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COSAC Questionnaire

46th COSAC Biannual Report

Please provide the name of your Parliament/Chamber and your contact details.

<i>Name of Parliament/Chamber:</i>
<i>Senate of the Netherlands</i>
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Chapter I: Parliamentary Cooperation & Democratic Resilience in an Uncertain World

1. Is there a competent authority responsible for monitoring and responding to online misinformation, disinformation and foreign information manipulations and interference (FIMI) in your country?

X Yes

☐ No

The Consumer and Market Authority (ACM) has been appointed the Digital Services Coordinator in the Netherlands, the regulatory body under the DSA. The general intelligence and security service and the national coordinator for security and antiterrorism are both closely involved in other aspects of FIMI (mainly in the case of stately actors).

2. If so, has this body been given additional powers/responsibilities in light of new hybrid threats and recent developments in Artificial Intelligence?

☐ Yes

X No

3. Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed the potential threats to State infrastructure as a result of cyber-attacks?

☐ Yes, the issue has been discussed

☐ Yes, the issue has been discussed and new measures introduced as a result

X No (not as a result of cyber-attacks, but the issue has been discussed in light of the scrutiny of the law on the implementation of the CER and NIS2 Directives)

4. If so, please provide further information:

[select all that apply]:

☐ National cybersecurity strategy discussed

☐ Legislative framework reviewed

☐ Incident response preparedness

☐ Protection of electoral infrastructure

☐ Other [please specify – max 100 characters]: _____

5. Has recent geopolitical instability and threats to cyber-security encouraged your Parliament/Chamber to discuss the safeguards that are in place for the operation of fair and free elections in your country?

X Yes, the issue has been discussed



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- ☐ Yes, the issue has been discussed and new measures introduced as a result
☐ No

6. If so, please provide more information on what aspects have been addressed:

X Legal safeguards

☐ Technical safeguards

X Institutional safeguards

☐ Electoral oversight mechanisms

☐ Other [Max 100 characters]: _____

7. Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed the potential threat of campaigns of misinformation within the debate on EU enlargement in your country?

☐ Yes

X No

8. How is your government implementing the European Media Freedom Act?

☐ Legislative transposition underway

☐ Fully transposed

☐ Partial implementation

X Implementation planned but not started

☐ Not applicable / no competence

9. Does your Parliament/Chamber have a role in scrutinising this implementation?

X Yes

☐ No

☐ Not applicable

10. Has your Parliament/Chamber engaged with other parliaments to discuss how we can best defend against threats to democratic institutions?

X Yes, during the Speakers' conference

☐ No

11. Has your Parliament/Chamber scrutinised the European Democracy Shield?

X Yes

☐ No



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Chapter II: EU Enlargement and the Future of Europe's Neighbourhood

- 12.** Has your Parliament/Chamber organised any missions to the parliaments of enlargement countries in the last 24 months to discuss matters relating to future accession?
☐ Yes
X No
- 13.** If so, with which applicant countries did your Parliament/Chamber engage with?
Please specify [Max 100 characters]: _____
- 14.** Has your Parliament/Chamber hosted delegations from the parliaments of enlargement countries in the last 24 months to discuss matters relating to accession?
X Yes
☐ No
- 15.** Did applicant countries identify challenges associated with particular clusters of the negotiating chapters as a part of the accession process?
X Yes
☐ No
- 16.** Based on discussions with these countries, each raising different concerns, have you identified any recurring trends that indicate a particular cluster that is challenging?
X Fundamentals
☐ Internal market
☐ Competitiveness and inclusive growth
☐ Green agenda and sustainable connectivity
☐ Resources, agriculture and cohesion
☐ External relations
- 17.** Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed alternative forms of European Union membership, e.g. associate membership?
X Yes
☐ No



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18. If so, can you provide the outcome of this discussion?

X No conclusion

X Informal exchange only

☐ Political position adopted

☐ Recommendation issued

19. If there was a conclusion, please specify what it was [Max 500 Characters]: : _____

20. Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed the potential need for European Union reforms in the context of enlargement?

X Yes

☐ No

21. If so, did your Parliament/Chamber adopt a position on any specific potential reforms?

Please specify

☐ Institutional reform

☐ Voting / decision-making reform

☐ Budgetary reform

X No formal position adopted

22. To what extent has the war in Ukraine and Russian aggression directly increased discussions or emphasis on enlargement within your Parliament/Chamber?

☐ No increase

☐ Slight increase

☐ Moderate increase

☐ Significant increase

☐ Substantial increase

X Cannot quantify



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Chapter III: Climate Adaptation, Just Transition and Delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals

- 23.** Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed the proposal to merge several external actions programmes into the new Global Europe in the 2028-2034 MFF?
- ☐ Yes
X No
- 24.** If so, at what level has this been considered?
- ☐ Committee on European Union Affairs
☐ Relevant sectoral committee[s]
☐ Plenary
☐ Other, please specify [Max 100 characters]: _____
- 25.** In line with the objective to promote electrification and reduce energy costs as described in the Clean Industrial Deal, has your Parliament/Chamber discussed supports to address the cost of electricity, such as tax reductions, energy credits, etc?
- X Yes**
☐ No
- 26.** Has your Parliament/Chamber undertaken scrutiny of the extent of fossil fuel use in your country and the impact of EU policy in this area?
- X Yes**
☐ No
- 27.** Has your Parliament/Chamber undertaken scrutiny of fuel prices in your country given recent geopolitical events and EU-level responses?
- ☐ Yes
X No
- 28.** Has your Parliament/Chamber produced any reports, contributions or opinions on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the last 12 Months?
- ☐ Yes
X No



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- 29.** Of the 17 SDGs, which [up to three] have been identified by your Parliament/ Chamber as areas where the EU could take more action?

Please specify:

☐ SDG 1 – No Poverty

X SDG 2 – Zero Hunger

☐ SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being

☐ SDG 4 – Quality Education

☐ SDG 5 – Gender Equality

☐ SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

☐ SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

☐ SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

X SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

☐ SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities

☐ SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

☐ SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

☐ SDG 13 – Climate Action

☐ SDG 14 – Life Below Water

☐ SDG 15 – Life on Land

X SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

☐ SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

- 30.** Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed how best to promote the usage of carbon capture, usage and storage [CCUS] technologies to decarbonise key industries in your country?

X Yes

☐ No

- 31.** Has your Parliament scrutinized the use of cohesive funds or the level of access to support Just Transition Cohesion funding?

X Yes

☐ No

Chapter IV: Safe and Secure Digital Single Market

- 32.** Has your Parliament scrutinised the operation of the Digital Services Act in your Member State?

X Yes

☐ No



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33. If so, what was the outcome?

- ☐ Debate
- ☐ Non-binding opinion
- ☐ Statement within the political dialogue
- ☐ Binding mandate for the government

☐ Other

34. Has your Parliament / Chamber scrutinised other elements of the Digital Single Market?

X Yes

☐ No

35. If yes, can you elaborate on what other areas has your Parliament / Chamber scrutinised?

☐ Digital competition

X Data protection

X Digital consumer protection

☐ Online platforms regulation

X Cybersecurity

☐ Other [Max 100 characters]: _____

36. Has your Parliament/Chamber considered the implementation of the AI Act?

X Yes

☐ No

37. How has your Parliament / Chamber scrutinised the use of AI systems? (e.g. generative AI or public sector use)?

X Primarily structured around the EU AI Act

☐ Primarily focused on broader AI developments and impacts

☐ A combination of both

38. If yes, what was the outcome of this scrutiny?

- ☐ Debate
- ☐ Non-binding opinion
- ☐ Report or study issued
- ☐ Statement within political dialogue
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☐ No formal outcome

X Other

39. Has your Parliament / Chamber examined the issue of the use of deepfakes in public discourse, including electoral politics, over the last 24 months?

☐ Yes

X No

40. If yes, in what forum did this scrutiny take place?

☐ Debate

☐ Non-binding opinion

☐ Statement within the political dialogue

☐ Binding mandate for the government

41. What elements of Digital Safety has your Parliament/ Chamber examined?
[Multiple choice allowed]

☐ Age verification

☐ Unfair consumer practices

☐ Dark patterns

☐ Influencer marketing

☐ Addictive design

☐ Unfair personalisation

☐ Special attention to minors

X Protection of minors from grooming / harmful communication

X Harmful online content – Child sexual abuse material

☐ Harmful online content – Violent or graphic content

X Cyberbullying

☐ Harmful commercial practices

☐ Phishing

☐ Exploitation / blackmail online [incl. revenge porn]

42. If yes, in what forum was this topic examined?

☐ Debate

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X Other

- 43.** Has your Parliament scrutinised the proposals for the EU Identity Wallet [eIDAS2.0]?

X Yes

☐ No

- 44.** Has your Parliament / Chamber introduced new cybersecurity requirements for critical sectors in accordance with the NIS2 directive?

X Yes

☐ No

- 45.** Has your Parliament/Chamber scrutinised the response of public bodies against potential cyber or hybrid attacks?

X Yes

The standing committee for Justice & Security has invited government officials from the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV), the ministry for Economic Affairs and the ministry for Education, Culture and Science to discuss (among other topics) the combatting of Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) and other hybrid threats.

☐ No

- 46.** If so, what specific issues have they looked at?

☐ Incident response

X Critical infrastructure protection

X Inter-agency coordination

☐ Public communication

X Skills / capacity-building

☐ Other [Max 100 characters]: _____

- 47.** Has your government introduced measures to support businesses and citizens in critical sectors to enhance cybersecurity measures further to the EU Cyber Policy?

X Yes

☐ No

- 48.** If so, what measures have been introduced?



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- ☐ Financial supports
- ☐ Guidance / awareness campaigns
- ☐ Technical assistance

X Regulatory changes

- ☐ Other [Max 100 characters]: _____