

# MEMORANDUM

#### on Cooperation in the Development of Responsible Fact-Checking

Nizhny Novgorod,

June\_\_, 2025

This Memorandum of Cooperation in the Development of Responsible Fact-Checking (hereinafter referred to as the «Memorandum») establishes relations between the **Global Fact-Cheking Network**, represented by its President, Vladimir Tabak, acting on the basis of its Charter, and

hereinafter collectively referred to as the «Parties.»

### 1. Subject Matter

1.1. The subject of this Memorandum is the establishment of a partnership and the development of long-term, effective cooperation between the Parties aimed at creating a safe and favorable educational ecosystem based on unified approaches among all stakeholders regarding the development of effective verification mechanisms and countering the spread of false information and disinformation.

1.2. The purpose of this Memorandum is to facilitate information exchange and coordinate joint efforts to advance the institution of professional fact-checking and enhance the qualifications of specialists receiving relevant education in appropriate educational institutions.



1.3. The Parties intend to implement cooperation based on equality, goodwill, mutual respect, consideration of each other's interests, and mutual support.

### 2. Areas of Cooperation

2.1. Recognizing the need to consolidate efforts to improve the quality and reliability of information in the digital space, the Parties intend to cooperate within their competence and in accordance with their respective national laws in the following key areas:

- Organization and improvement of fact-checking and dissemination of reliable information;
- Development and promotion of new, including innovative, methods and technologies for data verification;
- Mutual expert, advisory, and informational support within the scope of this Memorandum;
- Organization and joint participation in relevant educational events in the field of fact-checking.

2.2. The Parties intend to cooperate in the following forms:

- Exchange of experience and information, consultations;
- Planning and coordination of joint research projects in journalism, media communications, and fact-checking;
- Organization of meetings and joint educational events;
- Development and promotion of a unified system to counter the spread of false information and disinformation at a global level;
- Conclusion of agreements aimed at achieving the Parties' cooperation goals.

2.3. The Parties may engage in other forms of cooperation that



align with the objectives of this Memorandum and their mutual interests.

#### **3. Final Provisions**

3.1. The terms and procedures for organizing joint events shall be determined by the Parties on a case-by-case basis.If necessary, the Parties shall enter into relevant agreements.To coordinate their actions under this Memorandum, the Parties may hold coordination meetings.

3.2. The exchange of information under this Memorandum shall be conducted through official communication channels and in compliance with the Parties' respective national laws.

3.3. Each Party undertakes not to disclose information obtained under this Memorandum without the prior written consent of the Party that provided such information.

3.4. Each Party shall protect information made available under this Memorandum from unauthorized use, distribution, or publication. The Parties shall ensure the security of such information. The exchange of information does not imply any transfer of rights to such information.

3.5. All activities under this Memorandum shall be carried out in accordance with the national laws of the Parties' respective states.

3.6. This Memorandum does not restrict the Parties from collaborating with other entities (partners) to achieve the objectives stated herein, does not take precedence over other similar agreements, and does not create financial obligations.



3.7. This Memorandum is not a preliminary agreement, a partnership agreement, or a legally binding contract and shall not serve as grounds for liability in case of non-compliance with its provisions.

3.8. Any disputes regarding the interpretation or execution of this Memorandum shall be resolved through consultations between the Parties.

3.9. This Memorandum enters into force upon signature by the Parties and remains effective until the conclusion of a primary cooperation agreement. Either Party may unilaterally terminate this Memorandum by providing written notice to the other Party at least ten (10) calendar days before the intended termination date.

3.10. Any amendments to this Memorandum shall be valid only if made in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.11. The Parties shall designate contact persons responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum and exchange relevant information within one month of its signing.

3.12. This Memorandum is executed in two original copies, one for each Party, in both Russian and English, with both texts being equally authentic.

## 4. Parties' Details

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