ANNOTATED AGENDA

18:00-18:30 Arrival

18:30-18:40 Introductory remarks and overview by Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship

Commissioner Avramopoulos will open with a speech before handing over to Commissioner Jourova. (Please note, Commissioner Jourova may have to leave immediately after her intervention).

18:40-18:45 Debrief from the Justice Ministers’ discussion on hate speech by Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

18:45-18:55 Challenges on referrals: overview of first 6 months of the EU IRU – presentation by Mr Rob Wainwright, Director of Europol

After thanking the two Commissioners, we suggest you then introduce Rob Wainwright who will provide an overview of how terrorists are using the internet from a Europol perspective, as well as a brief summary of Europol’s first 6 months in operation. (We have asked Europol to focus in particular on some of the challenges they have faced, in order to help prompt the subsequent discussion).

18:55-19:10 Discussion on referrals – Ministers and Companies

You will then want to open the floor up for discussion, asking for views on the challenges that those involved in the referrals process face, as well as suggestions on how to overcome them. Please note that we have asked all the companies to come prepared to say something on this issue.

19:10-19:20 Challenges faced in increasing effective alternative/counter narratives online – presentation by SSCAT
We suggest you then invite Minister Jambon to say a few words on behalf of the Syria Strategic Advisory Team. As you are aware the SSCAT has been in place within the Belgian Interior Ministry since January, helping advise Member States on how to deliver strategic communications to enhance Prevent efforts, particularly – but not limited to – responding to the foreign terrorist fighter phenomenon.

19:20-19:35 Discussion on counter narratives – Ministers and Companies

Building on SSCAT’s presentations on their findings, we suggest you then open the floor to Member States and the companies inviting them to comment on the challenges posed in this area and their suggestions on how to help overcome these. If comments are not forthcoming, we have presented some suggestions in the conclusions, which will come under the following agenda item and which may prompt a more substantive debate.


We suggest you ask participants to turn to the list of conclusions before them. Based on preparatory workshops that were held with industry, Member States, law enforcement and civil society representatives, we have put together an ambitious draft set of objectives and actions for the Forum. These objectives are intended to guide future joint action in tackling the abuse of the internet by terrorist and criminal networks.

These conclusions focus on two key objectives, which will hopefully have – to some extent - been covered during the previous presentations by Europol and SSCAT and the subsequent discussions.

General points

- The draft conclusions are the result of several workshops in which the different stakeholders explained what is already done, what are their needs and expectations and where is scope for further work.
- A first draft of the conclusions has been discussed with MSs, the industry as well as other Commission services and the CTC. The revised version of these conclusions is a synthesis of all comments received.
- The EU Internet Forum provides a platform for discussions and exchange of views. It offers a flexible structure for a new partnership. The EU Internet
Forum was born out of the firm conviction that we need to work together and enhance voluntary action. It is not about imposing or laying down binding rules and obligations.

- But there is also a need to think about concrete deliverables. As the Commission stated in its Work programme for 2016: These are no times for business as usual. There is an urgent need to step up our efforts and make tangible progress in the near future.
- It is in this spirit that the conclusions build on existing initiatives and actions while stressing the need to do more.

**Specific points**

- We need to find common ground on what are our objectives and what are the prerequisites for making further action successful.
- The actions identified in the conclusions are meant to implement these objectives and ensure that our actions will be truly effective. We cannot impose them, they are meant to guide companies. But when we take stock in the course of next year, we need to see progress.

**QUESTIONS TO PROMPT DEBATE (IF REQUIRED)**
Finally, *invite Commissioner Avramopoulos to say a few closing words.*

19:55-20:00  Summing up/Agreement to conclusions

20:00-21:00  Cocktail reception