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Brussels, 06/03/2026: The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) has started a **new EU-funded project** called "ChangingTIDE: Together to Inform, Debunk, and Empower".

Under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme of the European Union (EU), TEPSA has received funding to implement the project from **February 2026**, coordinating a pan-European consortium composed of the Austrian Society for European Politics (ÖGFE), the Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP), the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO), the Portuguese Institute of International Relations (IPRI-NOVA), the International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS), and Dublin City University (DCU).

ChangingTIDE aims to strengthen citizens' resilience in the face of **disinformation, information manipulation and interference** by promoting media literacy and empowering young people to engage in democratic processes. Placing youth at the centre of its approach, the project combines **participatory learning, peer exchange and the co-creation awareness-raising campaigns** with **expert-driven capacity building, and structured dialogue with policy-makers** at the local, national and EU levels.

Implemented across 6 EU Member States, ChangingTIDE will bring together diverse stakeholders through a series of **national and transnational activities**, such as workshops, trainings, Town Halls, and a Changemakers programme, designed to give young citizens a platform to express their opinions and raise awareness about disinformation. These activities will foster cross-border exchange and support the development of a **Media Literacy Toolkit** addressing contemporary disinformation challenges.

TEPSA's Executive Director, **Mariam Khotenashvili**, commented: "ChangingTIDE seeks to equip citizens, especially young people, with the skills, confidence and spaces needed to critically navigate today's complex media environment, combat disinformation and foreign interference, and act as multipliers within their communities, strengthening European democratic resilience at a time of growing geopolitical uncertainties."

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