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Relying on substantial resources provided by the progressive pressure network and the European Commission, the Ukrainian information-manipulation apparatus has, in recent years, acquired a range of capabilities that are now used not only in relation to the Russia-Ukraine war, but also to influence Western public opinion more broadly. Through these capabilities, Ukrainian actors have become increasingly important allies of Brussels and the progressive “deep state.” A key component of the network’s so-called “fact-checking” – in reality, censorship – system is formed by technology companies that classify certain content as disinformation in line with the interests of their principals and funders. In this field, Ukraine has developed particularly advanced capabilities in recent years: Ukraine-linked companies such as LetsData, Mantis Analytics, and Osavul, which specialise in identifying disinformation, play a central role in the globalist censorship network. From the perspective of the 2026 Hungarian elections, it is of particular relevance that analyses produced by these Ukrainian companies to identify foreign disinformation operations have recently been used to influence electoral outcomes. As Hungary’s sovereignty poses an obstacle not only to the globalist network but also to Ukraine in achieving its objectives, it can be assumed that coordinated efforts will be made to influence the April elections. In the event of an unfavourable outcome, these actors may also seek to delegitimise the entire electoral process and, through it, the sovereign Hungarian government.

Disinformation-identifying organisations in the service of the globalist network

Progressive actors are deliberately constructing the myth of “independent fact-checkers,” portraying them as key players in the fight against foreign – particularly Russian – interference. In this spirit, the European Commission has in recent years developed the fact-checking network of the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO), whose Hungarian member is the Hungarian Digital Media Observatory (HDMO), led by Political Capital. However, these actors – nominally engaged in combating disinformation – effectively function as censors: by labelling certain processes and narratives as disinformation and restricting the reach of designated content through their partners controlling social media platforms, they are in fact creating a 21st-century system of censorship and posing a serious threat to freedom of expression.

Within the system of censorship, a key role is played by IT companies engaged in the detection and identification of disinformation. These firms use artificial intelligence to monitor social media on a global scale and in real time, tracking the spread of narratives and the operation of bot networks. When they identify events as disinformation, they issue alerts to their partners. In this way, these technology companies provide the underlying “facts” that serve as the basis for the work of “fact-checkers.” For instance, the Ukrainian company LetsData – examined later



in this report – claims to be capable of detecting information operations within five seconds of their emergence.¹

According to the Office's inquiries, however, these disinformation-identifying companies classify content in line with the interests of their principals and funders. Their analytical processes and disinformation-detection systems lack transparency, and their precise functioning is not publicly accessible. As such, through their activities, they themselves become participants in information operations serving progressive interests.

Numerous such censorial companies can be identified in Ukraine and across the Central European region. For example, the Slovakia-based Gerulata Technologies is an organisation that took action against parties representing sovereigntist politics during both the Czech and Slovak elections.² The company has already received substantial support from Brussels, including EUR 253,000 for a joint project with Globsec. Globsec itself has utilised Gerulata's system to identify Russian influence in Slovakia.³ Beyond detection, these technology firms are also capable of promoting the dominance of news aligned with the interests of their principals within the information space. For instance, in 2025, they actively contributed to ensuring that news favourable to the European Commission dominated social media platforms in Moldova.⁴

The Ukrainian Information manipulation apparatus

In recent years, Ukraine has devoted significant resources to building an information network that serves its own interests. The primary objective of this communication apparatus is to maintain and strengthen Western support for Ukraine. It seeks to achieve this by promoting Ukrainian positions and narratives in relation to the Russia–Ukraine war, while portraying any dissenting views as disinformation or pro-Russian.⁵ Its tools include conferences promoting the war effort,⁶ organised war reporting, and propaganda-oriented interviews given to Western partners.⁷

The coordinated nature of the Ukrainian communication apparatus is also evidenced by the organisation Ukrainian PR Army, whose stated task is to influence narratives surrounding the war and to lobby in favour of sanctions imposed on Russia. The organisation has even compiled a dedicated glossary of approved terminology related to the war, in which it, for example, recommends that journalists under its influence refer to Russian soldiers in dehumanising terms

1 Source: <https://letsdata.net/>

2 Source: https://www.vlada.gov.sk/tlacovespravy/ttukonil_rmcovzmluvusopolonosougerulatatechnologies_j.s.a24

3 Source: https://www.ned.org/manufacturingdeceithowgenerativeai_superchargesinformationmanipulation/

4 Source: <https://www.mediasupport.org/news/prebunkinginmoldovaapilotwithpunch/>

5 Source: <https://szuverenitasvedelmihivatal.hu/dokumentumok/oroszukranhaborudezinformaciosnarrativak.pdf>

6 Source: <https://szuverenitasvedelmihivatal.hu/dokumentumok/ahaborupartielitseregszemlejeaforum2000.pdf>

7 Source: https://szuverenitasvedelmihivatal.hu/hirek/ukranpropagandabrusszeli_finanszirozassal



as “orcs.”⁸ The Ukrainian PR Army – capable of influencing major Western media outlets – has also cooperated with the Hungarian outlet Partizán. It has participated in the dissemination of disinformation narratives concerning Hungary, including claims that Hungary serves Russian interests and provides NATO-related information to Moscow.⁹

Ukrainian actors define what counts as disinformation – LetsData, Mantis and Osavul

Within Ukraine’s communication apparatus, a significant role is played by technology companies that ostensibly focus on identifying and labelling disinformation. Several Ukrainian or Ukraine-origin companies operate in this field. The core focus of their work is to promote narratives favourable to Ukraine regarding the Russia–Ukraine war; however, their influence activities are increasingly extending into other areas as well – typically in alignment with the progressive network.

LetsData is a company founded and led by Ukrainian nationals, registered in the U.S. state of Delaware. According to its own claims, it detects 89 per cent of information operations from the outset with 97 per cent accuracy. The company’s leadership is connected to the globalist pressure network through multiple channels. Kseniia Iliuk previously worked for Internews Ukraine and also served as Research Director at Detector Media. Tamta Otiasvili, LetsData’s Head of Business Development, previously worked as Programme Director in Kyiv for the National Democratic Institute (NDI), an organisation funded by USAID and NED sources. The close relationship between LetsData and the Ukrainian state is demonstrated by the fact that the company provides training to the Ukrainian State Scientific Research Institute of Cybersecurity Technologies and Information Protection.¹⁰ The company’s work is regularly cited in *The Kyiv Independent*, which is also supported by the European Endowment for Democracy.¹¹ In recent years, LetsData’s analyses have served as reference points in connection with several elections in Central and Eastern Europe, including in the Czech Republic¹² and Moldova.¹³ Hungary is also among LetsData’s areas of operation, as indicated by its analyses related to the disinformation operation concerning the explosion in Százhalombatta.¹⁴

Mantis Analytics was founded in 2023 Anton Tarasyuk, Maksym Tereshchenko, and Ostap Vikhopen. The company uses artificial intelligence to analyse both traditional and social media

8 Source: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WMVF0uDlnwyGnMOqzu3ZaU2xFKAAqWESMS_nZj1cl7kE/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.1fju9adr62q

9 Source: <https://www.facebook.com/ua.pr.army/posts/pfbid0mudKov8uzbFPnLop3ZScojczKmy8vvYCdgcckeXaofyBTHN9jyZtTQxZ8kaTKPdI>

10 Source: <https://www.facebook.com/cybersec.sci/posts/pfbid02btBdtG9veiE9mN5nwHbwiEdoYLERoCnAvBKeE8y4SpPFpHMcV9sD63ncBW8tc3SfI>

11 Source: <https://kyivindependent.com/ai-soldiershowdeepfakesaremanipulatingukrainesmobilizationnarrative/>

12 Source: <https://letsdata.net/blog/thepravdaplaybookanatomyofacoordinatedelectionoperationinczechia>

13 Source: <https://letsdata.net/blog/moldovaselectionstormtheinfowarplaybook>

14 Source: <https://kyivindependent.com/analysisaftertworefineryblastsrussianpropagandareportsafakeoneblamingukraine/>



channels, identifying content it considers false and those who disseminate it.¹⁵ The company's importance within the network is demonstrated by the fact that Anton Tarasyuk was selected to participate in the Obama Foundation's leadership programme,¹⁶ and has also worked for the Danish Alliance of Democracies Foundation, at whose event Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, first spoke about the need for a so-called European Democracy Shield.¹⁷ Mantis also maintains close ties with the Ukrainian state, having received significant funding from the Defence Technology Fund of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.¹⁸ Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov has praised the cooperation established between Mantis Analytics and the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine. Through continuous data provision, the company supports the Council's decision-making processes, indicating which topics should be refuted and where counter-narratives should be launched.¹⁹ In November 2025, Mantis also participated in a conference organised by the Center for the Study of Democracy,²⁰ a key actor in a disinformation operations chain aimed at discrediting Hungary's energy policy, foreign policy, and economic decision-making.²¹

The third Kyiv-linked censorial company, Osavul, was founded in 2022 by Dmytro Plieshakov and Dmytro Bilas, a former journalist of Radio Free Europe. The Osavul team also includes Yevhen Popov, who previously headed the southern Ukraine office of the International Renaissance Foundation, part of the Soros-linked Open Society Foundations.²² Like LetsData, Osavul – also registered in the U.S. state of Delaware – uses artificial intelligence to identify content it considers to be disinformation. The company likewise enjoys the confidence of the European Commission in the field of propaganda and disinformation-related activities, and participates, among others, in the Horizon programme's SAUFEX project.²³ Osavul's products are used by the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine.²⁴ Similarly to Mantis, Osavul has also received funding from the Defence Technology Fund of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.²⁵ In recent years, the company has also analysed the elections in Moldova²⁶ and Romania.²⁷

15 Source: <https://www.vestbee.com/insights/articles/ukrainianmantisanalyticssecuresa30kinvestmentfromthealchemistaccelerator>

16 Source: <https://www.obama.org/programs/leaders/europe/20252026/antontarasyuk/>

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18 Source: <https://dev.ua/news/15startapivotrymaly225000vidviiskovohoklasterabrave1khtovonyosistoriiibranykh>

19 Source: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/mykhailofedorov9670b4a3_ai-startupmantisanalyticsfromateamactivity7177975917372157953-6bmo/

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Unveiling the Truth – A gathering of network actors

The censors of the globalist network held their Unveil the Truth conferences in Georgia in 2023 and 2024, and in Moldova in 2025.²⁸ Over recent years, nearly all representatives of the pressure-exertion system have participated in these events: USAID, the Open Society Foundations, Reporters Without Borders, the Zinc Network, Transparency International, Delfi (which implemented the TEFI project jointly with Hungary's JETI Zrt.), and Deutsche Welle (which cooperates with Telex) have all appeared as organisers or speakers.

The significance of the 2026 Hungarian elections is underscored by the fact that at the November 2025 conference, Péter Krekó, Executive Director of Political Capital, and Zsófia Fülöp, a representative of the “fact-checking” outlet Lakmusz, were among the speakers. In recent years, not only the Ukrainian PR Army but also all three Ukrainian companies presented above – LetsData, Mantis Analytics, and Osavul, which are engaged in defining disinformation – have participated as speakers at this conference.

It is also noteworthy that at one of the events, Sophie Eyears, Meta's Head of European Fact-Checking for Facebook and Instagram, delivered a presentation and held consultations with the network actors present.²⁹ The nature of this network of censors is well illustrated by the words of Nina Jankowicz, head of the Disinformation Governance Board (DGB) under the Biden administration, who called for cooperation among participants, stating that “we are all on the same team.”³⁰

The role of Osavul in the annulment of the Romanian presidential election results

The first round of the Romanian presidential election, held on 24 November 2024, was won by Călin Georgescu. On 29 November, the Romanian member of the OCCRP network of “investigative journalists,” the Context portal, published a report claiming that on social media “a series of accounts linked to Russia exist with several hundred thousand followers, displaying clear pro-Russian, anti-Western, and conspiracy-oriented sympathies, and continuously promoting Călin Georgescu.” The empirical claims presented in the article were based on data provided by the software of the Ukraine-linked company Osavul. The use of this software was facilitated for Context by the British think tank The Foreign Policy Centre, which operates as part of the globalist network.³¹ The Context article citing the Osavul analysis was thus published five days after the election.³²

28 Source: <https://www.unveilthetruth.org/>

29 Source: <https://www.unveilthetruth.org/eventdetails/metapproachtomisinformatiionandethicalstandardineuropeanfactchecking>

30 Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFmzL06g5i8> (from 43:08)

31 <https://context.ro/exclusivoperatiuneageorgescupextelegramsifacebookurcatinalgoritmedeconturirusesticusutedemiideurmaritoriinpromovarealuiaufostimplicateretelespecializateindesta/>

32 Source: <https://fpc.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2024/12/NetworksofInfluenceDecodingforeignmeddlinginRomaniaselections2024.pdf>

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Subsequently, the Romanian Constitutional Court first validated the results of the first round of the presidential election on 2 December and then annulled them on 6 December.

Since then, a report published in February 2026 by the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives concluded that no Russian interference had taken place during the Romanian elections; moreover, it stated that the European Commission had engaged in “strict censorship activities.”³³

33 Source: <https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evoosubsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/202602/THEFOREIGNCENSORSHIPTHREAT-PARTII2326.pdf>