

***Joint declaration of Intent
on the Future of the Resilience Initiative***

between

***the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany,
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia,
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia***

and

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Resilience Initiative, the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) reconfirm their common understanding that foreign information manipulation, including instrumentalised revisionism of history, threaten European security and put a strain on the cohesion of our democracies. Over the course of the last decade, the Resilience Initiative has become an effective instrument for tackling this challenge and making our societies more resilient.

The Parties are therefore determined to continue the Initiative, and in light of growing challenges, to enhance its focus and improve its strategic orientation.

The Parties thus come to the following understanding:

1. It remains the aim of the Resilience Initiative to counter foreign information manipulation and to further develop media literacy in order to strengthen societal resilience. We will intensify our cooperation in the field of strategic communication in order to strengthen our capabilities. Based on the findings from an evaluation of the last ten years, we will put new emphasis on regional cooperation by initiating new projects promoting a regular exchange of ideas and experiences at various levels, ensuring that activities are grounded in evidence and lessons learned.
2. The initiative will have three strategic priorities:
 - a) **Role of media and communication:** The Resilience Initiative will continue to support independent, objective and professional media in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The aim is to limit the dissemination and reduce the effectiveness of foreign information manipulation by promoting professional journalism providing the public with fact-based news. In particular, support should be provided to media professionals and entities working for young, regional and vulnerable audiences.
 - b) **Strengthening civil society:** To build more resilient societies, we will focus on enhancing capacity to recognise and counter foreign information manipulation, strengthening media literacy, as well as promoting critical thinking in civil society. In particular, a constant exchange of experiences between Germany on the one side and Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on the other side will be promoted, working with

non-governmental and governmental multipliers from the four countries. This will include projects promoting information exchanges and cooperation across language barriers in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Special emphasis will be put on fostering historical remembrance and countering historical revisionism by joint work on unifying narratives. By a broader promotion of the initiative in the public through partners and relevant actors we aim to raise public awareness, improve preparedness as well as strengthen cognitive resilience.

- c) Promoting regional cooperation:** In order to widen the reach of the Resilience Initiative and to increase the number of multipliers, actors from civil society, education and various levels of government in Germany and Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will be brought together occasion-based to promote the establishment of a network for local actors, experts, and media to identify common problems and solutions.
3. This Joint Declaration of Intent is not intended to and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations.
 4. The Parties may amend this Joint Declaration of Intent at any time upon their mutual written consent.
 5. This Joint Declaration of Intent will be applied starting on the day of signature. Each party may end the cooperation at any time. It should inform the other party in writing of its intention to end cooperation at least (three) months prior.

Signed in Tallinn, on the 29th of January 2026

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