



EU Protection of Public Spaces

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Mitigation Against These Threats



ISIS
CHURCH
ATTACK



Louvre Museum Attack



➤ **What is Our Strategy ?**



EU Terrorist Attacks 2015-2017

Terrorist attacks against public spaces 2015-2017

Pedestrian areas: Paris (November 2015, January 2016, April 2017, June 2017, August 2017), Valence (January 2016), Nice (July 2016), Levallois-Perret (August 2017), Turku (August 2017), Barcelona (August 2017), Stockholm (April 2017), Berlin (December 2016), London (March 2017 and June 2017), Brussels (August 2017), Charlerois (August 2016)

Concert halls: Paris (November 2015), Copenhagen (February 2015), Manchester (May 2017)

Metro: Brussels (March 2016), London (December 2015 and September 2017)

Train: Pas-de-Calais (August 2015), Munich (May 2016), Würzburg (July 2016)

Supermarket: Paris (January 2015), Hamburg (July 2017)

Airport: Brussels (March 2016), Paris (March 2017)

Railway Station: Hannover (February 2016), Brussels (June 2017), Marseille (October 2017)

Places of Worship: Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray (July 2016), London (June 2017)

Museum: Paris (February 2017)





EU Counter Terrorism Package – 18 October 2017

European Commission Adopted new EU Policy Action Plans aimed to enhance existing counter terrorism measures. The plan includes the following components:

1. 2017 Action Plan to support the protection of public spaces
2. 2017 Action Plan to enhance preparedness against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear security risks
3. Commission Recommendations on immediate steps to prevent misuse of explosives precursors (to strengthen existing EU regulation on precursors)
4. Improved interception of terrorist financing: cross-border access to financial information
5. Increased measures and actions to address radicalisation
6. New round of security funding (Internal Security Fund – Police)





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TARGETED FUNDING



EU funding supports Member States in the protection of public spaces, be it in developing urban infrastructure to secure open public spaces, raising public awareness, or investing in security research.

- €18.5 million for projects launched today to support transnational projects improving the protection of public spaces
- Up to €100 million in 2018 to support cities investing in security solutions
- €195 million in funding for 48 security research projects related to public space protection

EXCHANGING EXPERTISE AND BEST PRACTICE

The Commission will establish a **Practitioners' Forum** where law enforcement practitioners and existing law enforcement networks can share knowledge about protecting public spaces. The Commission will also establish a **High-Risk Security Network** to organise common trainings and joint exercises for law enforcement to improve their preparedness and enhance their response capacity.



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DEVELOPING GUIDANCE MATERIAL



Over the next year, the Commission will issue new guidance material to help Member States address a wide set of issues related to the protection of public spaces:

- Guidance on enhancing the physical resistance of buildings
- Guidance on the security barriers in crowded places for cities and urban planners
- Guidance on 'security by design' for protective urban landscape design
- Guidance on the protection of sports and cultural events
- Guidance on the protection of landside areas at airports
- Guidance on the use of explosives detection dogs
- A first responders training manual for regional and local authorities
- Guidance on information campaigns to raise public awareness

IMPROVING COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL ACTORS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

STAKEHOLDERS

Private operators are often owners of the infrastructure that needs protection. Whether it is a shopping mall, a football stadium or a cinema, the private sector is usually the main stakeholder. The Commission will, by the end of this year, set up an **Operator's Forum** in order to work with the private sector in developing recommendations and sharing best practices and serving as a channel to communicate between public authorities and different public spaces.



LOCAL AND REGIONAL

Mayors of major cities... Commission will request... to explore how cities... dedicated meeting will... place early next year

Enhance the protection of crowded places, sports and cultural events.

Provide guidance material on the protection of crowded places, including sports and cultural events, based on tests with selected Member States.

Develop an electronic application to facilitate the vulnerability assessment of all types of public spaces.

Second-third quarter 2018.



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ENHANCING TRANSPORT SECURITY

Transportation means are both targets of terrorist acts but also a means to conduct attacks (e.g. hijacked planes or truck-ramming). The EU constantly monitors whether security rules and their implementation on the ground set the right framework.

AVIATION SECURITY

A comprehensive risk assessment is being carried out looking at how we can enhance security systems for detection of prohibited items and suspect passengers coming to the EU from third countries.



RAIL TRANSPORT

There is currently no EU legislative framework to protect passenger rail transport against terrorism and serious crime. On 15 June 2017, the Commission launched a common railway risk assessment and is working on further measures to improve passenger railway security.

ROAD TRANSPORT

The Commission is working on best practice security guidance for the commercial road transport sector to be ready by the end of 2017. This will focus on improving truck security by mitigating the risk of unauthorised intrusion, including hijacking or theft, of a truck for use in a terrorist ramming attack.



Commission Actions on Protection of Public Areas

Since the 18 October adoption of the EU action plan some examples of actions

- Formalised the EU Policy Group consisting of Member States Ministries responsible for Protection of Public Spaces
- Established an EU Practitioner group (chaired by HOME) consisting of law enforcement and security authorities
- Established an EU Operator group (public spaces operators: (theatres, rail operators, schools, amusement parks etc.)
- Established an EU High Risk Security Network
- Established and deployed the use of EU vulnerability assessment checklist for different types of public places.
- Launched trials on detection and security processes in different public areas.





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