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Delegations will find in annex the presentation by the European Commission "ProtectEU: a European Internal Security Strategy", delivered at the HWP ERCHE on 31 March 2026.



ProtectEU: a European Internal Security Strategy

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The EU security landscape



Blurred lines between hybrid threats and open warfare



Proliferating criminal networks continue to infiltrate society, are nurtured online and misuse new technology, including AI



The terrorist threat level continues to be high, fuelled by geopolitical instability and radicalisation, both on-and offline



ProtectEU: a unified approach to protecting our internal security

A Strategy to better counter threats in the coming years, with a legal toolbox, intensified cooperation and information sharing, and means to harness the power of technology.

Guided by three principles:



Whole of society



Mainstreaming of
security
considerations



Investment in
security
capabilities

Building blocks

- A new European internal security governance
- Integrated situational awareness and threat analysis
- Strengthened EU security capabilities
- Resilience against hybrid threats and other hostile acts
- Tightening the net on serious and organised crime
- Combating terrorism and violent extremism
- The EU as a strong global player on security



Integrated situational awareness and threat analysis



- Regular EU internal security threat analyses
- Improved intelligence-sharing by Member States with the EU's Single Intelligence Analysis Capacity
- Improved operational security and situational awareness within the Commission, while promoting information security within EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies

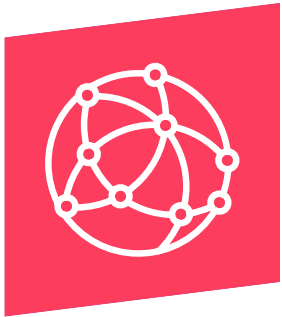
Strengthened EU security capabilities



- Reinforce Europol's operational support to Member States, with doubled staff over time
- Strengthen Frontex, with up to 30 000 personnel over time
- Establish a European Critical Communications System
- A Roadmap on lawful and effective data for law enforcement, to prioritise an impact assessment on data retention and a technology roadmap on encryption
- Create a Security research and innovation Campus at the Joint Research Centre
- Strengthen the EMPACT architecture



Resilience against hybrid threats and other hostile acts



- Support Member States to secure physical and digital critical infrastructure
- New rules and measures to reinforce cybersecurity
- Effective enforcement of the Digital Services Act
- Present a new CBRN Preparedness and Response action plan
- New measures to strengthen the security of supply chains and transport hubs