

# FERMI

## FAKE NEWS RISK MITIGATOR

**FERMI** will exploit a holistic and cross-disciplinary methodology towards a framework that will thoroughly analyse **disinformation and fake news** and their sources, in combination with all the socioeconomic factors that may affect both the spreading of such incidents and their effects on multiple dimensions of society.

### EUROPEANS ONLINE

Almost 66% of EU citizens read news online

Almost 70% of EU citizens go online for info about products and services

>50% of EU citizens go online to find health info

### COUNTERING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Law Enforcement Agencies can at best identify **disinformation and fake news**, although they have limited if any insights on origins, likely area of diffusion, likely impact on crime, etc.

Are not able to link **disinformation and fake news** with cyber-threats and offline crimes

### REAL-LIFE THREATS

Distortion of public opinion

Radicalisation and violence

### ONLINE THREATS

Veracity of info is often disputable

Sophisticated manipulation of content (e.g., deep fakes)

## OUR OBJECTIVES

- Analyse the direct risks posed by **disinformation and fake news** to the offline world and minimise the impact
- Design training and education material for European Police
- Design training and education material for public authorities, other professionals and stakeholders, and EU citizens
- Support the EU LEAs and (social) media organizations in the combat against **disinformation and fake news** and the ramifications thereof
- Realise technological breakthroughs towards a society more resilient to **disinformation and fake news**
- Realise accurate risk modelling and assessment, optimized decision support for LEAs to mitigate such risks
- Improve understanding of the cultural and societal aspects of **disinformation and fake news**

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