



A COUNTER-TERRORISM AGENDA FOR THE EU:

Anticipate, Prevent, Protect, Respond

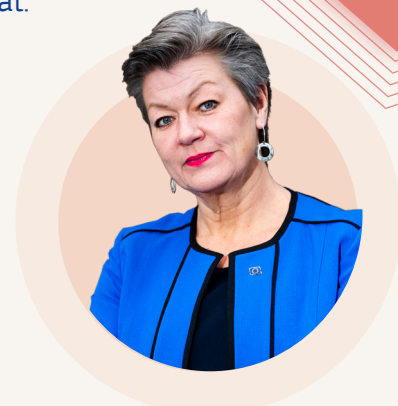


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The Agenda sets the way forward for actions to counter terrorism at EU level, looking at better anticipating, preventing, protecting and responding to the terrorist threat.

“With the Counter Terrorism Agenda, we are boosting our ability to anticipate new threats, we are helping local communities to prevent radicalisation, we are giving cities the means to protect public spaces and we are ensuring that we can respond quickly and more efficiently to attacks.”

Ylva Johansson, Counter-Terrorism Agenda 2020



Actions to be taken at local, national, EU and international level across 4 pillars



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ANTICIPATE

What is available

- EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (EU INTCEN)
- Risks assessments (rail, air)
- EU security research

What should be completed

- Improved performance of detection technologies: Chemical and bio-security, malicious drones
- Increase cooperation between all security stakeholders

What we propose

- Better use of strategic intelligence for policy making
- Risks assessments to be developed in the maritime domain
- EU Protective Security Advisors, to be deployed on demand
- Integrating foresight in the policy cycle

PREVENT

What is available

- Radicalisation Awareness Network
- EU Internet Forum with industry
- The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism
- The Civil Society Empowerment Programme
- “EU Cities against Radicalisation” initiative

What should be completed

- Proposed EU rules on addressing terrorist content online
- Extension of EU-level crimes to all forms of hate crime and hate speech
- Implementation of the Action Plan on integration and inclusion

What we propose

- Guidance on content moderation for extremist material online
- EU Knowledge Hub on prevention of radicalisation
- Support on risk assessments in prisons, rehabilitation and reintegration
- Supporting Member States in managing returning foreign terrorist fighters and their families

PROTECT



What is available

- EU Forum on the protection of public spaces to share experience and best practices
- Schengen Information System



What should be completed

- Development of new information systems for border management, full interoperability between EU information systems for migration, border management and security
- Full implementation of the current framework on Passenger Name Records (PNR)
- Full implementation of EU rules on firearms, explosives, systematic border checks at the external borders, new Schengen Information System functionalities



What we propose

- Architectural book on urban design
- EU Pledge on Urban Security and Resilience, to reduce vulnerabilities in public spaces and counter radicalisation
- Better protect critical infrastructures and public spaces, including places of worship
- Information exchange on firearms authorisations
- Enable Europol to issue alerts on foreign terrorist fighters in the Schengen Information System
- Revision of EU rules on Advance Passenger Information



RESPOND

What is available

- Europol's Counter Terrorism Centre supporting Member States
- EU rules on combating terrorism and on combating money laundering
- Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme
- Law enforcement networks including the ATLAS network

What should be completed

- EU Crisis Protocol, ensuring rapid response to online dissemination of terrorist attack imagery
- A clear and robust framework for timely cross-border access to electronic evidence
- More effective prosecution of returning Foreign Terrorists Fighters
- Strengthening Eurojust's counter-terrorism register
- EU Strategy on victims' rights (2020-2025)

What we propose

- Revision of EU rules on the exchange of fingerprints, DNA and vehicle data registration (Prüm)
- Strengthening Europol and its European Counter-Terrorism Center, for better support to Member States
- Consider law enforcement access to interconnected bank registers
- An approach maintaining the effectiveness of encryption in protecting privacy and security of communications, while providing an effective response to crime and terrorism
- New EU police cooperation code
- New legislation on information exchange in judicial proceedings in cross-border terrorism cases
- Better cooperation between the EU and Interpol
- Improve the situation of victims of terrorism

