

EU Internet Forum

Envisaged activities - 2021

COMMITMENT	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME
OBJECTIVE 1: REDUCING ACCESSIBILITY TO TERRORIST CONTENT ONLINE			
A: Implementation of the EU Crisis Protocol			
1A1	Implementing guidance "Playbook"	Based on workshops in 2020 and GIFCT WG meetings on crisis response, implementing guidelines will include roles, responsibilities and communication channels of each actor,	EU IRU To be presented at SOM June 2021
1A2	International Table Top Exercise	Stimulate scenarios that may lead to the activation of the EUCP, to test the response by all stakeholders.	EU IRU and companies 5/11/2021- briefing at the December EUIF Ministerial
1A3	Step up GIFCT coordination when EUCP is triggered	The EUIF Ministerial called on GIFCT to ensure coordinated responses by industry when EUCP is activated. GIFCT to propose rules of engagement.	GIFCT (IAC and Crisis Response WG and sub-groups) Continued action Report to EUIF Ministerial end 2021
B. Responses to violent right-wing extremism/ terrorism			
1B1	Reference list of VRWE symbols and groups	Following two workshops in 2020, the EUIF Ministerial agreed that the Commission with Europol will create a reference list, in order to support companies' content moderation decision.	Commission and Europol Meeting with Member States and companies in March 2021, roadmap for developing the list to be presented at the Senior Officials meeting in June 2021 and outcome to be presented to the EUIF Ministerial end 2021.
C. Research and responding to new challenges			
1C1	Research and meeting on the presence of terrorists and violent extremists use of video-gaming to recruit and radicalise	The CTC presented in 2020 a paper on the use of video-gaming platforms to recruit and radicalise. A technical meeting will be held to build the evidence base on the extent of the problem.	Commission Research paper to be released by RAN Policy Support in Q3 2021, dedicated meeting in Q4 2021.
1C2	Dedicated workshop on the role of algorithmic recommendation systems	The CTC's paper has highlighted some of the concerns of the use of AI to recommend violent extremist content to users. A technical meeting will be organised to understand the latest developments and progress made by industry, and recommendations for transparency and further dissemination of new methods to ensure extremist content is not recommended to users.	Commission Meeting to be organised Q3 2021 with researchers and companies
1C3	Year in review publication	The Commission will report to the EUIF Ministerial on the most important activities in 2021, the misuse of terrorists of the internet, the responses	Commission, Europol It will be released by RAN Policy at the End of 2021 and to be presented at

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		by law enforcement and companies and important threats and challenges. Europol to contribute by presenting strategic assessment of the level and method of terrorist abuse online.		the Ministerial EUIF 2021
1C4	Enriching academic research	Europol and companies to explore the possibility for the provision of anonymised data to researchers to enrich the academic overview of how terrorists operate across platforms. Access to researchers working under the Commission framework contract for policy support, to tools developed by TAT, such as TCAP	Europol and companies Commission TAT	To be discussed with companies and TAT in the course of 2021
OBJECTIVE 2: INCREASING THE VOLUME OF EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES ONLINE				
Civil Society Empowerment Programme and other campaigns				
2A1	All Members of the Forum to support the Civil Society Empowerment Programme to as to ensure a significant uplift in the volume and effective dissemination of alternative and counter narratives online.	Companies to further provide support to and sharing expertise with CSEP campaigns in close collaboration with the RAN. Companies to continue supporting civil society organisations, and with the RAN, ensuring that lessons learnt, to enhance effectiveness of future campaigns. Forum members are encouraged to identify and present successful civil society initiatives. Companies to identify new methods to ensure visibility of positive narratives and to reduce visibility for extremist narratives.	Commission, companies, Member States, Europol	Report on new actions by end of 2021 to be presented at the EUIF Ministerial
DELIVERABLE 3: IMPROVE THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ONLINE				
Solutions to detect, remove and report child sexual abuse online				
3A1	Foster development of technical solutions to detect child sexual abuse in end-to-end encrypted communications	The Commission will make funding available for dedicated research projects to explore the possibilities for development and deployment at scale, of the solutions identified under the expert process. Companies will be invited to contribute to the process.	Commission and companies	Ongoing with regular reporting in the appropriate formations of the EU Internet Forum.
3A2	Improve coherence and effectiveness of EU regulatory framework to detect, remove and report child sexual abuse online.	Technical meetings in which the Commission will explain its legislative proposals and companies can contribute to their preparation. These include in particular the upcoming legislative proposal to tackle child sexual abuse online effectively, which includes the detection and reporting of child sexual abuse material by industry to public authorities.	Commission and companies	Q1 2021- Q2 2021
3A3	Reflect on operational challenges and opportunities in the fight against child	Technical meetings to continue reflecting on operational challenges and opportunities, also to ensure coherence with other ongoing efforts (e.g. Tech Coalition/Project Protect).	Commission and companies	To be discussed with companies with a possible target of Q2-Q3

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	sexual abuse online			
OBJECTIVE 4: Outreach of the Forum				
4A1	Report to Forum on synergies with GIFCT	GIFCT and companies are invited to report on progress of the GIFCT at the EU Internet Forum's SOM meetings and at High-Level meetings	Companies, GIFCT	Regular reporting to Senior Officials' meetings and Ministerial meetings
4A2	Set up criteria for membership of the Forum	The Commission will prepare discussions at the next EUIF SOM in June on criteria for membership of the Forum.	Commission	June 2021