

Is sputniknews.ru legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

sputniknews.ru

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

sputniknews.ru appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Regional Russian-language news index page (Sputnik regional section) listing headlines by country and links to social channels and legal/policy pages.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	16 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2010 2089 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2010.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Sputniknews.ru presents a Russian-language regional news index covering countries including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. The homepage displays headlines and short news items, links to established social-channel destinations, and privacy, cookie, recommendation-policy, and copyright notices; its apparent business model is an audience- and advertising-supported news/media service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictory risk signals were observed. The homepage behaves as an informational news page rather than a credential-harvesting or financial-solicitation interface: it contains no login form, sensitive form, wallet connection, cryptocurrency feature, or payment workflow, and no phishing or brand-impersonation indicator was identified. The site's sustained historical continuity, coherent regional-news content, and clean results across external reputation checks support an established-site interpretation, while the apparent operator identity remains a separate matter from the site's technical trust posture.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is classified as a regional news page and lists country-specific headlines, social-channel links, and standard site policies; no phishing indicators or red flags are reported.
- The domain was registered on 2010-03-07 and is approximately 16.44 years old.
- The site has 2,089 archive snapshots spanning 2010–2026, covering 17 tracked years.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, with no confirmed phishing or impersonation signal.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as a news/media outlet, not as a financial service or regulated investment platform. Its available policy and copyright references provide ordinary site-governance material, but the supplied pages do not provide an independently verified legal-entity or licensing determination; this is a verification matter rather than evidence of deception. The domain's established registration continuity, meaningful traffic footprint, valid transport encryption, and registration through RU-CENTER-RU are consistent with a mature public-facing service. No broker-dataset match or adverse third-party broker signal was identified.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration lists RU-CENTER-RU as registrar, with creation date 2010-03-07 and expiration date 2027-03-07.
- Hosting resolves to AS57352, operated by ROSSIYA-SEGODNYA - Federal State Unitary Enterprise Rossiya Segodnya International Information Agency, RU.
- The TLS certificate is issued by YR2 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-09-13.
- The domain is within the global top-one-million traffic population, supporting an established audience footprint.

What to Verify Next

Before any interaction that extends beyond ordinary reading—particularly credential submission, account creation, or payment—an independent source should confirm the relevant legal operator, official contact channels, applicable terms, and payment-protection arrangements. If the site is encountered through a campaign, message, or external advertisement, the domain should be reached through an independently confirmed reference rather than through the supplied redirect or message.

EVIDENCE

- Independent operator identity is not verified by the supplied evidence, so the trust assessment should not be treated as proof of a real-world legal-entity connection.
- The homepage exposes an informational content experience and no sensitive transaction form, making any later request for credentials or payment a change in interaction context requiring separate validation.

Summary Verdict

The available evidence supports a high-trust, low-risk posture for the observed website and is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate news service. The conclusion concerns the site's observed content, history, infrastructure, and reputation; it does not independently prove the identity of the real-world operator.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to infrastructure operated by ROSSIYA-SEGODNYA - Federal State Unitary Enterprise Rossiya Segodnya International Information Agency in Russia, with no CDN or WAF provider identified and one resolved hosting address. The direct hosting arrangement is operationally coherent but offers fewer intermediary protections than a mainstream edge-CDN deployment; it is a contextual infrastructure factor, not an identity determination.

EVIDENCE

- Resolved address: 194.190.139.38; one unique address and one likely origin address were identified.
- No CDN or WAF vendor was detected in the hosting path.
- DNS resolution status was resolved, with the hosting registry identified as RIPE NCC.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary reading is proportionate to the observed low-risk posture; any subsequent credential or payment interaction should receive the normal independent identity, policy, and payment-protection checks expected for an unknown operator.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of sputniknews.ru.

- The request stayed on sputniknews.ru. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under RU-CENTER-RU. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by 233.32, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-03-07. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2010-05-09. CLEAR
- It is hosted on ROSSIYA-SEGODNYA, from a server in RU. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	RU-CENTER-RU
Hosting	ROSSIYA-SEGODNYA - Federal State Unitary Enterprise Rossiya Segodnya International Information Agency, RU
Country	RU
Server IP	194.190.139.38
Name servers	ns10.sputniknews.ru. 178.248.233.32, ns9.sputniknews.ru. 178.248.236.20
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-09-13
Domain age	16.44 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-03-07

Archive first seen	2010-05-09
Archive snapshots	2089
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about sputniknews.ru at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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