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TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE HIGH-LEVEL EXPERT GROUP ON FAKE NEWS

Dear Member,

We wish to thank you for accepting our invitation to take part in the important work of the High Level Expert Group on Fake News (HLEG).

The first meeting of HLEG will take place in the SCHUMAN meeting room at the BERLAYMONT, Rue de la Loi 200, 1040 Bruxelles ([access map](#)), from 9:30 to 18:00 on 15 January 2018.

Please be informed that the security control at the entrance of the building may take some time. In order to speed up the process, it is important not to forget to bring your invitation, proof of your identity as well as the epass with you. You will also be asked to wear a badge in your name (available at a specific welcome desk) before passing the security gate.

Some general information: The members in HLEG are individuals (Type A members) or representatives of organisations (Type C members). Individuals are appointed in their personal capacity and they cannot be substituted in case of absence. Type C members may be substituted by their organisation, should the member not be able to participate in a meeting or in a subgroup activity. Note, however, that only one person shall attend a meeting of the HLEG on behalf of the organisation.

Two further meetings are planned for the 7th and 23rd of February 2018.

The following 6 sub-groups are proposed to be set up:

1. Scope of the problem in the light of fundamental principles and role of public authorities.
2. Roles and responsibilities of online platforms. Best practices.
3. Roles and responsibilities of news media organisations. Quality Journalism.
4. Role of civil society organizations.
5. Role of research and technical community.
6. International Dimension.

We suggest you to select one or two sub-groups in which you would find your contribution to be most relevant. Please let us know your choices at your earliest convenience so that they can be taken into account when forming the sub-groups.

Kind regards



Annexes:

- Agenda
- Background paper
- Rules of Procedure