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Date	Language / Targeted Audience	Summary of the Disinformation	Link to the Disinformation	Disinforming outlet(s)	Disproof	Reported by
06.06.2016	GEO	Angela Merkel supported the creation of the EU's common trade zone with Russia.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29QQhqm">http://bit.ly/29QQhqm</a>	<a href="http://geotimes.ge">geotimes.ge</a>	Angela Merkel said that only after Russia fulfills its commitments within the framework of the Minsk Agreement, it is possible to talk lifting sanctions on Russia imposed by the EU: <a href="http://bit.ly/29kl79c">http://bit.ly/29kl79c</a>	<a href="http://eurocommunicator.ge">eurocommunicator.ge</a>
14.06.2016	ENG	NATO [Anakonda] exercises are a Polish provocation aimed at Russia.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29mExgK">http://bit.ly/29mExgK</a>	Russian International Affairs Council	These exercises are of a defensive nature and they are carried out in a transparent and predictable way. <a href="http://goo.gl/E5zPi7">http://goo.gl/E5zPi7</a>	Official from Lithuania
15.06.2016	RUS	Russia is not a threat, and talks about such a threat are only needed to justify the increase of military spending on the eve of the NATO Summit.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29ka9Rx">http://bit.ly/29ka9Rx</a>	<a href="http://vesti.ru">vesti.ru</a>	The simulated attacks by Russian warplanes on USS Donald Cook, the abduction of Estonian security service operative, Eston Kohver, the repeated violation of the Baltic states' airspace, military threats against EU Member States and dozens of other provocations by Russia suggest otherwise (see e.g. <a href="http://ind.pn/1ypG9d1">http://ind.pn/1ypG9d1</a> ).	Official from Lithuania
19.06.2016	RUS	Baltic countries were not occupied in 1940, but returned to the arms of Russia because of objective social circumstances. The Third Reich was prepared for war against USSR by England, France and the USA.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29hN7dM">http://bit.ly/29hN7dM</a>	<a href="http://life.ru">life.ru</a>	Distorting historical facts. USSR cooperated with Adolf Hitler's Germany during the first two years of World War II. USSR occupied Baltic states after 1940.	Official from Lithuania
24.06.2016	RUS	Lessons from Brexit, the results of which were staged: The world elite does not succeed in starting a war on the territories of Russia and China respectively, therefore it aims to start a war on the territory of the EU. The owners of the world's wealth cannot maintain the high standard of living on such a huge territory, they will leave it only in the USA, the UK, and Switzerland - and the rest of the world will be thrown into chaos and war.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29twuAH">http://bit.ly/29twuAH</a>	Nikolai Starikov @ Youtube	Groundless conspiracy theory.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
25.06.2016	RUS	As a consequence of Brexit, the whole Eastern Europe will be thrown out of the EU.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29mxjst">http://bit.ly/29mxjst</a>	<a href="http://life.ru">life.ru</a>	The EU has remained united and is working in the framework of the EU to deal with the challenges of the 21st century and find solutions in the interest of the EU nations and peoples. <a href="http://goo.gl/5PhhQi">http://goo.gl/5PhhQi</a>	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

25.06.2016	ENG	The USA has over five thousand NGOs under its control in Armenia and is spending up to 250 million dollars annually to keep them running.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29hkH7A">http://bit.ly/29hkH7A</a>	New Eastern Outlook	USAID assistance annual budget is less than \$14m. All activities are publicly available and benefit nowhere near 5,000 NGOs: <a href="http://bit.ly/29n8OJv">http://bit.ly/29n8OJv</a> // All spending by all US agencies in Armenia is \$26M planned for this fiscal year, which includes grants to the government on health care and education etc. (not just all to NGOs): <a href="http://bit.ly/29DNfqz">http://bit.ly/29DNfqz</a>	East StratCom network
26.06.2016	GEO	On June 23, Anglo-Saxons decided not to become Anglo-sex for the sake of LGBT values of old courtesan Europe. As a result of Brexit, other states will soon leave the EU and one by one will join the Big Eurasian Union. A source close to the Bilderberg Group informed that political leaders and business magnates of Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Sweden, Finland and the Netherlands plan to start a discussion in a closed regime of a project "Big Eurasia" – establishment of Big Eurasian Union offered by President of Russia Vladimir Putin at the Economic Forum in Saint-Petersburg on 17 June 2016.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29AdNdi">http://bit.ly/29AdNdi</a>	<a href="http://Sakinformi.ge">Sakinformi.ge</a>	The UK referendum had nothing to do with "LGBT values". // Support for staying in the EU surges in many EU countries following the Brexit vote: Denmark 69 percent, plus 10 percent; Finland 68, plus 12; Sweden 52, plus 3; Germany 52, plus 13: <a href="http://bit.ly/29sbExo">http://bit.ly/29sbExo</a> // No evidence for any of the other conspiratory claims given.	EEAS Tbilisi
27.06.2016	ENG	Britain will be a victim of colour revolution, the counter move of the globalists and Soros against Brexit. There is a concerted attack on sterling and massive psychological pressure organised by "civil society" organisations to stop Brexit. CIA and liberal elite pays for propaganda that spread lies to avert Brexit. It is a hybrid political war against the British majority.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29xtepl">http://bit.ly/29xtepl</a>	<a href="http://thesaker.is">thesaker.is</a>	Groundless conspiracy theory.	European Values think-tank
28.06.2016	RUS	Barack Obama and the USA are to blame for Russia's isolation.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29tDpds">http://bit.ly/29tDpds</a>	<a href="http://pravda.ru">pravda.ru</a>	Russia is to blame for Russia's isolation. Barack Obama tried to "reset" the relations with Russia: <a href="http://bit.ly/29fAAw0">http://bit.ly/29fAAw0</a> // Russia's relations with most of the Western countries deteriorated after Russian military aggression against Ukraine.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
28.06.2016	RUS	Those who govern the world are destroying the world finance system, e.g. via leakage of "Panama papers". War is coming.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29tKJpO">http://bit.ly/29tKJpO</a>	Nikolai Starikov's blog @ the-day-x.ru	Conspiracy theory, no evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
29.06.2016	RUS	Turkey is a classical example of a "shadow state", that is not governed by the government or the president, but by secret structures of NATO. Terrorism is a necessary instrument in the arsenal of such a state.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29eap3T">http://bit.ly/29eap3T</a>	<a href="http://agitblog.ru">agitblog.ru</a>	Turkey is a sovereign state. // No evidence for further claims given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

29.06.2016	RUS	Italy's Liguria region recognizes Crimea as part of Russia.	<a href="http://bit.ly/2a1iWZU">http://bit.ly/2a1iWZU</a>	Life.ru (and many others)	The Liguria Regional Council adopted a resolution which calls for lifting sanctions against Russia. As a regional authority, it has no power over international affairs, claims of recognition of the annexation of Crimea are manipulative and exaggerate the news value of such a resolution: <a href="http://bit.ly/29qNmaZ">http://bit.ly/29qNmaZ</a>	<a href="http://StopFake.org">StopFake.org</a>
30.06.2016	RUS	In 1990's, the Western governments enriched the aviation fuel with radioactive isotopes, aluminium oxide and others, in order to control the world's climate.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29fwJdT">http://bit.ly/29fwJdT</a>	<a href="http://the-day-x.ru">the-day-x.ru</a>	This conspiracy theory even has its own Wikipedia page: <a href="http://bit.ly/29gzSKY">http://bit.ly/29gzSKY</a>	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
30.06.2016	RUS	A footprint of Maidan activists in the terror attack in Istanbul - the head of Ukrainian secret service and a Maidan activist fought for Ahmed Chataev's freedom.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29F485i">http://bit.ly/29F485i</a>	<a href="http://politnavigator.net">politnavigator.net</a>	The news story disproportionately exaggerates Ukraine's role in Chataev's case. The European Court for Human Rights urged Ukrainian authorities not to extradict Chataev because of his status as an Austrian political refugee: <a href="http://bit.ly/29MKvK7">http://bit.ly/29MKvK7</a>	<a href="http://StopFake.org">StopFake.org</a>
30.06.2016	CZE	EU confirms fascist tendencies. After a referendum in Britain it wants to tighten the Member States' ties. EU leaders want to ban English as the official language.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29qPYFU">http://bit.ly/29qPYFU</a>	<a href="http://stop-multikulti.cz">stop-multikulti.cz</a>	Patently untrue.	European Values think-tank
30.06.2016	CZE	Britain will be a victim of colour revolution, the counter move of the globalists and Soros against Brexit. There is a concerted attack on sterling and massive psychological pressure organised by "civil society" organisations to stop Brexit. CIA and liberal elite pays for propaganda that spread lies to avert Brexit. It is a hybrid political war against the British majority.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29ITSrs">http://bit.ly/29ITSrs</a>	<a href="http://zvedavec.org">zvedavec.org</a>	Czech translation of thesaker.is disinformation article mentioned above.	European Values think-tank
01.07.2016	RUS	Ukraine is not a state, Ukrainians are not a nation. Ukrainians should end the "project Ukraine", otherwise the chaos and killings will go on.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29r4XyK">http://bit.ly/29r4XyK</a>	andreyvadja @ Livejournal	These claims contradict the very obvious facts. Ukraine is a state, Ukrainians are a nation.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
01.07.2016	RUS	America is shocked: the USA will have to import food from Russia.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29hq03y">http://bit.ly/29hq03y</a>	<a href="http://svpressa.ru">svpressa.ru</a>	No evidence given, the story does not exist anywhere apart from pro-Kremlin outlets.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
01.07.2016	GEO	German Chancellor Angela Merkel initiated a meeting at a Swiss alpine resort with the leaders of Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands to discuss the future of "Big Eurasia" project (see above). In the course of this process recognition of Crimea by the European countries will start step by step.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29ugnOp">http://bit.ly/29ugnOp</a>	<a href="http://Sakinformi.ge">Sakinformi.ge</a>	Repeating the sakinformi.ge conspiracy mentioned above with no supporting evidence given.	EEAS Tbilisi

01.07.2016	RUS	Crimean Tatars call on Turkey to recognize Crimea as Russian.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29y4da6">http://bit.ly/29y4da6</a>	Life.ru (and many others)	The statement was made by one notoriously pro-Kremlin Tatar Remzi Ilyasov, who had been thrown out of Medjlis (the highest executive-representative body of Crimean Tatars) earlier: <a href="http://bit.ly/29xa2SZ">http://bit.ly/29xa2SZ</a>	<a href="http://StopFake.org">StopFake.org</a>
01.07.2016	RUS	Euromaidan's link to ISIS. Ahmed Chataev, Istanbul bombings suspect, was not extradited to Russia in 2010 due to efforts by Ukrainian nationalists' who later also took part in Euromaidan protests.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29sobCC">http://bit.ly/29sobCC</a>	Vremya Pokazhet, 02:13	The news story disproportionately exaggerates Ukraine's role in Chataev's case. The European Court for Human Rights urged Ukrainian authorities not to extradite Chataev because of his status as an Austrian political refugee: <a href="http://bit.ly/29MKvK7">http://bit.ly/29MKvK7</a>	EEAS Moscow
01.07.2016	CZE	The EU is worse than USSR. The evidence is that everybody who is against ruinous policy of the EU is labelled as Putin's agent; and any different opinion is being criminalized.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29CcNoY">http://bit.ly/29CcNoY</a>	<a href="http://portal.parlamentnilisty.cz">portal.parlamentnilisty.cz</a>	Patently untrue.	European Values think-tank
02.07.2016	RUS	Most NATO soldiers are deserters in real life.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29lwaAW">http://bit.ly/29lwaAW</a>	"Voyennaya Tayna", REN TV	No statistics provided for this claim.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
02.07.2016	RUS	UN Secretary-General launches tribunal proceedings against President Poroshenko.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29xbZUJ">http://bit.ly/29xbZUJ</a>	<a href="http://politnavigator.net">politnavigator.net</a>	The story refers to SecGen's remarks at St. Petersburg International Forum. In his speech, nothing like that was mentioned: <a href="http://bit.ly/29C5oWo">http://bit.ly/29C5oWo</a>	<a href="http://StopFake.org">StopFake.org</a>
02.07.2016	CZE	The EU is merely a vassal of the US political and economic interests. High officials in Brussels do everything to disintegrate the EU. It is part of the US goal to weaken and dominate Europe.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29ywSKX">http://bit.ly/29ywSKX</a>	<a href="http://novarepublika.cz">novarepublika.cz</a>	EU determines the development if the EU, not the USA. The USA support European integration.	European Values think-tank
03.07.2016	RUS	ISIS terrorist Ahmed Chataev is linked to Ukrainian nationalists, which is proved by a letter from Right Sector's Dmytro Yarosh calling for Chataev's freedom.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29dK5lo">http://bit.ly/29dK5lo</a>	Vesti nedeli s Dmitriem Kiselyovym, 10:27	The quoted letter ( <a href="http://bit.ly/29wUKQw">http://bit.ly/29wUKQw</a> ) cannot be found anywhere on neither Ukrainian, nor Russian sites before 2016, and is most probably a fake.	East StratCom network
03.07.2016	CZE	The NATO Summit in Warsaw is a preparation for war against Russia and it set a strategy for cyberattack against Russia.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29Cda2z">http://bit.ly/29Cda2z</a>	<a href="http://protiproud.parlamentnilisty.cz">protiproud.parlamentnilisty.cz</a>	The Alliance does not seek confrontation and poses no threat to Russia. But NATO cannot and will not compromise on the principles on which our Alliance and security in Europe and North America rest: <a href="http://bit.ly/29Clz6e">http://bit.ly/29Clz6e</a>	European Values think-tank
04.07.2016	RUS	Ukraine, Kiev politicians are only receiving orders from the top, rushing to execute them.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29GpiQD">http://bit.ly/29GpiQD</a>	Vremya Pokazhet, 02:57, 11:24	Ukraine is a sovereign and independent country.	EEAS Moscow
04.07.2016	RUS	It was Ukraine who shot down the Boeing above Donbass.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29GpiQD">http://bit.ly/29GpiQD</a>	Vremya Pokazhet, 06:36	Compelling evidence that MH17 was shot down by a Russian BUK: <a href="http://bit.ly/21fmPFL">http://bit.ly/21fmPFL</a>	EEAS Moscow

04.07.2016	RUS	The West does not care about Ukraine anymore, everyone has forgotten about Ukrainians.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29GpiQD">http://bit.ly/29GpiQD</a>	Vremya Pokazhet, 11:40	The EU is helping Ukraine through various very concrete means: first of all, the entry into force of the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine on 1st of January 2016 offers duty free (for most products) access to the largest market in the world to Ukrainian companies; second, the EU has granted cheap and long term loans to Ukraine to help the country to stabilize its economy: 2,2 bn € have been disbursed already; third, the EU (whose Member States represent altogether the largest IMF shareholder) is strongly supporting the IMF loans and programmes which have helped to stabilize the economic situation in Ukraine and will continue to help the country to reform its economy; fourth, the EU is providing substantial budget support, technical assistance and loans to the businesses through the EIB.	EEAS Moscow
04.07.2016	RUS	Arseniy Yatsenyuk has earned a billion [as the prime minister].	<a href="http://bit.ly/29GpiQD">http://bit.ly/29GpiQD</a>	Vremya Pokazhet, 21:09	Yatsenyuk's total income equals 1 966 333 Hryvnas according to his 2015 income declaration: <a href="http://bit.ly/29ldZ8M">http://bit.ly/29ldZ8M</a>	EEAS Moscow
04.07.2016	CZE	Kids fighting in school: This is what multicultural coexistence looks like in the Netherlands.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29yaEKI">http://bit.ly/29yaEKI</a>	<a href="http://svetkolemnas.info">svetkolemnas.info</a>	No evidence that the incident has anything to do with multiculturalism.	European Values think-tank
05.07.2016	RUS	Kyiv authorities are preparing a "chemical Chernobyl" for the East of Ukraine. That is the reason behind local protests in the city of Toretsk (in Donetsk oblast).	<a href="http://bit.ly/29CpZvm">http://bit.ly/29CpZvm</a>	<a href="http://riafan.ru">riafan.ru</a>	The local population was protesting against military presence in the city: <a href="http://bit.ly/29Cqkyv">http://bit.ly/29Cqkyv</a> // No evidence for the allegations about "chemical Chernobyl" given.	East StratCom network
05.07.2016	RUS	NATO uses Ukraine in its aggressive plans against Russia. Ukraine is just a "wick in the bomb prepared by NATO against Russia".	<a href="http://bit.ly/29kHpYA">http://bit.ly/29kHpYA</a>	Vesti.doc talk show @ Pervyi kanal (24:51)	Repeating groundless disinformation. All NATO states as well as all EU member states respect the sovereignty of Ukraine. The deterioration of relationships between Russia and most of the free world resulted from Russia's military aggression against Ukraine.	East StratCom network
05.07.2016	CZE	Out of a million refugees, only 54 found a job in Germany.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29usc6X">http://bit.ly/29usc6X</a>	<a href="http://svetkolemnas.info">svetkolemnas.info</a>	The number is related only to refugees working in top 30 biggest companies in Germany: <a href="http://bit.ly/29CdJcT">http://bit.ly/29CdJcT</a>	European Values think-tank
06.07.2016	RUS	UEFA investigates Ukrainian team for possible doping.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29Ov8k2">http://bit.ly/29Ov8k2</a>	<a href="http://utro.ru">utro.ru</a>	UEFA: no disciplinary case has been opened against the Ukrainian team and all doping tests have returned negative results: <a href="http://bit.ly/29xaOPL">http://bit.ly/29xaOPL</a>	<a href="http://StopFake.org">StopFake.org</a>
07.07.2016	ENG	EU countries violate human rights refusing to grant visas to Crimean citizens - Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zakharova.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29s2YHE">http://bit.ly/29s2YHE</a>	<a href="http://tass.ru">tass.ru</a>	Residents of Crimea that want to travel to the Schengen area can get a Schengen visa at the consulates of Member States or at the visa centres in Ukraine. The main obstacle for the Crimean people is the lack of access to information on the Schengen visa: <a href="http://bit.ly/29xibfh">http://bit.ly/29xibfh</a> // <a href="http://bit.ly/29AXRbo">http://bit.ly/29AXRbo</a>	European Values think-tank

07.07.2016	CZE	EU countries violate human rights refusing to grant visas to Crimean citizens - Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zakharova.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29lfPqm">http://bit.ly/29lfPqm</a>	Sputnik	Czech translation of TASS disinformation article mentioned above.	European Values think-tank
07.07.2016	CZE	The main aim of Codex Alimentarius, international document regulating the terms for safety of food, is to depopulate the planet.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29CdrTe">http://bit.ly/29CdrTe</a>	<a href="http://protiproud.parlamentnilisty.cz">protiproud.parlamentnilisty.cz</a>	Groundless conspiracy theory.	European Values think-tank
07.07.2016	CZE	Muslims in Czech republic are practising for an armed conflict, jihad, intifada. The Czech security service has silently supported their actions.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29yBa4Y">http://bit.ly/29yBa4Y</a>	<a href="http://aeronet.cz">aeronet.cz</a>	The entire article is based on two photos taken at a shooting range: <a href="http://bit.ly/29B14rk">http://bit.ly/29B14rk</a> // There is no reason to conclude the people in the picture are Muslims. // The rest is scaremongering conspiracy.	European Values think-tank
08.07.2016	RUS	On the eve of NATO summit, Joe Biden announced that the Americans planned a blitzkrieg for Donbass, and now they plan to start a war against Crimea.	<a href="http://bit.ly/29udeIT">http://bit.ly/29udeIT</a>	<a href="http://politikus.ru">politikus.ru</a>	Patently untrue, no such statement was made.	Semion Niculin, journalist for MBC TV (Moldova)
08.07.2016	RUS	A member of the East Stratcom Task Force participated in a recent summer school for young people outside St. Petersburg which concluded that "The European Union can only be Russia's economic and military-political opponent, and major decisions will be taken not by EU member-states' government, but by the US and NATO."	<a href="http://bit.ly/29Jg9VM">http://bit.ly/29Jg9VM</a>	<a href="http://vesti.ru">vesti.ru</a>	No member of the East Stratcom team participated in such an event, and the statement quoted in the news story cannot and should not be attributed to the East Stratcom Task Force.	East StratCom network