The Commission guidance shows how the Code of Practice on Disinformation could be strengthened to become a more effective tool for countering disinformation. The Code has provided a framework for a structured dialogue between relevant stakeholders, the first one of its kind worldwide, to ensure greater transparency and accountability of platforms’ policies on disinformation.

The Guidance calls for reinforcing the Code of Practice on Disinformation in the following areas to ensure a complete and consistent application across stakeholders and EU countries:

- Larger participation with tailored commitments
- Better demonetising of disinformation
- Ensuring the integrity of services
- Improving the empowerment of users
- Increasing the coverage of fact-checking and providing increased access to data to researchers
- Creating a more robust monitoring framework

The Commission also calls on the signatories of the Code of Practice to develop a Transparency Centre where they indicate which policies they adopted to implement the Code’s commitments, how they have been enforced, and display all the data and metrics relevant to the Key Performance Indicators. The Guidance also proposes the establishment of a permanent task force chaired by the Commission.

**Next steps**

The signatories of the Code of Practice should convene to strengthen the Code in line with the Commission’s guidance and present a first draft in autumn.

**Downloads**
European Commission Guidance on Strengthening the Code of Practice on Disinformation (COM(2021) 262 final)
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