

EU Internet Forum

Preparation of the High level launch event of the EU Internet Forum

I. Scene setter

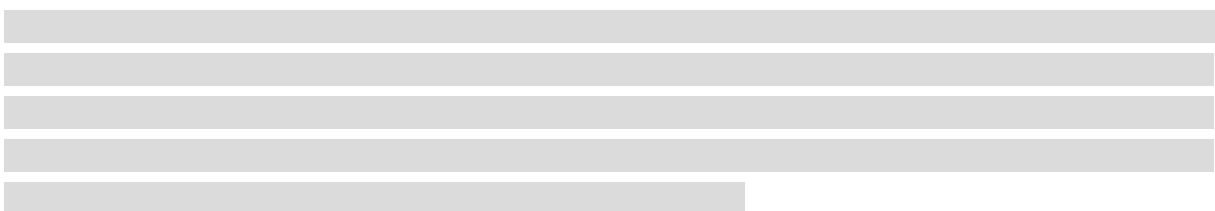
The **European Agenda on Security** announced the **launch of an EU-level Forum with IT companies** to more effectively counter the use of internet and social media for terrorist online purposes.

The Internet Forum shall focus on i) **reducing accessibility** to terrorist material online (removal of content), ii) making better use of the internet to **challenge the terrorist narrative** (development and dissemination of counter narratives) and iii) Exploring the concerns of law enforcement on new **encryption technologies**.

The IT Forum serves as i) a **platform for discussion** with a view to **identify common tools, best practices, innovative and new solutions** to tackle all IT related issues of terrorism and ii) a **hub which links to a number of other relevant initiatives** (such as the EU IRU, SSCAT, RAN). Issues covered by the Internet Forum can range from ways to identify/detect terrorist material, remove such material, counter terrorist propaganda through the creation of counter narratives and the development of communication strategies, protect IT systems against attacks and access such content for law enforcement purposes.

The **High Level event** will build upon the example of the Ministerial Dinner of October 2014 but will also mark the launch of the IT Forum in its new more structured and institutionalised form. As such it will be the first of such high level events thereafter to be held annually. While there are a series of events taking place already, this High Level event will provide the **opportunity to take stock of actions undertaken so far, highlight challenges and emerging issues and provide strategic guidance** for further work.

II. Practical arrangements and preparation



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