

Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation  
The Chair

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**Subject: INGE Inter-parliamentary Committee meeting on 9 November 2021**

Dear Colleague,

Foreign interference constitutes a serious violation of the universal values and principles on which the European Union is founded, such as human dignity, freedom, equality, solidarity, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law. Malicious foreign actors use information manipulation and other interference tactics to interfere in democratic processes in the EU and across the world.

The European Parliament established the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes, including Disinformation (INGE) in 2020 with a mandate to draw up fact-based recommendations designed to equip the EU with stronger tools to combat foreign interference. It is of strategic importance that democracies cooperate and coordinate in the face of foreign interference campaigns that aim to weaken the democratic processes of the targeted countries, in particular Western democracies. As a part of its work, INGE is planning to hold discussions with national and international Parliaments, who - as flagships for direct democracy - find themselves at the forefront of this fight.

Hence, INGE would like to invite Members of the national Parliaments of the EU to attend an Inter-parliamentary Committee meeting on the theme:

**“Responding to Foreign Interference in Cooperation with Like-Minded Democracies”**

We are therefore very pleased to invite up to four Members of the corresponding committee(s) of each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this event remotely on Tuesday, 9 November 2021, divided in two meetings slots from 13:45-15:45 and from 16:15-18:15.

The purpose of the meeting is to exchange information and best practices on foreign interference related work done at EU, national- and international level, and to gather further insights and expertise on how to address the challenges posed by foreign interference. The meeting would also be a forum for exchanging ideas on possible collective responses to actions of foreign interference, and for deepening the foreign interference dialogue between the European Parliament, national and international Parliaments in preparation for the international summit for democracy.

During the first meeting slot, the INGE Rapporteur, Ms Sandra KALNIETE (EPP, LV) will present her draft report with recommendations to combat foreign interference. Members are invited to comment on the report or share best practices from their own respective countries.

The second meeting slot will extraordinarily include selected key international partners. This part will focus on sharing best practices and the way to move forward together with like-minded partners in the face of the threats of foreign interference.

More practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's representatives/services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 9 November 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'R' and 'G' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that ends in a sharp point.

Raphaël Glucksmann