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Europol has developed a unique and effective service called the 'Internet Referral Management Application' to channel referrals on terrorist related content and content advertising illegal immigration services to the Online Service Providers (OSPs). A number of Member States have requested to use the 'Internet Referral Management Application' directly, instead of developing their own capability.

Europol is regarded as a trusted flagger by Google/YouTube and some other OSPs running trusted flagger programmes. Being a "trusted flagger" entails prioritization of content flagged by the EU IRU (Internet Referral Unit).

The "Check the Web" portal contains an overview of high profile propaganda content (videos, image, pdf documents). The 'Internet Referral Management Application' aims to provide for automated checks to see if the referred content has been removed by the OSPs.

The EU IRU, since its set-up in 2015 and until end of February 2018, has assessed in total 50762 pieces of terrorist/violent extremist content, which triggered 48931 decisions for referral, of which 83.64% were removed. With regards to facilitation of illegal immigration, the EU IRU has assessed in total 1,026 pieces of content, which triggered 809 decisions for referral, of which 96% were removed.