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## ***DG NEAR JAI-Net 2021***

**“Countering evolving transnational threats – Disinformation, Smuggling, Terrorism”**

**WebEx - 16, 17 and 19 November 2021**

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**The meeting will take place under Chatham house rules**

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**Venue: online**

**(Access will be granted to all registered participants through WebEx connection-link)**

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*Neighbourhood and  
Enlargement  
Negotiations*

*Day 1 – Tuesday 16 November 2021*  
*Disinformation as a threat to democracy*

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<p><b>Welcoming words</b> Mathieu Bousquet - Acting Director, NEAR.A</p> <p><b>Introduction</b> Allan Jones – Head of Unit, NEAR.A2 - Thematic support – Rule of Law, Governance and Security</p>
<p><b>Session 1:</b></p> <p><b>EU coordinated actions to counter online and off-line disinformation, tackling new and persisting challenges</b></p>	
<b>09.30 – 11.00</b>	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Giulio Venneri, NEAR.A2 <i>Introduction:</i> Antonia Battaglia, NEAR.A1- Disinformation Coordinator <i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Alberto Rabbachin</u> – Deputy Head of Unit. DG CNECT, Media Convergence and Social Media</li> <li>- <u>Marcos Barclay</u> – DG COMM, Governance and Strategic Coordination</li> <li>- <u>Harry Panagopulos</u> – DG JUST, Union citizenship rights and Free Movement</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<b>11.00 – 11.15</b>	<i>Virtual coffee break</i>
<p><b>Session 2:</b></p> <p><b>Manipulative narratives and interferences across sectors</b></p>	
<b>11.15– 12:45</b>	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Virginia Blanco Mon, NEAR.A2 <i>Introduction:</i> Antonia Battaglia, NEAR.A1 – Disinformation Coordinator <i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Michael Palmer</u>, Head of Sector. DG HOME, Media, Outreach and Digital</li> <li>- <u>Sabrina Spieleder</u> –Team Leader for Policy, strategy and global priority issues. EEAS, Division Strategic Communications and Information Analysis</li> <li>- <u>Lisa Ginsborg</u> – Acting Director, European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO)</li> <li>- <u>Grzegorz Rzekowski</u> - Central European Digital Media Observatory (CEDMO); Lecturer, Collegium Civitas; Chief Investigative Reporter, Polityka</li> <li>- <u>Italian Digital Media Observatory (IDMO)</u></li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<i>End of Day 1</i>	

**Day 2 – Wednesday 17 November 2021**  
**Migrant smuggling routes following recent developments in Afghanistan –**  
**State of play and future scenarios**

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Michele Amedeo - Deputy Head of Unit, NEAR DG.A2.01 – Migration  Ralph Genetzke - Director and Head of Brussels Mission, ICMPD</p>
<b>Session 3:</b>	
<b>Migration scenarios and smuggling routes: setting the scene</b>	
<b>09.30 – 10.45</b>	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Ralph Genetzke, Director and Head of Brussels Mission, ICMPD</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Sergio Bianchi</u> - Managing Director, Fondazione Agenfor International</li> <li>- <u>Roderick Parkes</u> – Research Director, DGAP</li> <li>- <u>Andras Racz</u> – Senior Research Fellow, DGAP</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<b>10.45 – 11.00</b>	<i>Virtual coffee break</i>
<b>Session 4:</b>	
<b>Developments in the Silk Routes: Presence and future of migrant smuggling in the region and towards the EU</b>	
<b>11.00 – 12.45</b>	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Ralph Genetzke, Director and Head of Brussels Mission, ICMPD</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Sedef Dearing</u> – Head of Region Silk Routes, ICMPD</li> <li>- <u>Maegan Hendow</u> – Researcher, ICMPD</li> <li>- <u>Walter Kemp</u> - Global Initiative on Transnational Organised Crime</li> <li>- <u>Frontex</u></li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<b>Closing remarks</b>	
<b>12.45 – 13.00</b>	<p>Michele Amedeo  Ralph Genetzke</p>
<i>End of Day 2</i>	

