



# The EU Security Union Strategy

## First Progress Report

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*“Every person in our Union has the right to feel safe in their own streets and their own home. We can leave no stone unturned when it comes to protecting our citizens. We must improve cross-border cooperation to tackle gaps in the fight against serious crime and terrorism in Europe.”*

*President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen,  
Political Guidelines 2019-2024*



# A future-proof security environment

The EU supports **protecting and building the resilience of critical infrastructure** from a wide range of threats. Key areas of focus are:

- Strengthening **cybersecurity**
- the **protection of public spaces**.



## INITIATIVES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

- Secure 5G Deployment in the EU – Implementing the EU toolbox
- Communication on Shaping Europe's Digital Future
- EU Data Strategy
- Digital Finance Strategy
- Building a European Health Union: Reinforcing the EU's resilience

## INITIATIVES UNDER NEGOTIATION BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND/OR THE COUNCIL

- Regulation on terrorist content online
- European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres
- Regulation on digital operational resilience for the financial sector

## INITIATIVES STILL PENDING FULL TRANSPOSITION

- The Directive on security of network and information systems – 3 Member States

# Tackling evolving threats

The EU supports national law enforcement and judicial authorities with tools to:

- **respond to new threats**
- fight **cybercrime**
- **counter illegal content online**
- combat **hybrid threats**.



## INITIATIVES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

- EU Strategy for fight against child sexual abuse
- White paper on Artificial Intelligence
- Evaluation of the Code of Conduct on countering illegal speech online
- Assessment of the Code of Practice on Disinformation
- Commission and High Representative Report on the implementation of the 2016 Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats and the 2018 Joint Communication on increasing resilience and bolstering capabilities to address hybrid threats

## INITIATIVES UNDER NEGOTIATION BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND/OR THE COUNCIL

- Regulation on cross-border access to e-evidence (Council adopted its position, waiting for EP position)
- Regulation on child sexual abuse online (Council adopted its position, waiting for EP position)

## INITIATIVES STILL PENDING FULL TRANSPOSITION

- Directive on attacks against information systems – 4 Member States
- Directive on combating child sexual abuse – 25 Member States



# Protecting Europeans from terrorism and organised crime

Continued efforts are needed to fight against **terrorism**:

- deny means to act by limiting access to firearms, finance, explosives or chemicals
- through prevention, by enhancing the fight against radicalisation,

The EU is supporting fight against **organised crime** in new and traditional areas such as:

- drug, firearms or human trafficking
- financial crime
- corruption
- environmental crime.



## INITIATIVES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

- EU Agenda on Drugs 2021-2025
- EU Action plan on firearms trafficking 2020-2025
- First EU-wide report on the rule of law
- Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion
- EU agenda on Counter Terrorism
- Revised Europol mandate

## INITIATIVES STILL PENDING FULL TRANSPOSITION

- Freezing and confiscation Directive – 3 Member States
- 4th Anti-Money laundering Directive – 7 Member States
- Directive on the protection of natural persons regarding processing of personal data connected with criminal offence – 3 Member States
- Directive on the control of the acquisition and possession of weapons – 25 Member States
- Legislative package on new psychoactive substances – 5 Member States
- Directive on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law – 2 Member States
- 5th Anti-Money laundering Directive – 16 Member States
- Implementing Directive establishing technical specifications for the marking of firearms – 18 Member States
- Implementing Directive on technical specifications for alarm and signal weapons – 16 Member States
- Market Abuse Directive – 5 Member States
- Victims' Rights Directive – 12 Member States



# A strong European security eco-system

The EU can provide an effective and trusted space for authorities to **exchange information and cooperate** effectively to fight crime.

**Strengthening security research and innovation** and building **skills and awareness** also play an important role.

The whole of society needs to participate to build resilience for all.



## INITIATIVES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

- EU Strategy on victims' rights (2020-2025)
- Digital Education Action Plan for 2021-2027
- The European Education Area by 2025
- A new European Research Area for Research and Innovation

## INITIATIVES UNDER NEGOTIATION BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND/OR THE COUNCIL

- Amendments on the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) regulation (Council adopted its position, waiting for EP position)

## INITIATIVES STILL PENDING FULL TRANSPOSITION

- EU Passenger Name Record Directive – 1 Member State

