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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

On: 10 November 2021

To: Terrorism Working Party (TWP)

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted, as set out in CM 5284/1/21 REV 1.

2. Information from the Presidency

The "Procedure on enhanced security checks on persons crossing or having crossed the EU's external borders following developments in Afghanistan", as set out in 12429/3/21 REV 3 was approved without further discussion and will be submitted to Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) for endorsement (doc. no. 13683/21).

3. EU six-monthly threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism¹

The update of the threat assessment (13428/21) was briefly discussed, and a deadline for further written comments was given. Following agreement at TWP-level, it will be submitted to COSI for endorsement (doc. no. 13682/21).

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Frontex was invited to attend this item.

4. Violent extremism and terrorism

On the basis of discussion paper 13448/21, delegations had an exchange of views on the approach to take on violent left-wing extremism and anarchism and terrorism, and an initial debate on a working definition of violent right-wing extremism elaborated in the framework of a Commission Project Based Collaboration (PBC) on Violent Right-Wing Extremism (WK 13157/2021), presented by Sweden.

5. Western Balkans - prison radicalisation; follow-up to joint TWP/COTER seminars of 7 and 21 October 2021

As a follow-up to the joint TWP/COTER seminars of 7 October - "Radicalisation and Deradicalisation in and around the Western Balkans" and of 21 October 2021 "Counter-Terrorism Stock-Taking: European Union and the Western Balkans" (see WK 12596/2021), TWP had a presentation by a Western Balkans national expert on (prison) radicalisation (a comparative view on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and North Macedonia), and an update by the Head of the IISG (Integrative Internal Security Governance) on the state of play. This was followed by a brief exchange of views.

6. The "Gefährder" initiative – Outcome of the technical expert meeting of 28 October 2021

The Commission presented the outcome of a joint Presidency/Commission seminar of 28 October 2021. The Commission compendium on "Gefährder" (persons regarded as a potential terrorist or violent extremist threat) issued in September will be reviewed and updated as necessary once a year.

7. **Protection of public spaces**

In the context of protection of public spaces, presentations were made on two Commission-funded projects, the Project Safe.Ci and Project Pericles.

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8. Directive (EU) 2017/541 of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism - implementation report

Presentation by the Commission on the implementation report of the 2017-Directive on combating terrorism (issued on 19 November 2021 COM_2021_701_1_EN.pdf). The presentation was accompanied by a presentation by the Fundamental Rights Agency of its report, requested by the Commission according to Article 29(2) of the Directive, which requires an assessment of the Directive's impact on fundamental rights and freedoms, see https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2021/combating-terrorism-rights-impact, issued on 19 November 2021 following the publication of the Commission's report.

9. Information on CT and CVE incidents

The Presidency presented the ENFOPOL grid to which three Member States had contributed.

10. Information on activities related to CT and CVE

The Commission, EEAS, the EU CTC and Europol updated delegations on recent and upcoming CT and CVE-related activities.

11. Priorities of the incoming Presidency

France made a brief presentation of its priorities for the coming semester.

12. Any other business

No issues were raised under AOB.

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