DRAFT AGENDA

Hearing

The fight against terrorism and the challenges for EU internal security

Tuesday 14 April 2015, 15.00 - 18.30

European Parliament, Brussels
Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 1A002
Order of business

OPENING REMARKS by Claude MORAES, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

15.05 - 16.10  SESSION I: Setting the scene - the evolving terrorist threats and the implications for EU internal security

The security situation in Europe has changed dramatically in recent years owing to new conflicts and upheavals in the EU’s immediate neighbourhood, the rapid development and use of new technologies, and growing radicalisation that is leading to violence and terrorism. While threats have become more varied, international, multiple and asymmetrical, closer cross-border and inter-agency cooperation becomes more pertinent.
✓ What security threats and developments are to be expected in the near future?
✓ What are the implications of the above for effective policies on Member States’ and EU level to address internal security issues?

15.05 - 15.15  Rob Wainwright
Director, Europol

15.15 - 15.25  Dolgor Solongo
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

15.25 - 16.10  Questions & Answers

16.10 - 17.15  SESSION II: Countering violent extremism and preventing radicalisation

A particularly worrying phenomenon is the rapidly rising number of EU nationals who radicalise in a short time-frame, often incited through the internet and social media, some of them travelling to conflict areas to join terrorist organisations or otherwise potentially posing an internal security threat. Addressing this radicalisation process is a challenging and complex issue, that requires a multi-faceted approach, including addressing underlying factors, counterbalancing incitement, preventing recruitment in prisons or over the internet, involving first-line practitioners etc.
✓ What can be done to counter violent extremism and to prevent radicalisation?
✓ What is potentially the role of the EU in these policies?

16.10 - 16.20  Peter Neumann
Director International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation
16.20 - 16.30  Francesco Ragazzi
Associate researcher, CCLS-Lecturer at the University of Leiden, Netherlands, co-author of the LIBE study on Preventing and countering youth radicalisation in the EU

Didier Bigo
Director, CCLS-Professor at King’s College, United Kingdom, co-author of the LIBE study on Preventing and countering youth radicalisation in the EU

16.30 - 16.40  Mohamed Ajouaou
Head Muslim chaplaincy in the Netherlands in prisons and assistant professor at the Free University of Amsterdam

16.40 - 17.25  Questions & Answers

17.25 - 18.20  SESSION III: Policy instruments in the fight against terrorism - are we up to the challenge?

Internal security is a shared responsibility between the Members States and the Union. Over the years, a multitude of policy instruments has developed to target and stem security threats and to address and fight terrorism. These policy instruments cover a wide range, from law enforcement cooperation to criminal justice, and from the sharing of intelligence data to prevention policies.

☑ Does the EU have the right instruments in place to fight terrorism and increase the internal security? Are the existing instruments used effectively? If not, what could be done to use them better?

☑ Are new EU instruments needed in the fight against terrorism and internal security? If so, in what field?

☑ How to improve the sharing of information (law enforcement, criminal justice, intelligence) between Member States?

17.25 - 17.35  Anna Nellberg-Dennis
President, EUROCOP

17.35 - 17.45  Frédéric Van Leeuw
Federal prosecutor, Belgium

17.45 - 17.55  Quirine Eijkman
Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Leiden University

17.55 - 18.25  Questions & Answers

CLOSING REMARKS by Rachida DATI, EP Rapporteur on "The prevention of radicalisation and recruitment of European citizens by terrorist organisations".
Annex

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