Stop Disinformation

Some posts are created to trick people using lies, other posts contain wrong information by omission.

Misinformation is false information spread without bad intentions, often because the person re-sharing does not know the information. An example of misinformation would be sharing incorrect information about where to apply for a visa, because you think in someone else’s place. Even if you think you’re sharing information, it’s not trusted.

Disinformation is false information that is spread on purpose, in order to deceive, confuse, or manipulate people. An example of disinformation is posting incorrect data about how many visas are approved each year.

MainInformation is based on reality, but used to confuse people. For example, it would be sharing photos of a wealthy area of a town in Germany to get someone to work with a smuggler. The photo could be real, but the associated text and promises are not.

Human Trafficking + Social Media

Warning! Human traffickers and smugglers provide false information about migration in order to make money for themselves. They do not care about the people they are smuggling. Working with traffickers and smugglers is very dangerous. Traffickers and smugglers often target uninvolved youth. They advertise their business in schools, religious centers, and neighbourhoods.

Things to know:
- Smugglers use social media and chat groups to spread disinformation.
- Human traffickers are criminal groups and are very dangerous.
- They try to promote smuggling during the journey, having connections with smugglers in established networks along the route, and being able to get fake travel documents (passports, ID cards, and so on).
- They share fake photos and videos that pretend to show migrants happily living in Europe. These are not real.

Migration warning signs

If you see these things being offered, be careful.
- Offering to take you to Europe for a fixed sum of money.
- Promises of work in Libya or elsewhere that will pay you $1000 - $1500 a month.
- Scholarships that don’t ask for your academic qualifications.
- Travel agents offering trips to a location outside the EU.
- Anything that sounds too good to be true.

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