

Europe votes 2019: How to unmask and fight online manipulation

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Programme

In light of the upcoming European Parliament elections, and numerous other national elections scheduled for 2019, the EDPS is facilitating a conversation between data protection authorities, electoral regulators, audio-visual regulators, media & platforms in the fight against online manipulation of personal data in elections

9:30 – 9:45 **Digital information ecosystem, data protection and democracy - opening remarks from Giovanni Buttarelli**

9:45 - 10:15 **“Antidote to fake news” - Demonstration by DROG**

DROG is a platform with innovative tools to build resistance to disinformation; developers of “Bad News” - a game which raises awareness of how fake news and is spread

10:15 - 11:30 **Reflections of 2018 elections**

Looking back on the elections that took place last year, experts will look at these elections were run, the challenges that occurred, and the lessons we can learn

11:45 - 12:45 **Digital vulnerabilities 2019**

Fair & free elections are the cornerstone of democracy but their integrity is being challenged in the highly concentrated and often unaccountable digital ecosystem. This panel will highlight the vulnerabilities in our democratic process from various perspectives.

12:45 - 13:00 **Keynote by Elizabeth Denham, Information Commissioner’s Office, UK (tbc)**

14:00 - 15:30 **Roles & Responsibilities**

A multisectoral dialogue with regulators, as well as representatives from the media, journalism and the platform industry, revolving around the roles they play and responsibilities they all hold in fighting online manipulation of data

15:45 - 17:00 **Opportunities for cooperation**

Whilst strengthening the protection of data is one part of the puzzle, combatting online manipulation and preserving the integrity of democracy must be a concerted effort from all players. Establishing new networks of cooperation will be key in this endeavour