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PERiSCOPE launches to strengthen democratic resilience against disinformation and manipulation across Europe

A cross-border initiative bringing together 12 partners from 8 EU Member States to empower citizens, youth, educators and media professionals.

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The European project PERiSCOPE (“Partnerships for Enhanced InfoRmation Resilience and Security, Citizen Democratic Participation, Awareness, and Engagement”) has officially launched, bringing together 12 partners from 8 EU Member States to strengthen democratic resilience against disinformation, gendered hate speech and foreign information manipulation.

Over the next 24 months, PERiSCOPE will empower citizens—especially young people, educators, journalists and media professionals—with practical skills, tools and engagement opportunities that improve information resilience and support constructive democratic participation.

What PERiSCOPE will deliver

- Capacity-building and training: practical learning resources and trainings supporting critical thinking, media literacy and democratic participation.
- Public awareness campaigns: cross-border campaign materials and outreach actions tailored to different audiences.
- Youth engagement and fact-checking initiatives: empowering young people to engage with verification practices and civic participation.
- Policy dialogue and knowledge exchange: structured exchanges between civil society, media, researchers and decision-makers to inform stronger responses.

A strong European partnership

PERiSCOPE is implemented by a multi-disciplinary consortium spanning research, civil society, media expertise and public-sector know-how. The project is coordinated by the University of Piraeus Research Center (UPRC).

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