

[COVID-19 disinformation monitoring programme](#)

Signatories to the Code of Practice on Disinformation are carrying out a COVID-19 disinformation monitoring programme to keep people informed about the virus and vaccines.



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The COVID-19 monitoring and reporting programme set out in the [Joint Communication 'Tackling COVID-19 disinformation - Getting the facts right'](#) is a transparency measure to ensure accountability towards the public of the efforts made by platforms and relevant industry associations to limit online disinformation related to Covid-19.

Platforms involved, who are signatories to the [Code of Practice on Disinformation](#), regularly report on:

- actions to increase visibility of authoritative sources such as the WHO and national health organisations;
- tools to facilitate access to reliable information of public interest;
- demoted and removed content containing false and/or misleading information likely to cause physical harm or impair public health policies;
- prohibited advertising that exploits the crisis;
- efforts to provide accurate information on vaccines.

In particular, platforms have been asked to provide information relating to the following areas:

- initiatives to promote authoritative content at EU and at Member State level;
- initiatives and tools to improve users' awareness;
- information on manipulative behaviour on their services;
- data on flows of advertising linked to COVID-19 disinformation on their services and on third-party websites.

While platforms detected a high number of content including false information related to COVID-19, they did not detect coordinated disinformation operations with specific focus on COVID-19 run on their services.

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