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Policy Brief

FORTIFYING EUROPE'S DEFENSES AGAINST FOREIGN INFORMATION MANIPULATION AND INTERFERENCE (FIMI)





WHAT IS ATHENA?

ATHENA is an EU-funded project that protects Europe from Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI).

In today's interconnected world, the threat of foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) poses a significant challenge to the stability and integrity of democratic societies. In response to this growing threat, the European Union has launched the ATHENA project - a €3 million, three-year initiative aimed at comprehensively addressing FIMI.

Led by a consortium of 14 partners, ATHENA represents a strategic endeavor to analyse, understand and combat the tactics employed by perpetrators of FIMI.

Through innovative research, collaboration, and stakeholder engagement, ATHENA aims to safeguard Europe's digital future and uphold the principles of democracy and transparency.



32 REAL-WORLD CASES

We analyze 32 real-world cases of disinformation and interference, **revealing how foreign actors:**

- Manipulate elections;
- Polarize societies;
- Target democratic institutions;
- Exploit online platforms.



By studying these cases, ATHENA develops countermeasures, policy guidance, and public engagement tools.

Evidence-Based Countermeasures:

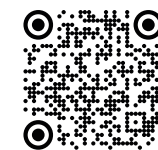
- Analysis of 32 FIMI cases – across Europe and beyond;
- Techniques to detect, prevent, and respond;
- Policy foresight to strengthen resilience.



FIMI COLLABORATIONS



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WORKING TOGETHER: THE FIMI CLUSTER

ATHENA is part of the EU FIMI Cluster, joining forces with other projects to share insights and create stronger defenses against disinformation.

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