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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021, FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**DISINFORMATION AND FAKE NEWS**

Chair: Ms Patricia CREUTZ

Rapporteur: Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS

Moderators: Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS and Mr Hans VERREYTT

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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| <b>10.00-10.05</b> | Welcome by the President of the Benelux, Ms Patricia CREUTZ  |
| <b>10.05-10.10</b> | Welcome by the President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community, Mr Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ  |
| <b>10.10-10.20</b> | Introduction by the rapporteur about Fake News, Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS   |
| <b>10.20-10.25</b> | Brief report from the Nordic Council on their activities on the topic of Fake News by the Vice-Chair of the Committee for Knowledge and Culture in the Nordic Region, Ms Angelika BENGTTSSON ( <i>via Zoom</i> ) |

**II. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PLATFORMS**

**Moderator: Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS**

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| <b>10.25-10.40</b> | Presentation by Mr Marco PANCINI, <i>Director Public Policy and Government Affairs EMEA, YouTube</i>  |
| <b>10.40-10.55</b> | Presentation by Mr Jeremy ZEEGERS, Public Policy Manager of Facebook for Belgium and Luxembourg       |
| <b>10.55-11.10</b> | Presentation by Mr M. Damien VAN ACHTER, expert media innovation and digital strategy (Belgium)       |
| <b>11.10-11.25</b> | Presentation by Mr Pieter VAN BOHEEMEN, researcher at the <i>Rathenau Instituut</i> (the Netherlands) |
| <b>11.25-11.45</b> | Questions & answers, and debate   |

**III. THE ROLE OF THE CLASSICAL MEDIA**

**Moderator: Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS**

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| <b>11.45-12.00</b> | Presentation by Ms Marcella BREEDEVELD, Head of Sustainability at <i>Mediahuis (via Zoom)</i>   |
| <b>12.00-12.15</b> | Presentation by Mr Arnold KARSKENS, journalist, <i>Ongehoord Nederland</i>  |
| <b>12.15-12.30</b> | Presentation by Dr Alexandre BOVET, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford ( <i>via Zoom</i> ) |
| <b>12.30-12.35</b> | Brief report from the Baltic Assembly on their activities on the topic of Fake News by the Vice-President, Mr Jānis VUCĀNS            |
| <b>12.35-12.55</b> | Questions & answers, and debate   |

| <b>IV. EUROPE AND DISINFORMATION</b><br><b>Moderator: Mr Hans VERREYT</b>     |   |
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| <b>13.55-14.10</b>  | Statement by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mr Rik DAEMS   |
| <b>14.10-14.15</b>  | Brief report from the NATO Assembly on their activities on the topic of fake news by Mr Rodrigue DEMEUSE, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Democracy and Security and Deputy Head of the Belgian delegation |
| <b>14.15-14.30</b>  | Questions & answers, and debate   |
| <b>V. GOVERNMENTS AND DISINFORMATION</b><br><b>Moderator: Mr Hans VERREYT</b> |   |
| <b>14.30-14.45</b>  | Statement by the Prime Minister of the German-speaking Community, Mr Oliver PAASCH  |
| <b>14.45-15.00</b>  | Presentation by <i>Prof. dr. Joris VAN HOBOKEN, Universitair hoofddocent, Instituut voor Informatierecht, Universiteit van Amsterdam; Hoogleraar, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (via Zoom)</i>                     |
| <b>15.00-15.15</b>  | Presentation by Mr Patrick VERNIERS, director, <i>Service d'appui au Conseil supérieur de l'éducation aux médias</i>  |
| <b>15.15-15.30</b>  | Presentation by Ms Debora PLEIN, Coordination BEE SECURE, Ministry of Education, Children and Youth (Luxembourg)  |
| <b>15.30-15.50</b>  | Questions & answers, and debate   |
| <b>VI. CLOSING</b>  |   |
| <b>15.50-15.55</b>  | Conclusions by the rapporteur, Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS   |
| <b>15.55-16.00</b>  | Word of thanks and closing by the President of the Benelux Parliament, Ms Patricia CREUTZ   |