EUROPEAN COMMISSION

EU INTERNET FORUM

WORKSHOP ON POTENTIAL RISKS RELATED TO THE MISUSE OF ALGORITHMIC AMPLIFICATION TECHNIQUES

17 SEPTEMBER 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING
14:00-18:00

This workshop aims at reaching a better understanding of the possible risks related to the misuse of algorithmic amplification techniques, through the exchange of technical knowledge and expertise between EUIF stakeholders and external experts in the field. The objective is to increase our understanding of how amplification techniques can be exploited to disseminate terrorist or violent extremist content and what is the extent of the threat posed by the misuse of such techniques. We also aim at increasing transparency on the role played by algorithmic amplification techniques in potentially facilitating the user journey towards radicalisation.

DRAFT AGENDA

14:00 - 14:10   Opening remarks and presentation of agenda by the European Commission

First session: evidence and assessments of threats and risks related to misuse of algorithmic amplification

14:10 – 14:30   Presentation of RAN Policy paper on algorithmic amplification

14:30 – 14:40   Presentation by ISD analysts on misuse of recommender algorithms

14:40 – 14:50   Presentation by Tom Siegel, co-founder and CEO of TrustLab

14:50 – 15:10   Presentation by Alexander Ritzman and Hani Farid, Counter Extremism Project (CEP) Senior Advisor

15:10 – 15:40 Q&A and open discussion

15:40 – 15:50 coffee break

Second session: policy concerns and measures related to misuse of algorithmic amplification

15:50 – 16:00 Presentation by European Commission on DSA sections concerning algorithmic amplification

16:00 – 16:10 Presentation by Phenicia Baatout, EU Counter Terrorism Coordinator office, about policy concerns related to algorithmic amplification

16:10 – 16:20 Presentation by a EU Member State (tbc)

16:20 – 16:50 Q&A and open discussion

Third session: tech companies assessment and actions to prevent use of algorithmic amplification to disseminate terrorist content

16:50 – 17:00 Presentation by Tech Against Terrorism

17:00 – 17:10 Presentation by Google

17:10 – 17:20 Presentation by a social media platform (tbc)

17:20 – 17:50 Q&A and open discussion

17:50 – 18:00 Wrap up and closing remarks