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## **Between two elections – The role and significance of Russian disinformation in Polish and Hungarian societies during the 2025 and 2026 election periods**

Rola rosyjskiej dezinformacji w procesach wyborczych Polski i Węgier: Kontekst społeczny i polityczny (2025-2026)

Két választás között – Az orosz dezinformáció helye és szerepe a lengyel és magyar társadalmakban a 2025-ös és 2026-os választási években

- expert workshop  
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Date: 26 November 2025 (Wednesday) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Headquarter of the National Association of Hungarian Journalists (MÚOSZ), H-1064 (VIth district) Budapest, Vörösmarty u. 47/A - Room Gimes (Ist floor)

### Program

8:30 - Arrival & welcome coffee

9:00 - 9:20: **Erik Uszkiewicz** (Project coordinator, Center for Independent Journalism; Vice-Chairman, Hungarian Europe Society): Welcome, logistics and introduction of participants

9:20 - 9:50 Keynote speech

**Prof. Gábor Polyák** (Professor, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities and Head of the Department of Media and Communication; Professional Leader, Mertek Media Monitor): Propaganda in the Captured Media System of Hungary

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9:50 - 10:15: **Paweł Nowacki** (Founder and Member of the Board, Association of Digital Practitioners - Praktycy.eu, The Chamber of Press Publishers' consultant): Disinformation as a Key Element of Cognitive Warfare and the Most Cost-effective Way to Influence Electoral Processes

10:15- 10:40 **Edyta Zdzisława Iwaniuk** (Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland, Department for Strategic Communications and Countering Foreign Disinformation): Polish Elections 2025 and Disinformation: Governmental Perspective

10:40 - 11:05 **Szilárd Teczár** (Editor-in-Chief, Lakmusz): Pro-Russian Disinformation in Hungary: Is it Foreign After All?

11:05 - 11:20 Coffee break

### Technological perspectives

11:20 - 11:45 **Jakub Śliż** (President of the Board, Pravda Association): Influence Operations in Poland as Part of FIMI: Technological Accelerants of Disinformation Spread

11:45 - 12:10 **Konrad Kiljan** (Communication Expert, Fundacja Obserwatorium Demokracji Cyfrowej / CEE Digital Democracy Watch): How Digital Disinformation Shifts the Overton Window in Polish Politics (*online*)

12:10 - 13:10 Lunch break (*on-site*)

### Russian Aggression against Ukraine and its Implications in the Disinformation Ecosystem

13:10 - 13:35 **Dorka Takácsy** (Senior Fellow, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy; Visiting Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States): Cross-Border Propaganda Networks

13:35 - 14:00 **Marzenna Guz-Vetter** (Senior Fellow, Visegrad Insight): Russia's Disinformation Attack after the Drone Incursion into Poland's Airspace

14:00 - 14:25 **Erik Uszkiewicz**: Disinformation Narratives in the Hungarian Political Communication and Government Propaganda against Ukraine

14:25 - 14:50 **Éva Vajda** (Researcher, Science+ project; Editor, Truth for Africa project):  
Russian Disinformation Narratives and Techniques: Examples from a few African Countries and  
Similarities (and Differences) with Hungary

14:50 - 15:00 **Erik Uszkiewicz**: Wrap up of the day, continuation of the project, publication

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