

RADAR at a glance

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Partners

10

Countries

36

Months, Sep 2026 to Aug 2029

3.5M

Euro of EU funding

Who is RADAR for?

- Policymakers and public authorities
- Civil society and social movements
- Journalists and media
- Educators, students and youth
- Researchers and academia
- The civic-tech community
- Citizens and micro-influencers

ReclAiming Democracy
Advancing Rights

The RADAR consortium



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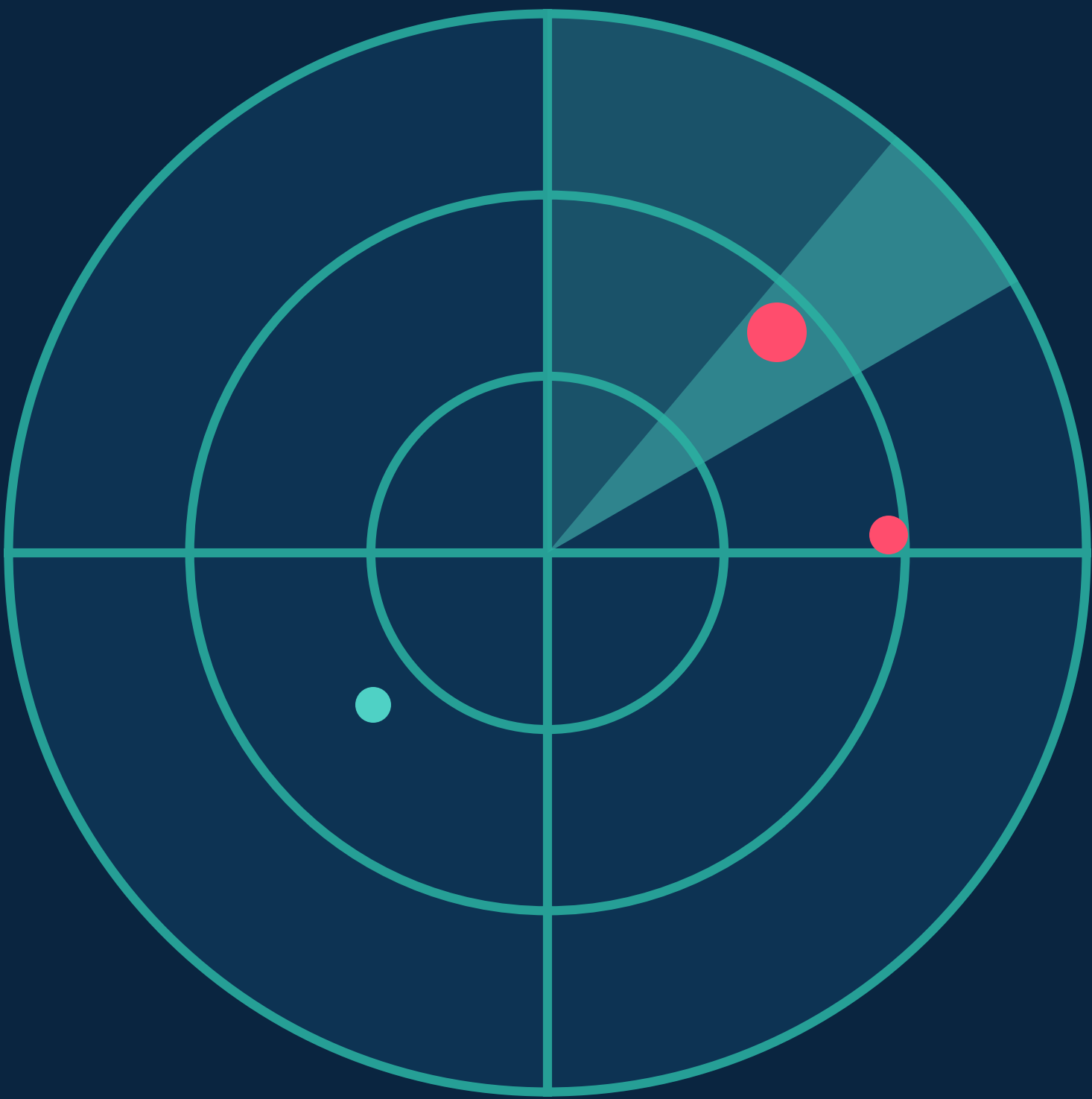
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fall in a day.

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THE CHALLENGE

Detect authoritarian drift. Defend democracy.

Democracies rarely collapse overnight. They are worn down step by step: courts are captured, the media is pressured, civic space shrinks and online spaces fill with manipulation. By the time the pattern is obvious, it is often too late to push back.

OUR RESPONSE

What RADAR does

RADAR brings together researchers, technologists, civil society and policy experts to understand how democratic erosion works, detect it early and equip the people who defend democracy to respond.

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From evidence to early warning to action, RADAR links research, technology and civic practice in one project.

THE METHOD

How RADAR works

01 Investigate

We map the authoritarian playbook, from historical patterns to today's tactics, and the counter-strategies that have worked against it.

02 Detect

We study digital authoritarianism and build the RADAR AI tool to detect it early.

03 Empower

We train pro-democracy actors through learning exchanges, a mentorship network and pilots of the AI tool.

04 Act

We turn the evidence into policy recommendations that strengthen democratic resilience.

THE RESULTS

What RADAR delivers

- The Authoritarian Playbook: historical patterns of autocratic regimes
- Evidence on resistance infrastructures and democratic counter-strategies
- A survey experiment with more than 10,000 respondents in 7 countries
- The RADAR AI tool to detect digital authoritarianism
- A learning exchange and mentorship network for pro-democracy actors
- Policy recommendations and a Policy Forum for democratic resilience



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