



DepolarisingEU

Redressing Radical Polarisation: Strengthening European Civil Spheres facing Illiberal Digital Media

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Addressing the Rise of Radicalisation in Digital Spaces

DAY 1 6th May 2025

- 08:45 Registration & Coffee
- 09:20 Opening Remarks
- 09:30 **Let's Talk:** Public Debate on Youth, Polarisation and Media in Europe
 - Moderated by**
Mónica Prado, Head of Digital News Department | A3N 
 - Speakers**
Manuela Kasper-Claridge, Editor-in-Chief | Deutsche Welle 
Gonzalo Velasco, Data Analyst | European Parliament
Leticia Pérez, Director General | ac2ality 
-  Auditorium of Puerta de Toledo, UC3M  Watch live on @DepolarisingEU YouTube
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:45 **Parallel Breakout Workshops WG1, WG2 and WG3**
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 **Hybrid Media and the Polarisation of Civil Society**
 - Keynote Speakers**
María Luengo | Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Matthias Revers | University of Leeds | University of Hamburg
Karoline Ihlebæk | Oslo Metropolitan University
- 15:45 Coffee Break
- 16:00 **MC Meeting**

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Who We Are: DepolarisingEU

WG1

Civil sphere and radical polarisation: academic state of the art (I)

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WG2

Civil sphere and radical polarisation: academic state of the art (II)

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WG3

Designing practical tools to counter, redress and prevent radical polarization

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DepolarisingEU in Numbers

121

TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS

37

TOTAL
COUNTRIES

21

COST INCLUSIVENESS TARGET
COUNTRIES

Get Involved

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- European interdisciplinary network (COST Action CA22165)
- Mission: Understand and counter radical polarisation
- Focus: Developing practical depolarisation strategies
- Engaging researchers, media, policymakers, and civil society

Understanding the Political-Media-Citizen Polarisation Loop: Restoring Trust and Democracy in the Digital Age



The polarisation Challenge: Our Perspective

- Most tools flag or remove harmful content
- What's lacking: Approaches that genuinely help people **defuse** heated debates and rebuild trust
- The opportunity: Empowering users, journalists, and policymakers to transform flashpoints into meaningful dialogue.

Workshop with CSOs



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Thank you!