EUROPEAN COMMISSION

EU INTERNET FORUM

TECHNICAL MEETING ON ADDRESSING VIOLENT EXTREMIST AND TERRORIST FINANCING ACTIVITIES ONLINE

12 OCTOBER 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING
15:00 – 18:00 CET

The objective of this exploratory meeting is to better understand and raise awareness about the financing tactics of violent extremists and terrorists online, to explore what are the challenges in detecting and disrupting these activities, to inform about actions already being taken by companies, to share best practices and to discuss possible solutions.

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15:00 – 15:10 Introduction by the European Commission

15:10 - 15:40 Overview on international landscape of violent extremist and terrorist financing sources, use and movement of funds online and identified challenges

- Financial Action Task Force *Combatting Ethnically or Racially Motivated Terrorism Financing: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities*
- Stephen Reimer (craaft, Royal United Services Institute) *Extremism Financing: The Limitations of CTF Amidst Europe’s Fragmented Terrorist Threat”*

15:40 - 16:00 Perspective from law enforcement on overall trends and tactics by jihadi and VRWE

16:00 – 16:10 BREAK

16:10 – 16:25 Alexander Ritzmann (Counter Extremism Project) *It is worse than you think-the extreme right-wing infrastructure on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube in Germany*

16:25 – 17:10 Presentations by industry and Q&A

17:10 - 17:45 Discussion
- What are gaps in responding to the challenges for Member States, law enforcement and industry?
- What actions companies are taking / can take to tackle this challenge?
- What solutions other than legal designation can further support and facilitate actions by online service providers as well as financial service providers?
- What steps can governments take to address financing activities online?
- On which aspects is research needed to inform further action?

17:45 – 18:00 Wrap up & Conclusions

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