

### Focus

#### Special Committee on Terrorism



Dear Reader,

Following the European Parliament decision of 6 July 2017 on setting up a special committee on terrorism to examine, analyse and evaluate the EU policies on counter-terrorism and to make recommendations for further improvements, the TERR Committee has now presented its draft report.

Expertise delivered by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs has provided valuable support in an evidence-

based approach, in particular by focussing on future manifestation of the risk.

Both the workshop "Terrorism and CBRN threat" in May and the study "Virtual currencies and terrorist financing: assessing the risks and evaluating responses" presented in June analysed different aspects of terrorism threats and formulated forward-looking policy recommendations.

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Chair of the Special Committee on Terrorism*

#### Virtual currencies and terrorist financing

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

May 2018



Like other financial products, virtual currencies have features that present risks for facilitating criminality, including money laundering and terrorist financing.

The study requested by the TERR Committee explores the terrorist financing risks of virtual currencies, including cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin. It describes the features of VCs that present terrorist financing risks, and reviews the terrorist use of virtual currencies to understand the current state and likely future risks.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Brexit and industry and space policy

ITRE

Workshop

24 September 2018 - 15.00 - 16.00

### FACTS SHEETS

A new version of the Fact Sheets website was successfully launched over the summer and has become an independent website within the Europarl family. It uses the internet address [europarl.europa.eu/factsheets](http://europarl.europa.eu/factsheets) that readers have been familiar with before.

The website has been redesigned to make it more visually appealing, web responsive and easier to navigate. The collection of Fact Sheets follows the new index structure with the content arranged in a more intuitive and logical way. The website is fully operational with some additional implementations to be added soon.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### EU funds for migration, asylum and integration policies

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

April 2018



The European Union significantly increased its funding for migration, asylum and integration policies in the wake of the increased inflow of asylum seekers in 2015. This study provides an overview, an analysis and an evaluation of the use of these funds, based on publicly available information, insights from interviews with various stakeholders and a survey of non-governmental organisations.



### Effects of protectionism on international diplomacy

Policy Department for External Relations

June 2018



America First and Brexit force the EU, China and other countries to look for new ways to preserve a rules based international trade system. The study requested by the AFET and INTA committees analyses the withdrawal by the US and the UK from multilateral trade arrangements and the reactions of the EU and China to this. The rise of protectionism and national agenda's is threatening the World Trade Organisation and the rules based international economic order.



### Investing in Skills Development: the EFSI's potential

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

July 2018



Investing in people should form part of the design of post-2020 funding instruments. The study explores the legal basis and concepts for implementation to use this investment fund for human capital development. A particular focus is on social investment in the field of labour market integration (Active Labour Market Programmes).



### Training of Fishers

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

July 2018



There is no clear, widely-adopted international or EU regulatory framework on the training and education of fishers. The focus of this study is the training and certification of fishers relating to health, safety, and sustainability on board. It aims to compare the practices and standards for the training and certification of fishers in Member States, and it highlights the divergence and the complexity and risks that this generates.



## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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