

EU Internet Forum

Envisaged actions – 2023

COMMITMENT		ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME
OBJECTIVE 1: REDUCING ACCESSIBILITY TO TERRORIST CONTENT ONLINE- CRISIS RESPONSE				
A: Update of the EU Crisis Protocol and engagement with stakeholders on crisis response				
1.A1	Review and update of the EU Crisis Protocol	Update sections: role of non-EU operational partners, strategic communication, protection of fundamental freedoms, interoperability.	Commission, Europol, Member States	Q1
1.A2	Workshop on implementation of TCO Regulation	Technical exchanges on execution of removal orders	Commission, Member States, Industry, Europol	Q3
1.A3	EUCP Table Top Exercise	Practical exercise involving other protocols to test interoperability and cross-platforms spread of violent extremist and terrorist content	Europol, industry, Commission	Q4
B. Responses to violent right-wing extremism/ terrorism				
1.B1	Knowledge Package of VRWE groups, symbols and manifestos	Update including assessment by VRWE experts and supporting tools for moderation efforts- Access through EUIF wiki - see action 6.A4 Addition of information related to financing activities and methods by violent extremists on social media and other internet platforms (cryptocurrencies, crowdfunding, etc)	Commission, Member States, Europol and trusted external experts	Continued reporting to EUIF Q3-Q4
C. Responding to new challenges				
1.C1	Addressing challenges related to Terrorist Operated Websites (TOWs)	Release EUIF directory of contact points and flow chart to facilitate information flow between industry partners and law enforcement on the removal of TOWs Europol offering support Member States’ investigations related to TOWs	Commission, Europol, Member States, Industry Europol	Q1
1.C2	Addressing borderline content	Release of EUIF handbook in partnership with GIFCT on mapping of existing policies to tackle borderline content	Commission, Member States, Industry, GIFCT	Q1
1.C3	Actions to tackle misuse of video-gaming and adjacent platforms by violent extremists and terrorists	Release of the EUIF handbook to provide guidance to companies on how to empower their users to identify, report and counter harmful content on their platforms. Gather input from industry on the Handbook Address links with child sexual abuse-see action 3A3.	Commission, Industry	Q2
1.C4	Tackling impact of the misuse of algorithmic amplification of borderline content on the user journey	Follow up to the results of the study launched by the Commission. Address challenges posed by dissemination of borderline content against specific targets: Jews, women,	Commission, Member States, Industry	Q2

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	towards radicalisation	LGBTIQ community and migrants and find solutions to prevent the dissemination of such content through platforms' automated systems		
1.C5	Prevent use of new technologies, such as virtual reality and Metaverse to radicalise online users	EUIF/RAN PS Stratcom to support content moderation efforts aimed at preventing radicalisation through the use of virtual reality (follow-up to RAN PS workshops in 2022).	EUIF/RAN PS Europol	Q3-4
OBJECTIVE 2: INCREASING THE VOLUME OF EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES ONLINE				
Civil Society Empowerment Programme (CSEP) and other campaigns				
2.1A	Supporting CSOs campaigns	Companies to report on their evaluation of efforts to support civil society campaigns in CSEP and impacts on prevention of radicalisation to enable cross-sharing of experiences	Commission, Industry	Q3-Q4
OBJECTIVE 3: IMPROVE THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ONLINE				
Solutions to detect, remove and report child sexual abuse online				
3.A1	Engage with companies as necessary on technical aspects relating to technologies used to detect child sexual abuse online.	Technical meetings as necessary to engage with companies to prevent and combat sexual abuse.	Commission	Throughout 2023
3.A2	Contribute with evidence and data to the preparations of the revision of the Child Sexual Abuse Directive	Technical meetings to gather data from companies to inform the revision of the EU Directive on combating child sexual abuse. These meetings will also help ensure coherence and synergies between the proposal for a Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, and the Child Sexual Abuse Directive and improve the understanding of companies on how both instruments complement each other.	Commission	Throughout 2023
3.A3	Explore the risks of child sexual abuse on gaming platforms	Technical meetings with gaming and adjacent platforms to learn more about the risks of child sexual abuse on these platforms and identify remaining challenges and concrete solutions to mitigate these risks. These meetings will take into consideration, in so far as possible, the outcomes of similar work already done in the context of countering radicalisation and violent extremism online- see action 1.C1	Commission, Industry	Q2-Q3

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3.A4	Address the need for standardised and robust reporting of CSA by companies	Technical meetings to identify remaining barriers to effective reporting and practical solutions to encourage reporting of CSA by companies, in complementarity with the proposal for a Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse.	Commission, Member States, Europol, Industry	Q3
OBJECTIVE 4: FIGHT TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS ONLINE				
4.A1	Contribute to better understanding of the online dimension of human trafficking and the action required	EUIF would contribute to the preparation and the implementation of a study on the online dimension of trafficking in human beings to understand the magnitude, modus operandi, specific for the form of exploitation, profile of the websites, indicators and actions required.	Commission Member States, Europol, industry and civil society	Q2 2023 – Q1 2024
4.A2	Engage EUIF in prevention and commit it to awareness raising on trafficking in human beings	Members of EUIF could launch awareness raising activities to draw attention to the threat of trafficking in human beings, in particular in prevention, identification of victims, detection and support to the victims. This would be linked to the major awareness raising campaign to be launched by the Commission.	Commission with the involvement of Member States, Europol, the companies and the civil society	Commission's awareness raising campaign to launch on 18 October 2023
4.A4	Enlarge EUIF to include relevant partners to detect human trafficking offences online or to reach out to potential customers	Extend the technical format of EUIF on a case-by –case basis to online market places and adult websites because victims are advertised and exploited mostly on such sites	Commission	Q1
OBJECTIVE 5: PREVENTION OF DRUG TRAFFICKING ONLINE				
5.A1	Engage EUIF in improving the detection of drug sales online	Technical meeting to gather data from Member States in order to compile a Knowledge Package on drug sales online which companies can use to better moderate such content on their platforms.	Commission with the involvement of Member States, Europol and EMCDDA	Q1 2023
5.A2	Contribute to better understanding of the online dimension of drug sales online and action required	Consultation phase with Member States, Europol and EMCDDA in preparation of the Knowledge Package, in order to better understand the magnitude and modus operandi of drug sales online and to identify relevant indicators.	Commission in consultation with Members States, Europol and EMCDDA	Q3/Q4 2023
5.A3	Improve the detection of drug sales online	Compile a Knowledge Package (including terms, names, emoji, code, etc.) to help online platforms in moderating drugs contents.	Commission in consultation with Member States, Europol and EMCDDA	Q3/Q4 2023
OBJECTIVE 6: DISSEMINATION OF EUIF PRODUCTS AND OUTREACH				
6.A1	Outreach to and collaboration with	Explore synergies with other initiatives, such as GIFCT,	Industry, GIFCT	Continued action-Report to EUIF

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	other initiatives to counter TVEC	Christchurch Call, OECD, Aqaba Process, etc		
6.A2	Outreach and collaboration with other initiatives on CSA	Ensure collaboration and coherence with other ongoing efforts (e.g. Tech Coalition/Project Protect).	Commission, Industry	Continued action-Report to EUIF
6.A3	Expand EUIF membership	Continue to expand EUIF as appropriate to adapt to emerging threats, including to infrastructure providers, software/ digital distribution platforms and video-gaming and adjacent platforms. Evaluation of new potential memberships requests ongoing.	Commission, Industry Civil society	Continued action Assessment in SOM 2023
6.A4	Create EUIF Wiki with access to EUIF information, deliverables and products	A Wiki space is under progress for swift access for EUIF members of info, documents, deliverables and products, including handbooks and the Knowledge Package on VRWE. Training on the access and use of the Wiki	Commission	Q1 Q1