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FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

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Overview

I. Strategic policy documents on Counter-Terrorism and Joint Action Plan on CT for WB

II. Legally binding EU acquis (except sanctions)

III. Legally binding EU acquis (sanctions)

IV. Important Sectorial Policy Documents

Strategic policy documents on Counter-Terrorism #1

Objective:

Familiarisation with the overall EU approach to Counter-Terrorism and the Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism

Ensure coherence of your strategies on Counter-Terrorism and on the Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism with the EU approach

Strategic policy documents on Counter-Terrorism # 2

1) Delivering on the European Agenda on Security to fight against terrorism and pave the way towards an effective and genuine Security Union, COM(2016) 230 final

2) The European Agenda on Security, COM(2015) 185 final

3) EU Plan of Action on Combating Terrorism and the Counter-Terrorism Strategy, st14469/04/05

Strategic policy documents on Counter-Terrorism # 3

Progress reports towards an effective and genuine Security Union

Regular reports, currently 16 as of 10 October 2018

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Important Sectorial Policy Documents # 4

External area:

Council Conclusions on EU Extenal Action on Counter-Terrorism of 19 June 2017, Council document ST 10384/17

The Joint Action Plan on Counter-Terrorism for the Western Balkans # 1

Joint international position of the EU and all Western Balkans Partners on the major objectives of CT policy, signed in Tirana on 5 October

Scope covers 5 areas of CT policy: institutional framework; CT; P/CVE; information exchange and operational cooperation; infrastructure protection

For each area, WB partners and the EU commit to concrete actions within the next two years

The Joint Action Plan # 2 Follow-up

One Objective: tailor made follow up on priority actions with each WB partner => bilateral action plans

Process: Bilateral contacts by Commission (DG NEAR and HOME) and EEAS with WB partners at technical level on preliminary tables => later formalization

In addition: Follow up through WBCTi, regional network of P/CVE coordinators, peer reviews, …

Legally binding EU acquis (except sanctions) and important proposals

A. General framework

Directive (EU) 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism; transposition deadline: 9/2018

See for instance:

- provisions on the protection and rights of victims of terrorism
- provisions on public provocation to commit a terrorist offence

Legally binding EU acquis (except sanctions) and important proposals

B. PREVENT AREA

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online, COM/2018/640 final

See also: Commission recommendation of 1 March 2018 on measures to effectively tackle illegal content online, C(2018) 1177 final

Legally binding EU acquis (except sanctions) and important proposals

C. PROTECT AREA

Regulation 98/2013 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors, currently being revised

Directive 2008/114/EC on the identification and designation of European critical infrastructures and the assessment of the need to improve their protection; currently under evaluation

Legally binding EU acquis (except sanctions) and important proposals

D. Countering Terrorist Financing

AML and CML legislation:

- CMLD adopted in October, published this week
- AML Directives 2005/60, 2015/859, 2018/843

17 April legislative proposal to facilitate the use of financial information, COM(2018) 213

Legally binding EU acquis (sanctions) 1/2

Basis: Article 215 TFEU

Context: Common Foreign and Security Policy (TEU) and UN Charter (Chapter 7)

1) UN Security Council based

*** Regulation (EC) No 881/2002**

UN Al Qaida and ISIL list. **Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693**

*** Common Position 2001/930/CFSP**

NB. List of conventions in annex

Legally binding EU acquis (sanctions) 2/2

2) EU only

*** Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001**

Current list: OJ L 194, 31.7.2018, p. 23

*** Common Position 2001/931/CFSP**

NB. Article 4 (assistance in preventing and combating terrorist acts)

Current list: OJ L 194, 31.7.2018, p. 144

Important Sectorial Policy Documents

Protect Sector:

Action Plan to support the protection of public spaces, COM/2017/0612 final

Action Plan to enhance preparedness against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear security risks, COM/2017/0610 final

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QUESTIONS?