



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

Directorate D: Security  
**The Director**

Brussels,  
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**Subject: Invitation to the EU Internet Forum – awareness raising session on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in Brussels, Belgium**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Following recent attacks in Europe, the terrorist threat to the European Union remains high. There is increasing concern about the way in which terrorists are abusing the internet and social media to incite terrorist atrocities or radicalise and recruit others. Ministers have identified addressing terrorists' use of the internet as a priority and it is clear we need to explore areas for enhancing our efforts and achieving tangible progress. The European Agenda on Security committed to the establishment of an EU-level Internet forum. A series of events are planned in preparation of the formal launch of the Forum later this year. As one of the first such events the Commission would like to invite you to the:

**EU Internet Forum - Awareness raising session between the internet and social media companies and EU Member States**

**24 July 2015 – 10:00-16:30**

**Schuman Room of the Berlaymont Building**

**200 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels, Belgium**

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together representatives from Ministries of Interior and/or Justice as well as law enforcement from all EU Member States and Europol together with representatives of internet and social media companies. The objective is to set out the work that is already underway, discuss the challenges from an operational, policy and industry perspective, and identify areas for further collaboration.

We see the first two priorities as centred on reducing accessibility to terrorist content (complementary to Europol's efforts in this area) and on increasing efforts to challenge the terrorist narrative online (complementary to initiatives within the Radicalisation

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Awareness Network). Taking account of initial discussions, we thought this would be an ideal opportunity for you to set out the work you are already undertaking in this area, including initiatives to support the development and dissemination of counter narratives as well as the application of your terms and conditions. We hope that this first meeting will enhance understanding of each other's capability and establish a more collaborative working relationship going forward.

An agenda will be sent out nearer the time, but in the meantime, we would be grateful if you could come prepared to speak about your company's approach to tackling terrorist material online and the specific challenges you face in doing so.

Interpretation facilities will be provided for in English, French, German, Italian, Dutch and Spanish.

Please register by providing your name and contact details (email, organisation, date of birth, ID number, ID expiry) of your representative(s) by email to [Home-Internet-Forum@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Home-Internet-Forum@ec.europa.eu) by 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

For queries on the content of the meeting, please contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. For administrative issues please contact [REDACTED].

The agenda will follow in due course. The Commission is looking forward to your participation in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

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