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# **MERGED AMENDMENTS AMP & AMRP**

**DRAFT OPINION**

**European Committee of the Regions**

**The role of local and regional authorities in countering disinformation and foreign information  
manipulation and interference**

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**ORDRE D'EXAMEN DES AMENDEMENTS**  
**ORDER OF EXAMINATION OF AMENDMENTS**

<b>Auteur Author</b>	<b>Paragraphe n° Point no</b>	<b>Conséquence sur les autres amendements Impact on other amendments</b>	<b>Position du rapporteur Position of the rapporteur</b>	<b>Résultat Outcome</b>
<b>Am. 1 SACRÉDEUS Birgitta</b>	<b>4</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 2 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>5</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 3 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>8</b> Supprimer le paragraphe Delete	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 4 TORRES PÉREZ Ángel Víctor</b>	<b>10</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 5 SACRÉDEUS Birgitta</b>	<b>11</b> Supprimer le paragraphe Delete	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 6 ECR</b>	<b>12</b> Modifier Amend	Si adopté, Am. 7 caduc. If adopted, Am. 7 falls.		
<b>Am. 7 SACRÉDEUS Birgitta</b>	<b>12</b> Modifier Amend	Caduc si Am. 6 est adopté. Falls if Am. 6 is adopted.		
<b>Am. 8 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>13</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 9 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>13</b> Insérer un nouveau paragraphe après le paragraphe 13 Add new point after point 13	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 10 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>14</b> Modifier	Caduc si Am. 11 est adopté.		

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	Amend	Falls if Am. 11 is adopted.		
<b>Am. 11 SACRÉDEUS Birgitta</b>	<b>14</b> Modifier Amend	Si adopté, Am. 10 caduc. If adopted, Am. 10 falls.		
<b>Am. 12 SACRÉDEUS Birgitta</b>	<b>14</b> Supprimer le paragraphe Delete	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 13 VEHKAPERÄ Mirja</b>	<b>18</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 14 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>19</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 15 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>19</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 16 BORBOLY Csaba</b>	<b>20</b> Modifier Amend	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 17 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>20</b> Insérer un nouveau paragraphe après le paragraphe 20 Add new point after point 20	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 18R BRZEZIN Gustaw Marek</b>	<b>21</b> Modifier Amend	Si adopté, Am. 18, Am. 19 and Am. 20 caduc. If adopted, Am. 18, Am. 19 and Am. 20 fall.		
<i>Am. 18 JOHANSSON Marie</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Supprimer le paragraphe Delete</i>	<i>Caduc si Am. 18R est adopté. Falls if Am. 18R is adopted.</i>		

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<i>Am. 19 CONRADT Uwe</i>	<i>21 Modifier Amend</i>	<i>Caduc si Am. 18R est adopté. Falls if Am. 18R is adopted.</i>		
<i>Am. 20 BORBOLY Csaba</i>	<i>21 Modifier Amend</i>	<i>Caduc si Am. 18R est adopté. Falls if Am. 18R is adopted.</i>		
<b>Am. 21 CONRADT Uwe</b>	<b>25 Modifier Amend</b>	None Aucune		
<b>Am. 22 JOHANSSON Marie</b>	<b>25 Supprimer le paragraphe Delete</b>	None Aucune		

# AMENDMENT 1

The role of local and regional authorities in countering disinformation and foreign information manipulation and interference

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AGREN WIKSTRÖM Åsa  
DRENJANIN Jelena  
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RISTE Tomas

## Point 4

Amend as follows:

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
recognises the threats posed by the development of artificial intelligence (AI) which creates new challenges, but at the same time can be a tool to deal with different forms of online disinformation more quickly. <i>It is therefore worth relying on as a solution to support the targeted activity of a person acting ethically and in accordance with security requirements.</i> The Committee therefore stresses the importance of fully implementing the ethics guidelines applicable to AI, including the obligation for full transparency of the algorithms used;	recognises the threats posed by the development of artificial intelligence (AI) which creates new challenges, but at the same time can be a tool to deal with different forms of online disinformation more quickly. The Committee therefore stresses the importance of fully implementing the ethics guidelines applicable to AI, including the obligation for full transparency of the algorithms used;
Reason	
AI is an important tool that will in all likelihood have a major impact on our societies; however, it is still in development and it is therefore inadvisable, with the current state of knowledge, to talk about relying on AI for activities.	

## AMENDMENT 2

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### Point 5

Amend as follows

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
welcomes the fact that this growing problem has been reflected in key strategies and the work of EU institutions and bodies, including the Strategic Compass, recommendations of the Conference on the Future of Europe and the European Parliament's Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation. In its final report, the <i>Commission</i> calls, among other things, for the involvement of local and regional decision-makers responsible for strategic decisions within their remit (e.g. infrastructure, cybersecurity, culture and education) and stresses that local and regional authorities can in many cases identify events at an early stage and that local knowledge is often necessary to identify and carry out appropriate countermeasures;	welcomes the fact that this growing problem has been reflected in key strategies and the work of EU institutions and bodies, including the Strategic Compass, recommendations of the Conference on the Future of Europe and the European Parliament's Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation. In its final report, the <i>Special Committee</i> calls, among other things, for the involvement of local and regional decision-makers responsible for strategic decisions within their remit (e.g. infrastructure, cybersecurity, culture and education) and stresses that local and regional authorities can in many cases identify events at an early stage and that local knowledge is often necessary to identify and carry out appropriate countermeasures <i>[1]</i> ;  <i>[1] European Parliament resolution of 9 March 2022 on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the European Union, including disinformation</i>

<b>Reason</b>
Self-explanatory.

### AMENDMENT 3

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#### Point 8

Delete

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>at the same time, points out that the European Parliament, among other places, is still justifiably raising the issue of the lack of proper and direct support and involvement of local and regional authorities to undertake and implement appropriate countermeasures against disinformation;</i>	

<b>Reason</b>
Already covered under Point 5.

## AMENDMENT 4

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ALBUQUERQUE Miguel Filipe  
DE FARIA E CASTRO Pedro  
ELORZA ZUBIRÍA María Ángeles  
HERRERA ANTONAYA José Francisco  
MORENO BONILLA Juan Manuel

### Point 10

Amend as follows:

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
calls again for funding to be made available across Europe to increase the skills of local and regional authorities to counter disinformation and provide them with qualified staff and appropriate tools;	calls again for funding to be made available across Europe to increase the skills of local and regional authorities to counter disinformation and provide them with qualified staff and appropriate tools, <i>especially in the external border regions of the EU, particularly those in geographical and geopolitical zones located outside Europe</i> ;

<b>Reason</b>
Article 349 TFEU. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank 'A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost region', - COM(2017) 623 final.

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### Point 11

Delete point.

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>at the same time, notes that the lack of own resources can also be compensated through cooperation with civil society organisations and representatives, local media, research centres, individual journalists and fact-checkers;</i>	

<b>Reason</b>
Municipalities and regions should not be dependent on outside resources, in order to maintain their objectivity.

# AMENDMENT 6

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## Point 12

Amend as follows

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
believes that, <i>while</i> it is absolutely necessary for national and EU authorities to provide support through <i>direct</i> funding, programmes and initiatives to help local and regional authorities in their work to counter disinformation, <i>another source of support could be local and regional businesses, for whom stability and local order are the basis for their own activities;</i>	believes that it is absolutely necessary for national and EU authorities to provide support through funding, programmes and initiatives to help local and regional authorities in their work to counter disinformation <i>on the ground;</i>

<b>Reason</b>
Self-explanatory.

## AMENDMENT 7

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<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
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<b>Reason</b>
Municipalities and regions should not be dependent on outside resources, in order to maintain their objectivity and to avoid the risk of exposure to undue influence.

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### Point 13

Amend as follows

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
b. <i>creating</i> transparent local and regional funds to counter disinformation and promote media education by <i>raising</i> funds, <i>e.g.</i> from <i>local businesses</i> ;	b. <i>setting up in a</i> transparent <i>manner</i> local and regional funds, <i>to be managed by public authorities, in order</i> to counter disinformation and promote media education, by <i>making use of private</i> funds, <i>including</i> from <i>actions related to corporate social responsibility</i> ;

<b>Reason</b>
Public oversight of funds raised from private sources is essential.

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### Point 13

Add

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>e. bis: intensifying efforts to improve foresight capacity and resilience to cyberattacks through the deployment of appropriate cybersecurity tools that are interoperable at EU level for all local and regional authorities as well as strategic public and private services (such as those related to health, water, energy, etc.);</i>

<b>Reason</b>
Cybersecurity is of paramount importance when it comes to countering disinformation.

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### Point 14

Amend as follows

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
b. appointing expert and advisory bodies and social advisers for countering disinformation risks, in Member States at the level of local government associations, while at the same time involving representatives of key groups of self-government and non-governmental organisations, security services, educators, journalists and psychologists;	b. appointing expert and advisory bodies and social <i>media</i> advisers for countering disinformation risks, in Member States at the level of local government associations, while at the same time involving representatives of key groups of self-government and non-governmental organisations, security services, educators, journalists and psychologists;

<b>Reason</b>
Self-explanatory.

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## Point 14

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<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
b. appointing <i>expert and</i> advisory bodies <i>and social advisers</i> for countering disinformation risks, in Member States at the level of local government associations, while at the same time involving representatives of key groups <i>of self-government and non-governmental organisations, security services, educators, journalists and psychologists</i> ;	b. appointing <i>experts to</i> advisory bodies for countering disinformation risks, in Member States at the level of local government associations, while at the same time involving representatives of key groups;

<b>Reason</b>
The original proposal is too detailed.

## AMENDMENT 12

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AGREN WIKSTRÖM Åsa  
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### Point 14

Delete point.

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>e. the use of regional consultation mechanisms involving central authorities, such as the Regional Centres for International Debate in Poland;</i>	

<b>Reason</b>
This point describes a modus operandi that is specific to Poland, and it is difficult to know whether it can be applied in other countries.

# AMENDMENT 13

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VEHKAPERÄ Mirja  
AALTONEN Mikko  
KARJALAINEN Anne  
MARKKULA Markku  
RATILAINEN Niina  
RAUTIO Sari

## Point 18

Amend as follows:

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
considers it useful a. for local and regional authorities to develop communication strategies aiming to build the trust of citizens and strengthen democratic values; b. for local and regional authorities to use tools enabling citizens to easily access information and participate in the exercise of official authority, which is an example of openness and accountability of authorities; c. to provide clear and regular information on the activities of local and regional authorities and provide tools for easy access and use of information and data; d. to organise participatory activities as a means to raise people's awareness of disinformation threats; e. to establish protocols for dealing with potential threats, including during election periods; f. to implement a practice of communication warning against disinformation, including in specially designed applications for local and regional authorities to communicate with residents as in the case for other threats such as severe weather;	considers it useful a. for local and regional authorities to develop communication strategies aiming to build the trust of citizens and strengthen democratic values; b. <b>for communication at the local and regional level to also take into account communities that speak other languages</b> ; c. for local and regional authorities to use tools enabling citizens to easily access information and participate in the exercise of official authority, which is an example of openness and accountability of authorities; d. to provide clear and regular information on the activities of local and regional authorities and provide tools for easy access and use of information and data; e. to organise participatory activities as a means to raise people's awareness of disinformation threats; f. to establish protocols for dealing with potential threats, including during election periods; g. to implement a practice of communication warning against disinformation, including in specially designed applications for local and regional authorities to communicate with residents as in the case for other threats such as severe weather;

<b>Reason</b>
Communication by public authorities does not always easily reach people from different cultures and backgrounds, and it may not be trusted or may fail to have the desired impact. The inclusion of other linguistic communities gives concrete expression to the communication objectives proposed in point 16.

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### Heading 19

Amend as follows

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
Media education as a priority	Media education <i>and critical thinking</i> as a priority

<b>Reason</b>
Critical thinking is an essential element complementing media education.

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### Point 19

Amend as follows

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
notes that local and regional authorities should include media education in curricula, starting at primary school. They should also actively support such education by promoting the development of materials for teachers to adapt educational activities to local realities;	notes that, <i>where education is a sub-national competence</i> , local and regional authorities should include media education <i>and critical thinking</i> in curricula, starting at primary school. They should also actively support such education by promoting the development of materials for teachers to adapt educational activities to local realities;

<b>Reason</b>
Critical thinking is an essential element complementing media education. At the same time, local and regional authorities do not always have a say in education.

## AMENDMENT 16

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CÎMPEAN Daniela  
HRANIĆ Bruno  
MORENO BONILLA Juan Manuel  
NICA Alin-Adrian  
RIO Ricardo

### Point 20

Amend as follows

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
strongly emphasises that media literacy and education initiatives should reach as wide an audience as possible and be implemented both in cities and in rural areas.	strongly emphasises that media literacy and education initiatives should reach as wide an audience as possible and be implemented both in cities and in rural areas. <i>Also, LRAs can promote media literacy among citizens by providing education and resources on critical thinking, fact-checking, and verification skills to help citizens develop the skills to evaluate information and identify fake news.</i>

<b>Reason</b>
Self-explanatory.

## AMENDMENT 17

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LAMBERTZ Karl-Heinz  
MOLINOZ Patrick  
NARDELLA Dario  
ROUILLON Christophe  
TORRES PÉREZ Ángel Víctor

### Point 20

Add

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>20 bis: underscores that media literacy presupposes critical thinking, which is crucial for the evaluation of the veracity and reliability of information. Rebuilding trust in scientific evidence and enabling equitable access to reliable and factual information are an effective tool to counter disinformation and conspiracy theories;</i>

<b>Reason</b>
Critical thinking complements media literacy. At the same time, rebuilding trust in science and empowering people to access reliable information are crucial for building resilience to disinformation.

# RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT – Rule 24(3)

## AMENDMENT 18R

BRZEZIN Gustaw Marek

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This amendment refers to amendment 18

### Point 21

Amend as follows:

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
encourages: a. with the support of local and regional authorities and <i>journalists</i> , developing exercise worksheets on digital education and media literacy that could be downloaded and printed by teachers; (...)	encourages: a. with the support of local and regional authorities and <i>media experts</i> , developing exercise worksheets on digital education and media literacy that could be downloaded and printed by teachers. <i>It is also very important to provide support to local media, including through funds and other measures, to strengthen their capacity to fight information manipulation.</i>

<b>Reason</b>
Self-explanatory.

## AMENDMENT 18

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LAMBERTZ Karl-Heinz  
MOLINOZ Patrick  
NARDELLA Dario  
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TORRES PÉREZ Ángel Víctor

### Point 21

Delete

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>a. with the support of local and regional authorities and journalists, developing exercise worksheets on digital education and media literacy that could be downloaded and printed by teachers;</i>	

<b>Reason</b>
The proposed action is too prescriptive.

# AMENDMENT 19

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## Point 21

Amend as follows:

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ARAS Muhterem  
BECKER Uwe  
FREY Josef  
HÖFER Heinz-Joachim  
RAAB Heike  
SCHULZE Sven  
SPEICH Mark  
WUNDERLING-WEILBIER Matthias

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
encourages: a. with the support of local and regional authorities and <i>journalists</i> , developing exercise worksheets on digital education and media literacy that could be downloaded and printed by teachers; (...)	encourages: a. with the support of local and regional authorities and <i>media experts</i> , developing exercise worksheets on digital education and media literacy that could be downloaded and printed by teachers; (...)

<b>Reason</b>
Journalists work on the basis of neutrality and independence from the state and should not be brought in to develop educational materials with public bodies. However, the help of media experts could be useful.

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<b>Reason</b>
Self-explanatory.

## AMENDMENT 21

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Point 25

Amend as follows:

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ARAS Muhterem  
BECKER Uwe  
FREY Josef  
HÖFER Heinz-Joachim  
RAAB Heike  
SCHULZE Sven  
SPEICH Mark  
WUNDERLING-WEILBIER Matthias

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
therefore recommends: (...) d. using local volunteers to monitor the transparency of election campaigns, including online funding;	therefore recommends: (...) d. using <i>trained</i> local volunteers to monitor the transparency of election campaigns, including online funding;

<b>Reason</b>
The use of local volunteers is welcomed. It seems useful to train the volunteers for practical reasons, but also to ensure, as far as possible, that none of them are disinformed.

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MOLINOZ Patrick  
NARDELLA Dario  
ROUILLON Christophe  
TORRES PÉREZ Ángel Víctor

### Point 25

Delete

<i>Draft opinion of the Committee</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>e. encouraging schoolchildren to follow local elections more closely and analyse the veracity of online messages about the elections;</i>	

<b>Reason</b>
It is not possible to implement this action as part of school curricula during electoral periods.