

## **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 online dissemination of child sexual abuse content.

### **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 WeProtect Global Alliance to eradicate child sexual abuse online
- 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 and child sexual abuse content online and the interest shown by platforms to cooperate on a voluntary basis with other EU Internet Forum members on curbing such content.
- 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 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.

### **Transparency**

1. The EU Internet Forum will make available all meeting agendas and minutes on its website, detailing the organisations and members that took part in meetings.
2. The Forum's industry members are encouraged to be transparent and share information about their content moderation activities and their removal actions.