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Subject: EU Internet Referral Unit

The European Agenda on Security identifies three priorities for the next five years, including combating terrorism. This had led to the European Counter-Terrorism Centre being set up within Europol, and, as part of that centre, the establishment of the Internet Referral Unit (IRU) on 1 July 2015. The IRU will use Europol and Member State experience as a basis for its activities as an EU centre for technical expertise, helping Member States identify and eliminate violent extremist online content in conjunction with industry partners. The IRU currently comprises 15 Europol officials and national experts from the Member States. This, however, is only the first stage for the IRU, with the intention being to increase staff numbers and resources between now and July 2016.

What work is the IRU currently engaged in and within which legal framework does it operate?