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Monday, July 11

- 08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast
- 10:00 Welcoming Ceremony,
Introductory remarks by partners
- 10:30 – 12:00 Keynote Address: *Russia's war against Ukraine and the new geopolitical reality*
Linas Linkevičius
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 15:30 Workshop: *Digital Front in Ukraine: OSINT Tips and Tools for Countering Russia's Information War (part 1)* **Givi Gigitashvili**
The information domain has been one of the main fronts of Russia's on-going war in Ukraine as pro-Kremlin actors flood the information space with manipulated photos and videos, false statements and other types of inauthentic content. In view of this, this session will focus on the role of open-source intelligence to verify authenticity and reliability of digital content in time of war and will introduce some useful tools to hunt down the origin of such content using publicly available data.
- 15:30 – 16:00 Break – coffee / tea
- 16:00 – 17:30 Workshop: *Russian propaganda and disinformation narratives surrounding the war in Ukraine (part 2)* **Givi Gigitashvili**
- 18:00 – 19:30 Dinner
- 19:30 – 21:00 Evening networking

Tuesday, July 12

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 12:00 Panel Discussion: *European integration after the war: What's next for Eastern Partnership*
Alexandru Coica (Moldova)
Victoria Vdovychenko (Ukraine)
Stefano Braghiroli (Estonia)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 16:00 Workshop: *Digital literacy / Proactive resilience against disinformation*
Alice Stollmeyer

This workshop will consist of two parts. First you will get an overview and assessment of disinformation and the bigger picture. What should democracies be concerned about, and what can they do? Next, you will learn how to deal with disinformation, conspiracy theories and online polarisation. Get a flavour of Defend Democracy's interactive training Act On Disinfo, with many practical do's & don'ts and some exercises.

16:00 – 16:30 Break – coffee / tea

16:30 – 17:30 Presentation: *Russian economic aggression against Ukraine (2013-2022)*, **Nataliya Haletska**

17:30 – 18:00 Group Activities /Networking

18:00 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30 – 21:00 Fireside Chat: *The role of NATO in the fight against disinformation*
Dominik Jankowski

Wednesday, July 13

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 12:00 Panel Discussion: *What next for Western Balkans? View of EU integration after the war*
Ana Stevanovic (Serbia)
Marta Szpala (Poland)
Andreja Stojkovski (N. Macedonia)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 16:00 Workshop: *Building democratic resilience and strengthening transnational security*
Nad'a Kovalcikova

Participants will learn ways in which we can make our democracies more resilient in an era of widespread, often algorithmically driven, disinformation. This session will provide an introduction to democratic resilience, demonstrate some case studies & conclude with a series of participatory activities.

16:00 – 16:30 Break – coffee / tea

16:30 – 18:00 Workshop: *Citizen Journalism in the Public Interest* / **Stuart Allan**

The rise of citizen journalism has engendered a profound impact on mainstream news reporting in countries around the world. News organisations are rethinking their relationships with their publics, placing greater emphasis on co-operation, collaboration and connectivity. In order to assess the implications for journalism's social responsibilities, this workshop focuses on formative instances of citizen reporting during times of war, conflict and crisis.

18:00 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30 – 21:00 Evening networking / Group activities

Thursday, July 14

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 12:00 Discussion: *Cyberspace as a "new" realm of geopolitics*
Giorgi Iashvili

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Workshop: *Personal Digital Security* (part 1)
Łukasz Król

Designed for journalists, activists, and others who might be in the public eye, this session teaches us how we can keep ourselves and our collaborators safe from cyberattacks or data leaks. Bring any questions you might have about the topic, and I'll do my best to answer them.

15:30 – 16:00 Break – coffee / tea

16:00 – 18:00 Workshop: *Personal Digital Security* (part 2)
Łukasz Król

18:00 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30 – 21:00 Evening Discussion: *Social media as a battlefield in the information war*
Katarzyna Szymielewicz

Friday, July 15

- 08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast
- 10:00 – 12:00 Discussion: *Documenting the war in real-time – meeting with Maria Avdeeva*
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 15:30 Workshop: *Bellingcat - Open Source Intelligence and Investigations (part 1)*
Aiganysh Aidarbekova
This workshop will take place over two parts. In the first session we will cover Telegram messaging app and Vkontakte social media with case studies and exercises. Participants will learn how to use these platforms, the techniques of searching relevant groups from QAnon to Ukraine-focused, building networks and content archiving. For VKontakte we will also explore Russian language facial recognition tools. In the second session, we will learn more about geolocation fundamentals and case studies from locating ISIS supporters to monitoring civilian harm done in Ukraine.
- 15:30 – 16:00 Break – coffee / tea
- 16:00 – 18:00 Workshop: *Bellingcat - Open Source Intelligence and Investigations (part 2)*
Aiganysh Aidarbekova
- 18:00 – 19:30 Dinner
- 19:30 – 21:00 Fireside Chat: *Big brother is here. Surveillance technologies as a threat to democracy?*
Szabolcs Panyi

Saturday, July 16

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 14:00 Free Time / Visit to Warsaw / Group activities

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch on Natolin Campus

16:00 – 18:00 Partner Presentations and opportunities beyond WEASA (PAFF, GMF, CoE, others)

18:00 – 18:30 Break – coffee / tea

18:30 – 19:30 WEASA Life – How to stay involved as alumni

19:30 – 21:00 Networking dinner and drinks with partners

Sunday, July 17

- 08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast
- 10:00 – 11:00 Final group meetings
- 11:00 – 13:00 Group Presentations and Reflections
Lessons learned, ideas for alumni activities
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 15:30 Diploma Award Ceremony

Arrival of WEASA alumni

- 16:00 – 16:30 Break – coffee / tea
- 18:00 – 20:00 Joint welcome dinner participants and alumni
(Palace gardens)
- 20:00 – 21:00 *Special Presentation - 10 Years of WEASA*
Evening networking

Monday, July 18

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:30 – 12:00 Joint Keynote Lecture: *Looking to the future, together (AC room)*
Roman Washchuk

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

Departure of WEASA Participants

13:30 – 15:30 Alumni Workshop
- open discussion on ideas
- group work
- presentations

15:30 – 16:00 Break – coffee / tea

16:00 – 18:00 Developing alumni work plan 2022-2023

18:00 – 19:30 Networking dinner

Tuesday, July 19

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:30 – 12:00 Presentation of Alumni Work Plan 2022-2023

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

14:00 – *Departure of WEASA alumni*