

16th of June 2023**Information Letter**
DOMINOES PROJECT

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Department of Information Policy & Governance of University of Malta is a project partner in the [DOMINOES project](#). The DOMINOES project aims to reduce social polarization by combating fake news and online disinformation in two target groups: teaching staff/researchers from partner universities and students in the field of security, intelligence studies and social sciences. To help foster resilience to fake news, propaganda and online disinformation of mentioned target groups, the DOMINOES project will facilitate and support their digital transformation and digital capabilities. With the goal of contributing to innovation and vocational education and training, through the DOMINOES project an innovative and interactive course incorporating both a digital and a classical course component will be designed and implemented.

The project activities include training activities for teaching staff/researchers from partner universities and students in the field of security, intelligence studies and social sciences.

This letter is an invitation to participate in the *Digital Resilience to Disinformation* training program. Below you will find information about what your involvement would entail, should you decide to take part.

The *Digital Resilience to Disinformation* training program aims to; a) increase your ability to identify fake news and online disinformation; b) increase your general knowledge on the phenomenon of fake news and online disinformation and of their resilience to it; c) reduce societal polarisation caused by the spreading of fake news among the representatives of the target group. Your participation in this training program would help contribute to the improvement of the entire program, as it will be adjusted based on your feedback.

Any personal data collected from this will be used solely for reporting purposes, as requested by the European Commission. The data will be stored and transferred securely and will be shared with the Project Coordinator (“Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy in Bucharest, Romania) and the European Commission.

Participation in this *Digital Resilience to Disinformation* training program is entirely voluntary; in other words, you are free to accept or refuse to participate, without needing to give a reason. You are also free to withdraw from the *Digital Resilience to Disinformation* training program at any time, without needing to provide any explanation and without any negative repercussions for you. Should you choose to withdraw, any data collected from you during the *Digital Resilience to Disinformation* training program will be erased as long as it has not been already sent to the European Commission as part of the project reporting process.

Your participation does not entail any known or anticipated risks.

Please note also that, as a participant, you have the right under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and national legislation to access, rectify and where applicable ask for the data concerning you to be erased. All data collected will be stored for five years after completion of the project.

A copy of this information sheet is being provided for you to keep and for future reference.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail: aradu@sec.research.um.edu.mt.

Sincerely,

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