



bringing the online in line with human rights

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Dear Mr. Secretary General of the Council of Europe,

The International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH) would like to formally request for observer status to the Steering Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies.

INACH is a leading EU and global network combating cyber hate through a holistic approach that integrates monitoring, advocacy, education, awareness-raising, international cooperation, and advanced technology. With 36 member organisations across 26 countries, INACH plays a key role in aligning online environments with human rights standards.

We promote online respect, responsibility and citizenship through countering cyber hate, extremism, incitement to violence, and by raising awareness about online discrimination. We actively reinforce human rights and mutual respect for the rights and reputations of all internet users, securing a safer internet.

INACH served as a core partner in EU monitoring exercises under the Code of Conduct on Countering Illegal Hate Speech, collecting and analysing thousands of cases since 2016 to assess platform responses and improve moderation practices. Alongside this, INACH strengthens cooperation between civil society, institutions, and tech companies, while running public campaigns, trainings, conferences, and webinars to build knowledge, resilience, and collective action against online hate.

At the same time, INACH invests in innovative tools and infrastructures to address emerging digital threats. This includes the development of the Cyber Hate Neutralisation Hub, which

leverages AI to map hate networks, detect bot-driven disinformation, and support early warning systems, as well as an international cyber hate database and complaints-handling system used by multiple organisations. Through its training programmes, data-driven research, and technological innovation, INACH not only responds to online hate but also anticipates its evolution, positioning itself as a central actor in shaping effective, sustainable responses to cyber hate in Europe and beyond.

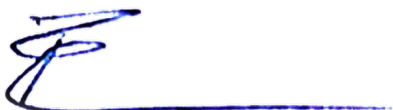
INACH's activities are increasingly connected to AI both as a tool to combat online hate and as a subject of critical scrutiny. On the operational level, INACH uses AI-driven technologies to detect, analyse, and map online hate speech, disinformation, and coordinated harmful behaviour. This includes algorithmic classifiers, automated monitoring systems, and data analytics that help identify patterns, track narratives, assess platform responses, and support early warning mechanisms. Initiatives such as the Cyber Hate Neutralisation Hub illustrate how INACH leverages machine learning to strengthen monitoring, reporting, and counter-speech capacities.

INACH also addresses emerging AI-driven phenomena such as synthetic propaganda, generative content, and AI-produced media, including deepfakes, bot-driven campaigns, and AI-generated music or videos that promote hateful narratives. These developments blur the line between authentic user expression and automated manipulation, increasing the scale, speed, and emotional impact of harmful content. Through research, monitoring, and policy engagement, INACH analyses how such technologies are used to normalise hate, spread conspiracy theories, and influence public debate.

At the same time, INACH engages with AI from a governance and policy perspective. The network analyses how platform algorithms and AI-driven recommender systems can amplify hate, polarisation, and disinformation, and advocates for stronger accountability, transparency, and human rights safeguards in AI systems under frameworks such as the DSA and the AI Act. Through research, advocacy, cooperation with tech companies and policymakers, and capacity-building for civil society, INACH bridges the gap between technological innovation and human rights, ensuring that AI is used responsibly in the fight against online hate rather than becoming a driver of it.

We would be grateful for your consideration of this request and remain at your disposal for any further information.

Sincerely,

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Tamas Berecz
Director