

# International Grand Committee on Disinformation and 'Fake News'

## Dublin, Ireland – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Theme:

How to advance international collaboration in the regulation of harmful content, hate speech and electoral interference online, taking into account:

1. The evidence of interference, hate and harmful content
2. An understanding of the structural problems enabling harm; and
3. The evolving regulatory structures and new policy proposals (such as E-commerce directive, UK White Paper on Online Harms and the European Commission's Action Plan against Disinformation)

**Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>:** Location – Seanad Chamber - Leinster House

**9 am – 10.30 am**

### **Session 1 – the Evidence**

*Q: What does the evidence on online harms, hate speech and electoral interference tell us about the nature of the problem? What most urgently needs to be addressed?*

- Carole Cadwalladr – Journalist – the Observer
- Karlin Lillington – Irish Times
- Johnny Ryan – Brave
- Roger McNamee – Investor and author
- Ben Nimmo - Graphika

**10.45 am – 12.15 pm**

### **Session 2: Industry perspective**

*Q: How can industry be a part of solution?*

- Monika Bickert, Vice President of Content Policy, Facebook
- Jim Balsillie, Chair, Centre for International Governance Innovation; Retired Chairman and former CEO of BlackBerry
- Marco Pancini, Director of Public Policy for YouTube EMEA, Google
- Karen White, Director of Public Policy, and Ronan Costello, Public Policy Manager, Twitter

**12.30 pm – 2 pm**

**Session 3: The state of play in regulation**

*Q: What are relevant existing regulatory structures, how will they change and what legislative proposals are pending?*

- Helen Dixon, Irish Data Protection Commissioner
- Paolo Cesarini – DG Connect
- Marc Rotenberg - President and Executive Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, Washington DC, US
- Richard Bruton, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Ireland

**2.45 pm – 4.15 pm**

**Session 4: International collaboration**

*Q: How can national parliaments come together on the issue of regulation?*

- Rogier Huizenga, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Adrian Lovett, CEO, Web Foundation
- Áine Kerr, co-founder and COO of Kinzen
- Frane Maroevic, Director of the Content & Jurisdiction Program of the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network
- Lorna Woods - University of Essex, Professor of Internet Law

**4.30 pm – 5.30 pm**

**Session 5: Deliberation**

- IGC member parliamentarians discuss options for future collaboration
- Agree a set of principles underpinning international collaboration in the regulation of harmful content, hate speech and electoral interference online

**5.30 pm – 6 pm**

**Press Conference**

**Agreed principles signed by each Country**

**7.30pm**          Dinner in Members Restaurant