Institute of Information and Communication Technologies (IICT) at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences presents the project CoDE
"Countering Disinformation Environment (Ecosystem) in Bulgaria (CoDE)"

Institute of Information and Communication Technologies - BAS is a partner for the CoDE research project aimed at analyzing the information environment in Bulgaria. The initiative is implemented by the following consortium: Faculty of Economics at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", the Faculty of Philosophy and the Institute "Big Data for Smart Society" (GATE) at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Institute of Information and Communication Technologies (IICT) at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, "European Software Institute – Eastern Europe Center", the companies Webcentric, Contipso, Identrics and representatives of the public and aims to explore and analyze the information space in the country.

The project is funded by the America for Bulgaria Foundation and will be implemented over three years, from 2023 to 2026. Its goal is to consolidate good practices in the analysis of the information environment and the information society, with a focus on tools, training and environment for cooperation aimed at developing an effective and efficient ecosystem.

The project will bring together teams from the university and partners to create a network for information collaboration and innovation. The implementation of the project will go through three stages, including analysis, conceptualization, rationalization and demonstration of results.

The direct stakeholders of the project are media organizations, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, representatives of business and state institutions, as well as the whole society. For additional information about the project and opportunities for cooperation, you can contact the project manager Assistant Professor Irena Mladenova, PhD, at e-mail: codenetwork@googlegroups.com. Details about the CoDE project are available at the following address: https://iict.bas.bg/code.

The CoDE team believes that with the implementation of the project, it will contribute to strengthening society against harmful phenomena in the information environment, creating a safer and more informed community. Project activities in Bulgaria are of key importance for the protection of public opinion.