Reinforced Europol mandate

Under its strengthened mandate, Europol, the EU Agency for law enforcement cooperation, will be able to:

**Effectively cooperate with private parties**

**Objective:** enable Europol to receive and request personal data directly from private parties

**Impact:** Strengthen EU response to terrorism, cybercrime, child sexual exploitation and large-scale cyber attacks

**Analyse big data**

**Objective:** clarify Europol’s competence to pre-analyse data received to verify if it complies with the categories of data Europol is authorised to process (i.e. persons linked to a crime), and enable Europol to support national investigations with the analysis and storage of big data

**Impact:** more effective operational support to Member States in counter-terrorism investigations

**Issue alerts on foreign terrorist fighters**

**Objective:** close a loophole by allowing Europol to enter information on non-EU foreign terrorist fighters, received from trusted non-EU countries, in the Schengen Information System. A new alert category would be created to reflect Europol’s mandate and ensure necessary safeguards

**Impact:** real-time information available to border guards and police officers

**Support innovation and help develop new technologies for law enforcement**

**Objective:** reinforce Europol’s role on research and innovation, including possibility to process personal data and strengthen Europol’s decryption capabilities

**Impact:** better support national law enforcement authorities on the use of modern technologies to counter serious crime and terrorism

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