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A new European Internal Security Strategy

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As the geopolitical landscape evolves and new threats emerge, the EU needs a new European approach to internal security. Crime is becoming faster, more digital, and better organised. Hybrid threats undermine our democracies and societies. Terrorist threat levels remain high, fuelled by regional crises.

The European Internal Security Strategy sets out a vision for a stronger Union – to jointly anticipate, prevent and respond to security threats, ensure the safety of its citizens, protect European democracies, and safeguard prosperity.

3 principles



Whole-of-society approach, including citizens, businesses civil society, research, academia and private entities



Mainstreaming security across all EU initiatives with a built-in security check for new initiatives



Boosting security investments with more resources for law enforcement, better equipment; investments in technology; and stronger EU agencies

A new European internal security governance

- ✓ **Security mainstreaming:** Identifying security and preparedness implications of Commission initiatives
- ✓ **Cross-sectoral:** Regular meetings of the Commission Project Group on European Internal Security
- ✓ **Security College:** To be provided with internal security threat analyses
- ✓ **Member States** in Council to discuss key priorities based on the threat analyses
- ✓ **Implementation:** Regular reporting to the European Parliament and the Council

Priority areas and key actions



INCREASE THREAT AWARENESS, TO BETTER ANTICIPATE SECURITY THREATS

- ✓ Regular EU internal security threat analyses
- ✓ Improved intelligence-sharing by Member States with the EU's Single Intelligence Analysis Capacity



BOOST CAPABILITIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

- ✓ Make Europol a truly operational police agency to reinforce support for Member States
- ✓ Strengthen Frontex, with up to 30 000 personnel over time
- ✓ New roadmaps for secure data exchange and lawful access to data



BUILD RESILIENCE AGAINST HYBRID THREATS

- ✓ Support Member States to secure all physical and digital critical infrastructure
- ✓ New rules and measures to reinforce cybersecurity
- ✓ New measures to strengthen the security of ports and transport hubs



FIGHTING ORGANISED CRIME

- ✓ New and stronger rules to tackle organised crime networks, including on investigations and on the protection of youth
- ✓ Follow the money and step up measures to cut off criminal tools and assets



COMBATTING TERRORISM

- ✓ New comprehensive counter terrorism agenda to prevent radicalisation, secure online and public spaces and respond to attacks when they occur
- ✓ A new toolbox to prevent radicalisation
- ✓ Feasibility study for a new EU-wide system to track terrorist financing



STRONG GLOBAL SECURITY PLAYER

- ✓ Accelerated integration of EU candidate countries in the EU's security architecture
- ✓ Step up cooperation with enlargement and neighbourhood partners, Latin America and the Mediterranean region
- ✓ Joint operational teams with law enforcement authorities in partner countries