A strong focus will be put on societal resilience and preparedness, through increased digital and media literacy, and boosting prevention through pre-bunking.

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/code-practice-disinformation>

² Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market for Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act), OJ L 277, 27.10.2022, p. 1–102.

³ <https://disinfocode.eu/>

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2024/900 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2024 on the transparency and targeting of political advertising, OJ L, 2024/900, 20.3.2024.

⁵ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2023/2829 of 12 December 2023 on inclusive and resilient electoral processes in the Union and enhancing the European nature and efficient conduct of the elections to the European Parliament, C/2023/8626, OJ L, 2023/2829, 20.12.2023.