

EUIF RULES OF PROCEDURE

The EU Internet Forum, first convened in December 2015, has adopted the following rules of procedure:

Mission

The objective of the EU Internet Forum is to provide a collaborative environment for EU/EFTA governments, the internet industry and other partners to discuss and address the challenges posed by the presence of malicious content online. The Forum aims at exploring possible responses against abuse and exploitation of online platforms by terrorists and violent extremists, as well as other malicious actors, including those that participate in the use of online spaces to groom and coerce children for the purpose of sexual abuse, to produce and disseminate child sexual abuse content, the trafficking in human beings and the sale of drugs online.

Membership

The European Commission set up and chairs the Forum.

The following representatives of institutions, organisations, networks and research projects working towards the mission of the Forum are participating in the EU Internet Forum Ministerial meeting convened once per year.

- European Commissioner responsible for security matters
- Member States of the European Union and Member States of the European Free Trade Agreement
- European Institutions and Agencies, notably Europol, Eurojust, the Fundamental Rights Agency, the European External Action Service, the Council of the European Union and the Council's Counter Terrorism Coordinator, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- Industry members fulfilling the membership criteria
- The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism
- Tech Against Terrorism
- The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee
- The Radicalisation Awareness Network
- The Technology Coalition to fight child sexual abuse online
- The Institute for Strategic Dialogue

- Third parties, including third countries, are invited to participate in the EU Internet Forum Ministerial on an ad hoc basis with the purpose of exchanging best practices and information on common challenges or cooperating on the Forum's projects.

Other meetings of the EU Internet Forum may be convened by the European Commission, including the Senior Officials Meeting and technical meetings to:

- a) Explore priority areas or emerging challenges identified by the EU Internet Forum Ministerial
- b) Work towards technical and operational solutions of the Forum's priorities

Criteria for industry membership

The EU Internet Forum considers that the following criteria should be met for industry partners:

- the relevance of the platform for tackling terrorist, violent extremist content and child sexual abuse and exploitation online, as well as trafficking in human beings and drug sale online, and the interest shown by platforms to cooperate on a voluntary basis with other EU Internet Forum members on curbing such content and actions.
- having in place terms of service related to content standards that prohibit the dissemination of glorification, propaganda and incitement to terrorism, and of child sexual abuse content, content related to the trafficking in human beings or drug sale on their platforms.
- positive engagement and cooperation towards receiving reports of illegal activity or activity violating terms of service.
- transparency mechanism in place concerning content moderation and removal efforts, bearing in mind the size and capacity of the service provider.
- promoting safeguards of fundamental rights like freedom of expression and right to information, when implementing community standards/policies.
- Positive engagement and cooperation on efforts to prevent the occurrence of illegal activity on platforms and services in the first instance.

Transparency

1. The EU Internet Forum makes available on its website a list of members.
2. The EU Internet Forum will make available all meeting agendas and minutes (as of 2023), as well as additional information, where appropriate on its website.
3. The Forum's industry members are encouraged to be transparent and share information about their content moderation activities and their removal actions where appropriate.