The EU
Security Union Strategy
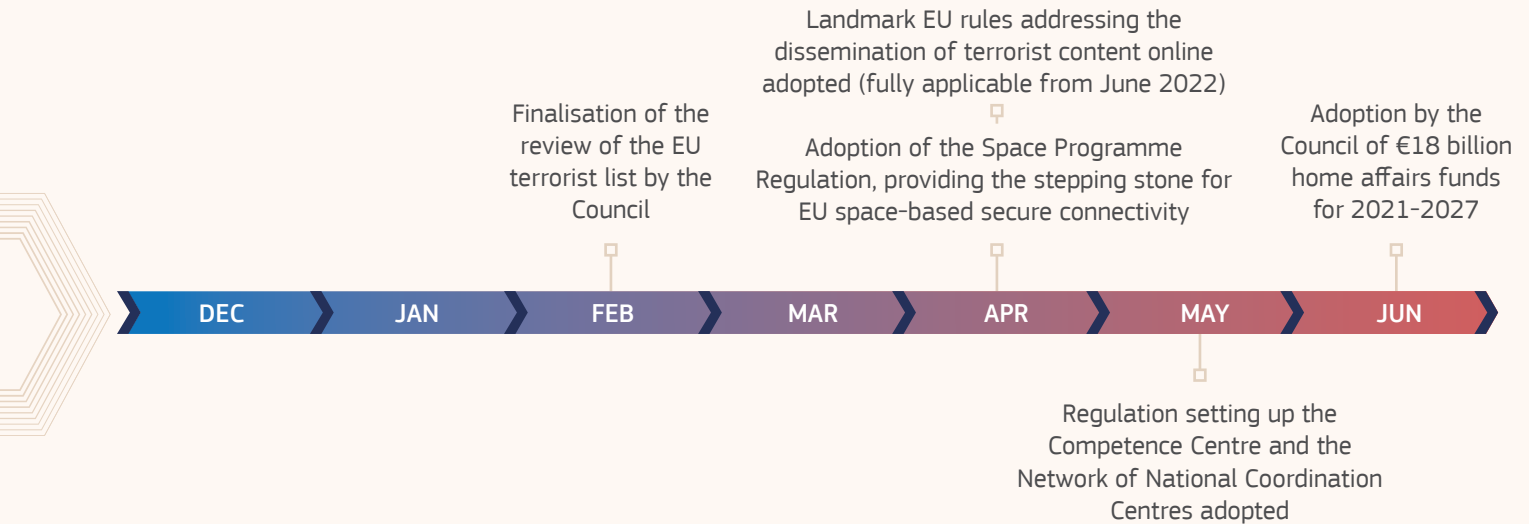## *Second Progress Report*

#SecurityUnion

Delivering on the Security Union
December 2020 – June 2021

Almost a year after the adoption of the Security Union Strategy, the EU has taken important steps to ensure security in our physical and digital environment.

Key European Commission deliverables

Terrorism and organised crime
- EU Strategy to tackle Organised Crime
- EU Strategy on combatting trafficking in human beings

Future-proof security environment
- Recommendation on the Joint Cyber Unit
- Critical Entities Resilience (CER) and High common level of cybersecurity (NIS2)
- European Framework for addressing drones

A strong security ecosystem
- Action Plan on Synergies between civil, defence and space industries
- First Horizon Europe Strategic Plan

Tackling evolving threats
- European Digital Identity framework
- Guidance on the Code of practice on disinformation
- Communication on fostering a European approach to AI

New EU rules and tools to keep Europe safe, online and offline

Landmark EU rules addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online adopted (fully applicable from June 2022)

Finalisation of the review of the EU terrorist list by the Council

Adoption of the Space Programme Regulation, providing the stepping stone for EU space-based secure connectivity

Adoption by the Council of €18 billion home affairs funds for 2021-2027

DEC 〉 **JAN** 〉 **FEB** 〉 **MAR** 〉 **APR** 〉 **MAY** 〉 **JUN**

Regulation setting up the Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres adopted

EU Agencies working on security: Fostering operational cooperation

- December 2020: Agreement between Europol and Eurojust to expand partnership on cross-border access to electronic evidence.
- January and February 2021: Europol and Eurojust bilateral arrangements with the European Public Prosecutor's Office for close cooperation in protecting the Union's financial interests.
- March 2021: Eurojust and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) agreed to build closer cooperation, to help combat counterfeiting and online piracy.
- June 2021: agreement for the establishment of a local office in Brussels for ENISA to foster cooperation with other EU institutions, agencies and bodies.

Enhancing EU's critical infrastructure security preparedness and resilience

Quick agreement needed on proposals for:

- Enhancing the resilience of critical entities.
- Ensuring a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union (NIS2 Directive).

Enhancing cybersecurity and building an effective response against cybercrime

- Building the Joint Cyber Unit to tackle the rising threat of serious cyber incidents impacting public services, businesses and citizens across the EU.
- Full implementation by the EU Member States of the existing legislation on cybercrime.
- Targeting Ransomware as a priority area.
- Working with partners across the world and responding jointly to common cyber threats.

Keeping pace with new challenges

Artificial Intelligence (AI) could support law enforcement authorities in their fight against crime and terrorism, in compliance with the highest fundamental rights standards.

April 2021: Commission's proposal for European rules on AI, framing its use for law enforcement purposes.

May 2021: inauguration of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking headquarters, which will help provide fast access to supercomputing resources when essential for security and defence.

Keeping up the momentum on implementation

- Full implementation of the Security Union Strategy, based on cooperation between all those involved in Europe's security: national authorities, businesses, social organisations, institutions and citizens.
- An inclusive, whole-of-society approach, firmly grounded in EU values and fundamental rights.