Partnership Agreement

Purpose of Partnership

- 1.1. Fact Check Cyprus (FCC) and the Social Computing Research Center (SCRC) of the Cyprus University of Technology hereby agree to establish a partnership to collaborate on various directions in fighting disinformation through research, training, and fact-checking projects.
- 1.2. FCC consists of fact-checkers with various backgrounds and will primarily be responsible for the fact-checking editorial of articles, ensuring their accuracy and objectivity.
- 1.3. SCRC will allocate various resources to support the projects and assist in their execution.

Responsibilities of Fact Check Cyprus

- 2.1. FCC shall undertake the following responsibilities:
- a. Fact-checking editorial work on articles and other materials related to the projects.
- b. Providing subject-matter expertise, guidance and training in the field of fact-checking.
- c. Collaborating with SCRC in the development and execution of projects.

Responsibilities of SCRC

- 3.1. SCRC shall undertake the following responsibilities:
- a. Allocating and managing funds from grants or other sources to support the projects.
- b. Collaborating with FCC in the development and execution of projects.
- c. Providing resources, facilities, and expertise as needed for training and research activities.

Financial Arrangements

4.1. Funding for projects shall be allocated by SCRC from grants or other sources. The Parties shall jointly determine the budget for each Project and agree upon the allocation of funds, but the final decisions and procedures shall be undertaken by SCRC.

4.2. SCRC will be responsible for signing financial agreements, managing financial agreements and funded projects, and maintaining detailed financial accounts. Financial records shall be kept transparent and available for inspection upon request.

Organizational Structure

- 5.1. The partnership will be governed by a Board with voting rights, consisting of the founding members from FCC and SCRC and an external advisor. The voting members are the following:
- 5.1.1. FCC: lacovos Mylonas, Dr Andreas Andreou and Dr Loukia Taxitari.
- 5.1.2. SCRC: Dr Michael Sirivianos, Dr Dimitra Milioni and Dr Lia Tsiridou.
- 5.1.3. Greece Fact Check: Thanos Sitistas will act as an external advisor and intermediary in the partnership.
- 5.2. Non-voting members of the partnership include Dr Nicos Salamanos, Pantelitsa Leonidou, Alexandros Efstratiou and Professor Savvas Hadjichristofis.
- 5.3. New members may join the partnership upon approval by the Board.

Intellectual Property

6.1. Intellectual property resulting from the projects shall be jointly owned by FCC and SCRC, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing for specific projects.

Confidentiality

7.1. The Parties shall maintain the confidentiality of any non-public information shared during the course of the partnership, and shall not disclose such information to third parties without prior written consent.

Term and Termination

- 8.1. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue until terminated by either Party with written notice of at least 60 days.
- 8.2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement immediately if the other Party breaches any material term or condition of this Agreement.

Governing Law

9.1. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the Government of Cyprus and the European Union.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Partnership Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Loukia Taxitari

On behalf of Fact Check Cyprus On behalf of the Social Computing Research Center

Date 16/11/2023

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