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DIGIEFFECT

ACADEMIC - PRACTITIONER - REGULATOR WORKSHOP #3

Date: 31 March 2026

Location: Silversquare Europe – Parliament Room

Address: Square de Meeûs 35, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Workshop description

Digital technology and AI are an integral component of elections and democratic participation. Digital political campaigns and their effects for citizens, political parties and democratic institutions require further examination, especially in light of emerging online harms related to disinformation, cybersecurity risks and the use of AI. Addressing these risks is imperative to strengthen citizens' digital skills and safeguard electoral integrity and democratic resilience.

DIGIEFFECT examines the operation of risk governance across different levels, focusing on regulators' efforts to prioritise and mitigate online harms, platforms' interpretation of legislative responsibilities and citizens' evaluation of the credibility and fairness of digital campaigning environments.

This engagement workshop brings together academics, policymakers and practitioners to discuss where current EU, national and corporate measures succeed or fall short. The discussion supports ongoing debates on strengthening the EU Democracy Shield, improving regulatory responses to online harms and enhancing citizens' digital political literacy skills.

The workshop will address the following questions:

- 1) How do citizens perceive the risks of digital political campaigning?
- 2) How can their digital political literacy skills be strengthened to tackle online harms?
- 3) How do regulators respond to risks associated with digital political campaigning?



Workshop schedule and agenda

10.00 Welcome and Coffee

10.30–12.00 Panel 1: Digital parties, digital citizens: strategies for democratic resilience

Chair: Dr Gabriela Borz

Digital political parties across Europe: strategies and organisation, Dr Cristina Mitrea, Babes-Bolyai University

Comparing citizen views on digital campaigns: evidence from UK, Germany and Romania, Dr Remi Almodt, Babes-Bolyai University

Digital organizing: how online political campaigning can strengthen democracy, Beatrice White, European Centre for Digital Action

How to improve digital political literacy: experimental survey evidence from Europe Dr Gabriela Borz, University of Strathclyde

ENoP: political dialogue as democratic resilience, Alessia Gonfroid, European Network of Parties

12.00–13.00 Lunch break

13.00–14.30 Panel 2: EU digital governance: methods for regulatory effectiveness

Chair: Dr George Jigla

Digital governance and youth strategies, Giorgi Davidovi, Verian Group

The national regulation of digital campaigning across Europe, Dr Cristina Mitrea, Babes-Bolyai University

Assessing the EU Regulation on digital campaigning: a risk governance approach, Dr Gabriela Borz and Remi Almodt

Platform responses: compliance with EU law, Thomas Montgomerie, Anna Longhini, Babes-Bolyai University

Analysing disinformation narratives, Kovacikova Kristina, EU Joint Research Centre

14.30–15.00 Coffee break

15.00–16.00 Roundtable: How to bridge the gap between academia and practitioners?

16.30 Guests leaving