TCO report from Latvia

Article 21(1) of the TCO Regulation details information that must be included in Member States’ report:
(a) the number of removal orders issued and the number of items of terrorist content which have been removed or access to which has been disabled and the speed of the removal or disabling;

We had no removal orders issued and no content removed under provisions of TCO Regulation during year 2023. Although the internet monitoring revealed considerable amount of radical content online during period of review, none of it corresponded to TCO definition.

(b) the specific measures taken pursuant to Article 5, including the number of items of terrorist content which have been removed or access to which has been disabled and the speed of the removal or disabling;

No other specific measures have been taken.

(c) the number of access requests issued by competent authorities regarding content preserved by hosting service providers pursuant to Article 6;

No access requests issued.

(d) the number of complaint procedures initiated and actions taken by the hosting service providers pursuant to Article 10;

No complaint procedures initiated.

(e) the number of administrative or judicial review proceedings initiated and decisions taken by the competent authority in accordance with national law.

No administrative or judicial review proceedings initiated.

In addition, in line with Article 23 (Member States’ obligation to provide the Commission with information necessary for the drafting of the evaluation report) we would appreciate if you could share with us any other relevant information on addressing terrorist content online, including if possible the following:

- On removal orders:
  - Did the removal orders you issued target audio, video, photo or text files (how many for each)?
- Did the removal orders you issued target whole accounts, channels, groups or profiles? If so, how many (for each)?

N/A.

- Did the removal orders you issued target whole websites? If so, how many?

N/A.

- Which ideology did the removal orders you issued target (Islamist, VRWE, left wing terrorism, other)? Please specify how many removal orders for each ideology.

N/A.

- What was the purpose of the content targeted by the removal orders you issued? Was it propaganda and glorification of terrorists (attacks), was it instructional/guiding material on how to build weapons and commit attacks, was it inciting/soliciting the commission of terrorist attacks, was it calls for financing of terrorism, etc.? Please specify how many for each purpose under Article 2(7).

N/A.

- If possible, please provide detailed information on the content targeted by the removal orders you issued (what did the content show exactly?). The more detail, the better.

*The content that was revealed for further examination for the largest part was pro-Russia manifestations (support for the military aggression towards Ukraine, condemnation of NATO etc.). However, as mentioned in beginning, it did not fall into the framework of TCO definition.*
- How many of the removal orders you issued were actually complied with (content taken down or access thereto blocked within the hour)? How many of these removal orders were not complied with and for which reason? What was the follow-up to removal orders not complied with? (any new removal order sent? Any sanction taken?)

N/A.

- Have you sent removal orders outside of PERCI? If so, how many?

No removal orders were sent outside PERCI.

- Please specify the month (and year) your removal orders were issued (and the date if you can)

N/A.

- How many removal orders have you issued since Hamas’ terrorist attack on 7 October 2023? Were all these removal orders related to the attack?

No removal orders were sent since 7th October 2023.

- Have you taken any enforcement measures (sanctions) against HSPs for infringing the Regulation? Against which HSPs? For which reason/infringement of the Regulation?

No infringements were identified and therefore no enforcement actions against HSPs have been taken during this period of review.

- How many removal orders did you decide to scrutinise pursuant to Article 4? For which reason? What did you base your decision to scrutinise on?

N/A.

- On referrals:
  - How many were issued?
  - Which HSPs were targeted?
  - How many of these referrals were acted upon by HSPs?
- If these referrals were not acted upon, did you follow up with removal orders? In how many cases?
- Have you noticed any increase in responsiveness to referrals compared to the situation prior to the TCO? If so, why do you think HSPs are more responsive to referrals now?

No referrals were issued during this period of review.

- How many **imminent threat to life notifications** have you received under Article 14(5)? From which HSPs? What was the follow-up to these notifications?

No imminent threat to life notifications were received during this period of review.