

# Terrorism in Europe

The terrorist attacks in Paris last year and in Brussels this March have reinforced calls on European Union member states to strengthen their cooperation on internal security and intensified the debate on the EU's role in fighting terrorism.

Among [measures](#) being, or about to be, introduced are more thorough checks of people travelling abroad, better control of firearms, the collecting of more data on airline passengers, and improved operational cooperation. The European Parliament is preparing for negotiations with EU member states on a proposed [Directive on Combating Terrorism](#) and the Commission is pushing ahead with its [Security Union](#) concept.

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