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## **Period covered by this Communication on Engagement**

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## **Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent**

22.07.2024

*To our stakeholders:*

*I am pleased to confirm that the Law and Internet Foundation reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.*

*In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Prof. Dr. Daniela Ilieva  
Executive Director*



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## Part II. Description of Actions

To support the United Nations Global Compact, Law and Internet Foundation has performed the following activities in the period covered by the current report, namely October 2021 – October 2023:

- *By incorporating the UN Global Compact principles into our internal operations, we are fostering the awareness of the employees about them, and also communicate progress following the Communication on Progress requirements;*
- *The principles of the United Nations Global Compact are incorporated into the creation and implementation of all current projects and project proposals of the Foundation;*
- *Law and Internet Foundation has realised or is currently engaged in the following EU (co-)funded projects within the reporting period each concerning one or multiple of the UN Sustainable Development Goals:*
  - **MIICT** [GA No. 822380] (2018-2021): *The project contributed to SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions). The MIICT project had as a main goal to address migrant integration by the design and tailoring of ICT-enabled services in an inclusive manner, considering the specific socio-cultural, economic and legal contexts of migrants.*
  - **DEEP** [GA No. KA202-065880] (2019-2021): *The project contributed to SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). DEEP project had as a target group students and recent graduates, teachers and educational institutions engaged in Vocational education and training and the companies, SMEs and local partners collaborating with them. The project was designed to develop both entrepreneurship and digital skills of VET students for improving their employability success and provide their trainers and mentors with effective tools to help them acquire such knowledge.*
  - **GUARD** [GA No. 833456] (2019-2022): *The project contributed to SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). The project tackled conflicting trends in the cybersecurity market proposing a model for advanced advanced assurance and protection of trustworthy and reliable business chains spanning multiple administrative domains and heterogeneous infrastructures.*
  - **FORMOBILE** [GA No. 832800] (2019-2022): *The project contributed to SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). The project established a complete end-to-end mobile forensics chain by the development of novel tools for preservation and restoration of data in mobile devices, the creation of a new standard for mobile forensics and through conducting a number of capacity building events for professionals in the law enforcement and the judiciary.*
  - **E-PROTECT II** [GA No. 878593] (2020-2022): *The project contributed to SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). The E-PROTECT II project had as a main focus the enhancement of application of legislation on victims' protection, in particular – children, and the application of Individual Needs Assessment Methodologies in procedure in the partnering countries. The project produced a number of capacity building initiatives for relevant professionals and further developed the online platform created in its first iteration as a shared space for exchange of information and hosting of virtual events.*



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- **iCARE** [GA No. 101007436] (2020-2022): The project contributed to SDG 16 (Peace and justice; Strong institutions). The iCARE project addressed international child abduction cases through the development of novel tools and activities, strengthening judicial cooperation and capacity and via the incorporation of International Family Mediation as complementary to proceedings.
- **NESTOR** [GA No. 621410] (2020-2024): The project contributed to SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). NESTOR focused on addressing the education gap in the case of prisoners by establishing and pilot testing of a National Network of 30 Schools for Parents in a prison environment.
- **A4** [GA No. 101021832] (2021-2023): The project contributed to SDG 5 (Gender equality) and SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). The main objective of the A4 project was to counter impunity in relation to the trafficking in human beings, particularly of women and girls, and sexual exploitation, and enhance victim protection via police-led resilient mechanism at the EU south-eastern border.
- **i4Q** [GA No. 958205] (2021-2024): The project contributed to SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). The i4Q project proposed reliable solution for zero-defect manufacturing through the implementation of simulation and optimisation tools for manufacturing line continuous process qualification, quality diagnosis, reconfiguration and certification.
- **INNOCENT** [GA No. 101056685] (2022-2024): The project contributed to SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). With a focus on the procedural rights of suspects or accused of crime where electronic evidence is adduced in court, the INNOCENT project contributed to the elaboration of a toolkit on electronic evidence, policy guidelines for the cooperating European jurisdictions and carrying out of trainings for legal professionals (lawyers, prosecutors and judges) from Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Czechia.
- **LEAGUE** [GA No. 101049294] (2022-2024): The project contributed to SDG 5 (Gender equality). The main objective of the LEAGUE project was to prevent the online sexual abuse and exploitation of boys aged between 10 and 18 years through capacity building initiatives for relevant adults communicating with children (parents, teachers, psychologists, social workers) and the implementation of an Internet platform and chatbot providing information in a child-friendly manner to the potential victims of abuse.
- **RELEASE** [GA No. 101090815] (2022-2024): The project contributed to SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). RELEASE's main goal is to support the judiciary on the matter of pre-trial detention and facilitate the establishment of a harmonised approach in the area. Both national and international capacity building seminars have been held and a Policy Brief has been drafted to increase the awareness on issues related to pre-trial detention and alternatives for resolving them.
- **ACTING** [GA No. 101103208] (2022-2026): The project contributed to SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). The ACTING project has the aim of developing advanced platform for cybersecurity training and exercises, focusing on three use case scenarios – 1) combined cyber attacks against joint Headquarters, Land and Navy CIS systems; 2) Space-Maritime sector and 3) Cascading effect of cyber attack in the civilian sector on IoT and breakthrough of commercial networks.



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- **SardegnaGol** [GA No. 000048177] (2022-2023): *The project contributed to SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). The SardegnaGol project had three main priorities – strengthening the employability of young people; reinforcing the links between policy, research and practice; and increasing quality, innovation and recognition of youth work. The project’s activities were directed strongly towards tackling disinformation towards young people and the promotion of debate on the functioning of the EU institutions as well as on how youth policies are being developed.*
- **ALLIES** [GA No. 101080090] (2023-2025): *The project contributed to SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). The ALLIES project has the objective of promoting and enhancing the application of the EU “Regulation 2021/784 on addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online” through the development of technical solutions and dedicated training for small and micro hosting service providers to help them address the strict obligations imposed on them while at the same time not allowing a compromise on fundamental rights of content providers.*
- **DISRUPT** [GA No. 101101918] (2023-2025): *The project contributed to SDG 16 (Peace and Justice; Strong institutions). With the aim of addressing technology-facilitated trafficking of children and human beings in general, especially in the context of sexual exploitation, the DISRUPT project develops comprehensive capacity building initiatives for law enforcement and related professionals to the judiciary and aims to establish guidance for future cooperation mechanisms on the topic of trafficking in human beings.*
- **DATAMITE** [GA No. 101092989] (2023-2026): *The project contributed to SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). The DATAMITE project aims at improving data monetization, interoperability, trading and exchange through the development of a modular, open-source and multi-domain framework.*
- **TESTUDO** [GA No. 101121258] (2023-2026): *The project contributed to SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). The TESTUDO project has been initiated at the end of the reporting period, however in the three years that follow it has the objective of addressing the challenges faced in cases of environmental threats, threats against critical infrastructure or other situations requiring a prompt response from the competent authorities. TESTUDO will develop innovative solutions on the agreed use case scenarios for ensuring continuous monitoring, prevention and prediction of hazardous events through the deployment of state-of-the-art technologies.*
- **UP2030** [GA No. 101096405] (2023-2026): *The project contributed to SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 13 (Climate Action). The UP2030 project aims at supporting cities to complete their socio-technical transitions and meet the climate neutrality targets envisaged for the year 2030. The project methodology is innovative and is strongly rooted in inclusive participation of citizens as agents for change in their own communities.*
- *Law and Internet Foundation has further pledged responsibility to lower food waste at events and has been associated to the Bulgarian Food Programme joint initiative.*



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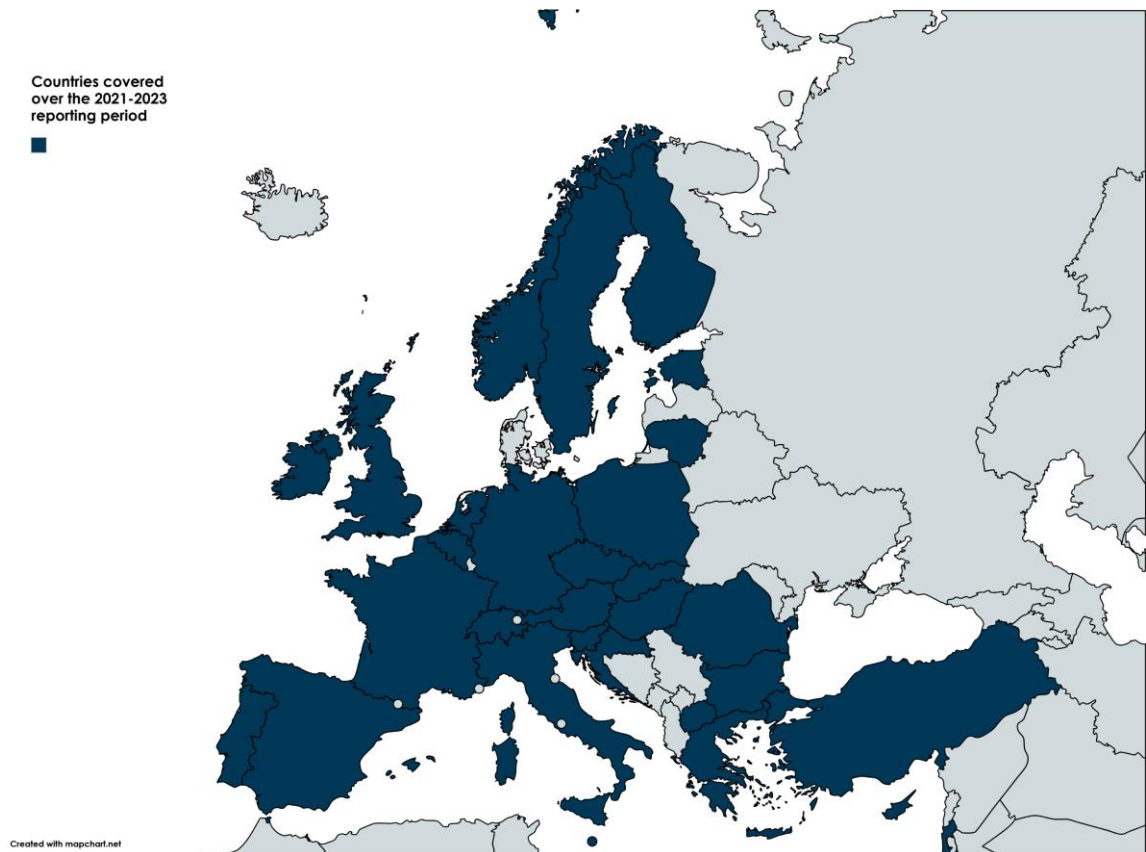
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### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

*In the two reporting years Law and Internet Foundation has realised the following qualitative and quantitative outcomes to measure the results of the activities, listed in the previous part of the COE:*

- *19 projects compatible with the UN Global Compact principles, with more than 200 different partners involved in more than 30 different countries, including non-European ones like Kyrgyzstan, Israel and South Korea, introduced to the UN Global Compact in various ways – meeting, memos, examples;*



- *5 still ongoing projects from those listed based on the UN Global Compact principles, and 4 more projects won and (to be) initiated in the year 2024;*
- *Increased awareness of UN Global Compact principles of Law and Internet Foundation stakeholders through various means;*
- *All capacity building initiatives, national events, partners' meetings as well as external corporate trainings per request, organised by the Law and Internet Foundation in the reporting period have been designed in compliance with the Bulgarian Food Bank's joint principles on food waste reduction.*