



## CALL for APPLICATIONS

### EU Talks 2024: *Towards Empowering Civil Society in the Digital Age*

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*“The European Union is at a critical juncture as we approach the 2024 European Parliament elections, with the digital landscape playing an unprecedented role in shaping political discourse and electoral outcomes. The proposed EU Talks 2024 initiative seeks to address the urgent need for increased cooperation and contributes to increasing digital literacy to counteract misinformation and enhance the integrity of our democratic processes”.*

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We are pleased to inform you that the Robert Schuman Institute (RSI), in cooperation with its partners Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen and Asko Europa Stiftung organises an online workshop titled “**EU Talks 2024: Towards Empowering Civil Society in the Digital Age**”, to be held on **29 February** Thursday between **17-18.30hr CET** via Zoom app.

**EU Talks 2024** aims to empower civil society by enhancing digital literacy, fostering cross-country dialogue, and examining strategies to counter disinformation. This initiative is designed for the RSI and partners alumni, undergraduate and graduate students, young professionals, and anyone interested in safeguarding the democratic values that underpin our society.

#### **We will focus on...**

- *Understanding disinformation:* we will explore the nuances of disinformation, its sources and impact on political landscapes;
- *Civil society's role in countering disinformation:* we will address the ways to promote open dialogue and boost participation;
- *Case studies and best practices:* we will introduce real-world examples of initiatives that successfully addressed disinformation;
- *Cross-country learning and dialogue:* we will facilitate interactive sessions for participants to share experiences and learn from one another;

- *Strategies for 2024 European elections:* we will reflect upon actionable strategies to mitigate the influence of pro-active right-wing tendencies during the upcoming EU elections, emphasizing the importance of a unified front against divisive forces.

**We will welcome...**

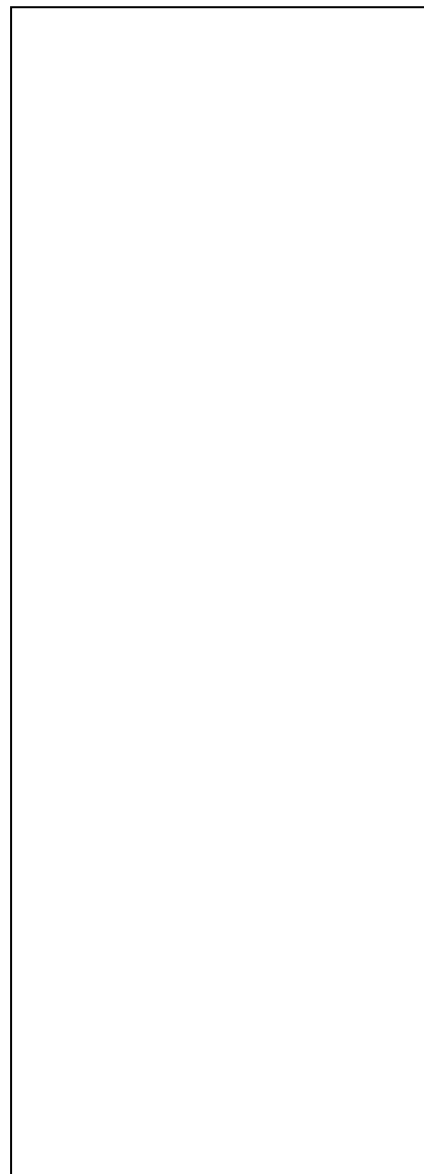
- RSI and Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen alumni and undergraduate and graduate students coming from the EU and beyond, with a keen interest in digital literacy, democratic processes, and cross-border collaboration, and genuinely passionate about contributing to a resilient and informed civil society, promoting democratic values and engaging in the European political landscape. You should be proficient in English, too!

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**Meet our guest speakers:**



**Dorka Takácsy** is a visiting fellow with the Engaging Central Europe program of The German Marshall Fund of the United States. She pursues her PhD studies at the Corvinus University of Budapest, researching Russian domestic disinformation about the West, and she is a research fellow at the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy, focusing on disinformation. She was a Marcin Król Fellow at Visegrád Insight in 2022-2023 and a Széll Kálmán Public Policy Fellow of the Hungary Foundation in 2018.



**How to Apply:**

Please submit your [online application form](#) before the indicated deadline.

**Deadline for applications: 26 February, 2024 (Monday)**

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