



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

EU INTERNET FORUM
WORKSHOP ON RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS AND SYMBOLS ONLINE

26 OCTOBER 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

14:00-17:30

The objective of the meeting is to guide the work towards practical guidance for content moderation of right-wing terrorist and extremist material online, including in particular a reference list of banned organisations and symbols in the EU. The Workshop should lead to an overview of what this practical guidance should contain and decide on the next steps to achieve these objectives.

DRAFT AGENDA

14:00-14:10 Introduction by the Commission

14:10-14:30 Discussion paper: Richard McNeill-Wilson, European University Institute/Brave Project

14:30-15:10 How violent right-wing extremist content online is identified and what are the needs and gaps for content moderation

- Steffen Eisentraut, Head of International Affairs and Flemming Ipsen, Deputy Head of Department of Political Extremism, jugendschutz.net
- Bart Thys, Analyst, CUTA, Belgium
- Erin Saltman, Head of Counterterrorism & Dangerous Organisation Policy for EMEA at Facebook

15:10-17:00 Discussion

Key questions:

1. What are the practices and the challenges of using lists (of extremist/terrorist groups and symbols, etc) as reference points for assessment of online content?
2. What context information about groups and organisations banned in some Member States is necessary to facilitate content moderation across Europe?

3. What are the challenges in relation to symbolisms (symbols, logos, memes, numbers) used online by violent right wing extremists and how can they be overcome?
 - *Content is often coded or highly context dependent, laden with 'irony' or layered meanings that may be difficult to detect without adequate context*
 - *Similar symbols used by non-extremist*

4. What other information is needed for content moderation? How to select such material?
 - *Use of referenced materials (manifestos)*
 - *Terminology that reflects right-wing extremist ideology*

5. What form and content should the guidance paper, including a reference list take?
 - *an overview of banned organisations/ symbols/terminology with or without context information?*
 - *a collection of national approaches or a common overview at EU/global level?*

17:00 – 17:30 Wrap up and conclusions