



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
Office for the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media**

OSCE Expert Meeting Series on Disinformation and Freedom of the Media  
(Organized by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media)

FIRST MEETING: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY ON DISINFORMATION IN THE CONTEXT OF FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

14 May 2021, 13:30-16:30

*The international problem of how to counteract the dissemination of false reports and information detrimental to peace, security and co-operation has existed for a hundred years. There is a body of international law that addresses disinformation, especially in the context of harm it makes to international relations. Today, the desire to find a solution has risen in line with the growth of the media's influence, intensified by the role that social media plays in informing the public. A number of ideas is floating in intergovernmental fora, other than the OSCE, as to how to limit the harmful effects of disinformation, especially if it sows distrust among nations.*

**Opening Address:** Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

**Moderator:** Andrey Rikhter, Senior Adviser, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

### **First Panel: International Law**

Dr. Björnstjern Baade, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public and International Law, Free University Berlin, Germany

Prof. Trisha Meyer, Professor of Digital Governance and Participation, Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Dr. Marko Milanovic, Professor of Public International Law at the University of Nottingham School of Law, UK

### **Second Panel: International Policy**

Ms. Gabrielle Guillemin, Senior Legal Officer at ARTICLE 19, former consultant for the mandate of the UN Special Representative on freedom of opinion and expression

Ms. Urška Umek, Head of Media Unit, Information Society Department, Council of Europe

Mr. Alexander Smirnov, Executive Secretary of the Academic Council at the Anti-Terrorist Center, Commonwealth of Independent States

Mr. Lutz Guellner, Head of Division for Strategic Communications and Information Analysis, European External Action Service, EU