Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on preventing addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online

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Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof,	ı		
Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,			
After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,			

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ¹ ,			
1. OJ C,, p	¹ . OJ C 110, 22.3.2019, p. 67.	1. OJ C,, p	
Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,			
Whereas:			

(1) This Regulation aims at ensuring the smooth functioning of the digital single market in an open and democratic society, by preventing the misuse of hosting services for terrorist purposes. The functioning of the digital single market should be improved by reinforcing legal certainty for hosting service providers. reinforcing users' trust in the online environment, and by strengthening safeguards to the freedom of expression and information.

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(1 a) Regulation of hosting service providers can only complement Member States' strategies to address terrorism, which must emphasise offline measures such as investment in social work, deradicalisation initiatives and engagement with affected communities to achieve a sustainable prevention of radicalisation in

society.

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(1b) Terrorist content is part of a broader problem of illegal content online, which includes other forms of content such as child sexual exploitation, illegal commercial practises and breaches of intellectual property. Trafficking in illegal content is often undertaken by terrorist and other criminal organisations to launder and raise seed money to finance their operations. This problem requires a combination of legislative, nonlegislative and voluntary measures based on collaboration

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(3) While not the only factor, the presence of terrorist content online has proven to be a catalyst for the radicalisation of individuals who have committed terrorist acts, and therefore has serious negative consequences for users, for citizens and society at large as well as for the online service providers hosting such content, since it undermines the trust of their users and damages their business models. In light of their central role and proportionate to the technological means and capabilities associated with the

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² Commission Recommendation (EU) 2018/334 of 1 March 2018 on measures to effectively	
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(5) The application of this Regulation should not affect the application of Article 14 of Directive 2000/31/EC³. In particular, any measures taken by the hosting service provider in compliance with this Regulation, including any proactive measures, should not in themselves lead to that service provider losing the benefit of the liability exemption provided for in that provision. This Regulation leaves unaffected the powers of national authorities and courts to establish liability of hosting service providers in specific cases where the conditions under Article 14 of Directive 2000/31/EC for liability exemption are not met.

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⁴ Directive (EU) 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism		
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(10a) The Regulation should also apply to hosting service providers established outside the Union but offering services within the Union, since a significant proportion of hosting service providers exposed to terrorist content on their services are established in third countries. This should ensure that all companies operating in the Digital Single Market comply with the same requirements, irrespective of their country of establishment. The determination as to whether a service provider offers services in the Union requires an assessment whether the service provider enables legal or natural persons in one or more Member States to use its services. However, the mere accessibility of a service provider's website or of

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(10a) The concept of "dissemination to the public" should entail the making available of information to a potentially unlimited number of persons that is, making the information easily accessible to users in general without further action by the content provider being required, irrespective of whether those persons actually access the information in question. Accordingly, the mere possibility

(11) A substantial connection to the Union should be relevant to determine the scope of this Regulation. Such a substantial connection to the Union should be considered to exist where the service provider has an establishment in the Union or, in its absence, on the basis of the existence of a significant number of users in one or more Member States, or the targeting of activities towards one or more Member States. The targeting of activities towards one or more Member States can be determined on the basis of all relevant circumstances. including factors such as the use of a language or a currency generally used in that Member State, or the possibility of ordering goods or services. The targeting

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6 Regulation (EU) 2018/302 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 February 2018 on addressing unjustified geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market and amending Regulations (EC) No 2006/2004 and (EU) 2017/2394 and Directive 2009/22/EC (OJ L 601, 2.3.2018, p. 1).		

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(13a) The removal order should include a classification of the relevant content as terrorist content and contain sufficient information so as to locate the content, by providing a URL and any other additional information, such as a screenshot of the content in question. If requested, the competent authority should provide a supplementary statement of reasons, as to why the content is considered terrorist content. The reasons provided need not contain sensitive information which could jeopardise investigations. The statement of reasons should however allow the hosting service provider and, ultimately, the content provider to effectively exercise their right to judicial redress.

The competent (14)authority should transmit the removal order directly to the addressee and point of contact by any electronic means capable of producing a written record under conditions that allow the service provider to establish authenticity. including the accuracy of the date and the time of sending and receipt of the order, such as by secured email and platforms or other secured channels, including those made available by the service provider. in line with the rules protecting personal data. This requirement may notably be met by the use of qualified electronic registered delivery services as provided for by Regulation (EU) 910/2014 of the **European Parliament** and of the Council⁷.

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⁷ Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 73).		
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8 Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA (OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53).	Deleted	⁸ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA (OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53).	
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The obligation (21)to preserve the content for proceedings of administrative or judicial review is necessary and justified in view of ensuring the effective measures of redress for the content provider whose content was removed or access to it disabled as well as for ensuring the reinstatement of that content as it was prior to its removal depending on the outcome of the review procedure. The obligation to preserve content for investigative and prosecutorial purposes is justified and necessary in view of the value this material could bring for the purpose of disrupting or preventing terrorist activity. Where companies remove material or disable access to it, in particular through

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(23) This Regulation does not affect the procedural guarantees and procedural investigation measures related to the access to content and related data preserved for the purposes of the investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences, as regulated under the national law of the Member States,		
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(24 a) The authorities competent to issue removal order should also publish transparency reports containing information on the number of removal orders, the number of refusals, the number of identified terrorist content which led to investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and the number of cases of content wrongly identified as terrorist.

Complaint (25)procedures constitute a necessary safeguard against erroneous removal of content protected under the freedom of expression and information. Hosting service providers should therefore establish user-friendly complaint mechanisms and ensure that complaints are dealt with promptly and in full transparency towards the content provider. The requirement for the hosting service provider to reinstate the content where it has been removed in error, does not affect the possibility of hosting service providers to enforce their own terms and conditions on other grounds.

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(27 a) Referrals by Europol constitute an effective and swift means of making hosting service providers aware of specific content on their services. This mechanism of alerting hosting service providers to information that may be considered terrorist content, for the provider's voluntary consideration of the compatibility with its own terms and conditions, should remain available in addition to removal orders. For that reason it is important that hosting service providers cooperate

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and of the Council of
11 May 2016 on the
European Union
Agency for Law
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Decisions 2009/371/
JHA, 2009/934/JHA,
2009/935/JHA,
2009/936/JHA and
2009/968/JHA (OJ L
135, 24.5.2016, p. 53).

(28) In order to ensure the effective and sufficiently coherent implementation of proactive measures. competent authorities in Member States should liaise with each other with regard to the discussions they have with hosting service providers as to the identification. implementation and assessment of specific proactive measures. Similarly, such cooperation is also needed in relation to the adoption of rules on penalties, as well as the implementation and the enforcement of penalties.

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(29) It is essential that the competent authority within the Member State responsible for imposing penalties is fully informed about the issuing of removal orders and referrals and subsequent exchanges between the hosting service provider and the relevant competent authority. For that purpose, Member States should ensure appropriate communication channels and mechanisms allowing the sharing of relevant information in a timely manner.

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(31) Given the	
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should promptly	
inform the authorities	
in the Member State	
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competent authorities	
where they are	
established or have a	
legal representative,	
about the existence of	
any evidence of	
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they become aware of.	
In order to ensure	
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defined in Article 3(1)	
of Directive (EU)	
2017/541. The	
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obligation on hosting	
service providers to	
actively seek any such	
evidence. The Member	
State concerned is the	
Member State which	
has jurisdiction over	

(32) The competent authorities in the Member States should be allowed to use such information to take investigatory measures available under Member State or Union law, including issuing a European Production Order under Regulation on European Production and Preservation Orders for electronic evidence in criminal matters ⁹ .		
⁹ COM(2018)225 final.		

(33)Both hosting service providers and Member States should establish points of contact to facilitate the swift handling of removal orders and referrals. In contrast to the legal representative, the point of contact serves operational purposes. The hosting service provider's point of contact should consist of any dedicated means allowing for the electronic submission of removal orders and referrals and of technical and personal means allowing for the swift processing thereof. The point of contact for the hosting service provider does not have to be located in the Union and the hosting service provider is free to nominate an existing point of contact. provided that this point of contact is able

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(37) For the purposes of this Regulation, Member States should designate competent authorities. The requirement to designate competent authorities does not necessarily require the establishment of new authorities but can be existing bodies tasked with the functions set out in this Regulation. This Regulation requires designating authorities competent for issuing removal orders, referrals and for overseeing proactive measures and for imposing penalties. It is for Member States to decide how many authorities they wish to designate for these tasks.

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can guarantee the		
authenticity of the		
removal order,		
including the accuracy		
of the date and the		

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(42) Based on the findings and conclusions in the implementation report and the outcome of the monitoring exercise. the Commission should carry out an evaluation of this Regulation no sooner than three years after its entry into force. The evaluation should be based on the five criteria of efficiency. effectiveness. relevance, coherence and EU added value. It will assess the functioning of the different operational and technical measures foreseen under the Regulation, including the effectiveness of measures to enhance the detection. identification and removal of terrorist content, the effectiveness of safeguard mechanisms as well as the impacts on potentially affected

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effects of the limitation,		
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Union level, the Union		
may adopt measures, in		
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with the principle of		
proportionality, as set		
out in that Article, this		
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beyond what is		
necessary in order to		
achieve that objective,		
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SECTION I GENERAL PROVISIONS Article 1 Subject matter and scope			
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(b) a set of measures to be put in place by Member States to identify terrorist content. to enable its swift removal by hosting service providers and to facilitate cooperation with the competent authorities in other Member States, hosting service providers and where appropriate relevant Union bodies.

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(b) a set of measures to be put in place by Member States to identify terrorist content, to enable its swift removal by hosting service providers *in* accordance with Union law providing suitable safeguards for freedom of expression and the freedom to receive and impart information and ideas in an open and democratic society and to facilitate cooperation with the competent authorities in other Member States, hosting service providers and where appropriate relevant Union bodies.

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2 a. This Regulation shall not apply to content which is disseminated for educational, artistic, iournalistic or research purposes, or for awareness raising purposes against terrorist activity, nor to content which represents an expression of polemic or controversial views in the course of public debate.

Commission compromise proposal of 6 March - see also line 97

Article 2(6) (new) When determining whether an item of information provided by a content provider constitutes 'terrorist content' within the meaning of point (5) of paragraph 1, account shall be taken in particular of the freedom of expression and information, the freedom of the arts and sciences as well as the freedom and pluralism of the media, in order to ensure that

2 b. This Regulation shall not have the effect of modifying the obligation to respect the rights, freedoms and principles as referred to in Article 6 of the Treaty on the European Union, and shall apply without prejudice to fundamental principles in Union and national law relating to freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the freedom and pluralism of the media.

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Article 2 Definitions			

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:		
	(-1) 'informatio n society services' means the services as referred to in point (a) of Article 2 of Directive 2000/31/ EC.	(-1) 'informa tion society services' means the services as referred to in point (a) of Article 2 of Directive 2000/31/EC.

(1) 'hosting service provider' means a provider of information society services consisting in the storage of information provided by and at the request of the content provider and in making the information stored available to third parties;

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(1) 'hosting service provider' means a provider of information society services consisting in the storage of information provided by and at the request of the content provider and in making the information stored available to third parties the public. This applies only to services provided to the public at the application layer. Cloud infrastructure providers and cloud providers are not considered hosting service providers. It does not apply either to electronic communications services as defined in Directive (EU) 2018/1972;

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Commission proposal

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EP comment:

To be read in conjunction with Article 1 (defining the scope of the instrument and limited to services disseminating content to the public) and the

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(3) 'to offer services in the Union' means: enabling legal or natural persons in one or more Member States to use the services of the hosting service provider which has a substantial connection to that Member States, such as

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- Presidency proposal:
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		In the absence of such an establishment, the assessment of a substantial connection shall be based on specific factual criteria, such as	Such a substantial connection shall be deemed to exist where the hosting service provider has an establishment in the Union. In the absence of such an establishment, the assessment of a substantial connection shall be based on specific factual criteria, such as
(a) establishment of the hosting service provider in the Union;	(a) establishment of the hosting service provider in the Union;		(a)—establishment of the hosting service provider in the Union;
(b) significant number of users in one or more Member States;	(b) significant number of users in one or more Member States;	(a) a significant number of users in one or more Member States;	(a) a significant number of users in one or more Member States;

(c) targeting of activities towards one or more Member States.	(c) targeting of activities towards one or more Member States.	(b) or targeting of activities towards one or more Member States.	Presidency proposal (b) or targeting of activities towards one or more Member States.
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(4) 'terrorist offences' means offences as defined in Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;	AM 51 deleted	(4) 'terrorist offences' means <i>one of the intentional acts listed</i> offences as defined in Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;	EP proposal package on definition of terrorist offences and terrorist content of February 2020 (4) 'terrorist offences' means offences as defined in Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;
			EP comment: Accept as part of the package on terrorist content definition the Presidency proposal if at the end of the negotiations the term is kept in the provisions of the Regulation

(5) 'terrorist content' means one or more of the following information:	(5) 'terrorist content' means one or more of the following information material:	(5) 'terrorist content' means one or more of the following information material which may contribute to the commission of the intentional acts, as listed in Article 3(1)(a) to (i) of the Directive 2017/541, by:	EP package proposal of February 2020: (5) 'terrorist content' means one or more of the following information material:
		(aa) threatening to commit a terrorist offence;	EP package proposal of February 2020: Moved Council amendment (aa) as point (e)

(a) inciting or advocating, including by glorifying, the commission of terrorist offences, thereby causing a danger that such acts be committed;

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(a) inciting or advocating. including by glorifying, the commission of one of the offences listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541, where such conduct, directly or indirectly, such as by the glorification of terrorist acts. advocates the commission of terrorist offences, thereby causing a danger that such acts one or more such offences may be committed intentionally;

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EP package proposal of February 2020:

(a) inciting or advocating, including by glorifying, the commission of one of the offences referred to in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541, where such material. directly or indirectly, such as by the glorification of terrorist acts, advocates the commission of terrorist offences. thereby causing a danger that such acts one or more such offences may be committed;

(b) encouraging the contribution to terrorist offences;	(b) encouraging the contribution to terrorist soliciting another person or group of persons to commit or contribute to the commission of one of the offences listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541, thereby causing a danger that one or more such offences may be committed intentionally;	(b) soliciting persons or a group of persons to commit or encouraging the contribution to terrorist offences;	EP package proposal of February 2020: (b) encouraging the contribution to terrorist soliciting a person or a group of persons to commit or contribute to the commission of one of the offences referred to in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;
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(c) promoting the activities of a terrorist group, in particular by encouraging the participation in or support to a terrorist group within the meaning of Article 2(3) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;

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(c) promoting soliciting another person or group of persons to participate in the activities of a terrorist group, in particular by encouraging the participation in or support to a terrorist group including by supplying information or material resources. or by funding its activities in any way within the meaning of Article 2(3) 4 of Directive (EU) 2017/541, *thereby* causing a danger that one or more such offences may be committed intentionally;

(c) promoting the activities of a terrorist group, in particular by soliciting persons or a group of persons to encouraging the participatione in or support the criminal activities of to a terrorist group within the meaning of Article 2(3) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;

Commission compromise proposal of 6 March c) soliciting a person or a group of persons to participate in the activities of a terrorist group within the meaning of Article 2(3) of Directive (EU) 2017/541, includina in relation to supplying information or material resources, funding its activities in any way, or otherwise supporting its activities.

EP package proposal of February 2020: (c)

(d) instructing on methods or techniques for the purpose of committing terrorist offences.

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(d) instructing on providing instruction on the making or use of explosives, firearms or other weapons or noxious or hazardous substances, or on other specific methods or techniques for the purpose of committing or contributing to the commission of one of the terrorist offences listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;

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EP package proposal of February 2020:

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(d a) depicting the commission of one or more of the offences listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3 (1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541, and thereby causing a danger that one or more such offences may be committed intentionally;

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(e) constituting a threat to commit one of the offences referred to in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541;

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Moving depiction to a recital with the following text:

In recital (9), in the middle of the recital:

Such information material includes in particular text, images, sound recordings and videos, as well as of live transmissions of terrorist offences thereby causing a danger that further such offences may be

(6) 'dissemination of terrorist content' means making terrorist content available to third parties on the hosting service providers' services;	(6) 'disseminati on of terrorist content' means making terrorist content available to third parties the public on the hosting service providers' services;	(6) 'dissemination of terrorist content' means making terrorist content available to third parties on the hosting service providers' services;	'dissemination to the public of terrorist content' means the making available of information, at the request of the content provider, available to third parties on the hosting service providers' services, to a potentially unlimited number of persons.
(7) 'terms and conditions' means all terms, conditions and clauses, irrespective of their name or form, which govern the contractual relationship between the hosting service provider and their users;			

(8) 'referral' means a notice by a competent authority or, where applicable, a relevant Union body to a hosting service provider about information that may be considered terrorist content, for the provider's voluntary consideration of the compatibility with its own terms and conditions aimed to prevent dissemination of terrorism content;	AM 59 deleted	(8) 'referral' means a notice by a competent authority or, where applicable, a relevant Union body to a hosting service provider about information that may be considered terrorist content, for the provider's voluntary consideration of the compatibility with its own terms and conditions aimed to prevent dissemination of terrorism content;	
(9) 'main establishment' means the head office or registered office within which the principal financial functions and operational control are exercised.		(9) 'main establishment' means the head office or registered office within which the principal financial functions and operational control are exercised <i>in the Union</i> .	(9) 'main establishment' means the head office or registered office within which the principal financial functions and operational control are exercised in the Union.

	AM 60 (9 a) 'competent authority' means a single designated judicial authority or functionally independent administrative authority in the Member State.	
SECTION II MEASURES TO PREVENT THE DISSEMINATION OF TERRORIST CONTENT ONLINE		SECTION II MEASURES TO PREVENT THE DISSEMINATION OF TERRORIST CONTENT ONLINE
Article 3 Duties of care		

Hosting service providers shall take appropriate, reasonable and proportionate actions in accordance with this Regulation, against the dissemination of terrorist content and to protect users from terrorist content. In doing so, they shall act in a diligent. proportionate and nondiscriminatory manner. and with due regard to the fundamental rights of the users and take into account the fundamental importance of the freedom of expression and information in an open and democratic society.

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Commission proposal

Merging of articles 3, 6 and 9 ("Duties of care", "Proactive measures", and " Safeguards regarding the use and implementation of proactive measures").

The draft merged Article have been inserted in l. ... under Article 6.

	AM 62 I a. These duties of care shall not amount to a general obligation on hosting service providers to monitor the information they transmit or store, nor to a general duty to actively seek facts or circumstances indicating illegal activity.		
2. Hosting service providers shall include in their terms and conditions, and apply, provisions to prevent the dissemination of terrorist content.	AM 63 Deleted	2. Hosting service providers shall include in their terms and conditions <i>that they will not store terrorist content</i> , and apply, provisions to prevent the dissemination of terrorist content.	

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2 a. Where hosting service providers obtain knowledge or awareness of terrorist content on their services, they shall inform the competent	
authorities of such content and remove it expeditiously.	

	AM 65 2 b. Hosting service providers who meet the criteria of the definition of video-sharing platforms providers under Directive (EU) 2018/1808 shall take appropriate measures to tackle the dissemination of terrorist content in accordance with Article 28b, paragraph 1(c) and paragraph 3 of Directive (EU)	
Article 4 Removal orders	paragraph 3 of Directive (EU) 2018/1808.	

1. The competent authority shall have the power to issue a decision requiring the hosting service provider to remove terrorist content or disable access to it.

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The competent authority *of the* Member State of the hosting service provider's main establishment/ legal representative shall have the power to issue a removal order requiring the hosting service provider to remove terrorist content or disable access to it in all Member States. The competent authorities of the Member States other than that where the hosting service provider has its main establishment/ legal

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1 a. The competent authority of a Member State where the hosting service provider does not have its main establishment or does not have a legal representative may request access to be disabled to terrorist content and enforce this request within its own territory.

Based on AM 68. Part of EP proposal of February 2020

1a. If the relevant competent authority has not previously issued a removal order to a hosting service provider it shall provide the hosting service provider with information on procedures and applicable deadlines at least 12 hours before issuing a removal order.

AM 68 If the 1 b. relevant competent authority has not previously issued a removal order to a hosting service provider it shall contact the hosting service provider, providing information on procedures and applicable deadlines, at least 12 hours

before issuing a removal order.

2. Hosting service providers shall remove terrorist content or disable access to it within one hour from receipt of the removal order.	2. Hosting service providers shall remove terrorist content or disable access to it as soon as possible and within one hour from receipt of the removal order.	2. Hosting service providers shall remove terrorist content or disable access to it within one hour from receipt of the removal order.	EP proposal of February 2020 2. Hosting service providers shall remove terrorist content or disable access to it as soon as possible and in any event within one hour from receipt of the removal order.
3. Removal orders shall contain the following elements in accordance with the template set out in Annex I:			

(a) identification of the competent authority issuing the removal order and authentication of the removal order by the competent authority;

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(a) identification of the competent authority *via an electronic signature* issuing the removal order and authentication of the removal order by the competent authority;

(a) identification of the competent authority issuing the removal order and authentication of the removal order by the competent authority; a statement of reasons explaining why the content is considered terrorist content, an assessment of the content at least, by reference to the relevant categories of terrorist content listed in Article 2(5);

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(a) identification of the competent authority *via an electronic signature* issuing the removal order and authentication of the removal order by the competent authority;

(b) a statement of reasons explaining why the content is considered terrorist content, at least, by reference to the categories of terrorist content listed in Article 2(5);	(b) a <i>detailed</i> statement of reasons explaining why the content is considered terrorist content, at least, by and a specific reference to the categories of terrorist content listed in Article 2(5);		EP proposal of February 2020 (b) a detailed statement of reasons explaining why the content is considered terrorist content, at least, by and a specific reference to the categories of terrorist content listed in Article 2(5);
(c) a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and, where necessary, additional information enabling the identification of the content referred;	(c) a an exact Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and, where necessary, additional information enabling the identification of the content referred;	(b) a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and, where necessary, additional information enabling the identification of the content referred;	EP proposal of February 2020 (c) a an exact Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and, where necessary, additional information enabling the identification of the content referred;

leg) a reference to is Regulation as the gal basis for the moval order;	(d) a reference to this Regulation as the legal basis for the removal order;	(c) a reference to this Regulation as the legal basis for the removal order;	EP proposal of February 2020 (d) a reference to this Regulation as the legal basis for the removal order;
(e) sta) date and time amp of issuing;	(e) date and time stamp of issuing;	(d) date and time stamp of issuing;	EP proposal of February 2020 (e) date and time stamp of issuing;

(f) information about redress available to the hosting service provider and to the	AM 73 (f) easily
content provider;	information about redress available to the hosting service provider and to the content provider, including redress
	with the competent authority as well as recourse to a court as well as deadlines for appeal;

- (e) information about redress available to the hosting service provider and to the content provider;
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- easily understandable information about redress available to the hosting service provider and to the content provider, including redress with t h e competent authority as well as recourse to a court as well as deadlines for appeal;

(g) where
relevant, the decision
not to disclose
information about the
removal of terrorist
content or the
disabling of access to it
referred to in Article
11.

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(g) where relevant necessary and proportionate, the decision not to disclose information about the removal of terrorist content or the disabling of access to it referred to in Article 11.

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(g) where relevant necessary and proportionate, the decision not to disclose information about the removal of terrorist content or the disabling of access to it referred to in Article 11.

4. Upon request by the hosting service provider or by the content provider, the competent authority shall provide a detailed statement of reasons, without prejudice to the obligation of the hosting service provider to comply with the removal order within the deadline set out in paragraph 2.	AM 75 deleted	4. Upon request by the hosting service provider or by the content provider, the competent authority shall provide a detailed supplementary statement of reasons, explaining why the content is considered terrorist content without prejudice to the obligation of the hosting service provider to comply with the removal order within the deadline set out in paragraph 2.	EP proposal of February 2020 deleted
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5. The competent authorities shall address removal orders to the main establishment of the hosting service provider or to the legal representative designated by the hosting service provider pursuant to Article 16 and transmit it to the point of contact referred to in Article 14(1). Such orders shall be sent by electronic means capable of producing a written record under conditions allowing to establish the authentication of the sender, including the accuracy of the date and the time of sending and receipt of the order.

AM 76

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6. Hosting service providers shall acknowledge receipt and, without undue delay, inform the competent authority about the removal of terrorist content or disabling access to it, indicating, in particular, the time of action, using the template set out in Annex II.

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7. If the hosting service provider cannot comply with the removal order because of force majeure or of de facto impossibility not attributable to the hosting service provider, it shall inform, without undue delay, the competent authority, explaining the reasons, using the template set out in Annex III. The deadline set out in paragraph 2 shall apply as soon as the reasons invoked are no longer present.

AM 78

If the hosting service provider cannot comply with the removal order because of force majeure or of de facto impossibility not attributable to the hosting service provider, including for technical or operational reasons, it shall inform, without undue delay. the competent authority, explaining the reasons, using the template set out in Annex III. The deadline set out in paragraph 2 shall apply as soon as the reasons invoked are no longer present.

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EP proposal of February 2020

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8. If the hosting service provider cannot comply with the removal order because the removal order contains manifest errors or does not contain sufficient information to execute the order, it shall inform the competent authority without undue delay, asking for the necessary clarification, using the template set out in Annex III. The deadline set out in paragraph 2 shall apply as soon as the clarification is provided.

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9. The competent authority which issued the removal order shall inform the competent authority which oversees the implementation of proactive measures. referred to in Article 17(1)(c) when the removal order becomes final. A removal order becomes final where it has not been appealed within the deadline according to the applicable national law or where it has been confirmed following an appeal.

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EP proposal of February 2020

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AM 81 Article 4 a Consultation procedure for removal orders	Article 4(a) Consultation procedure for removal orders	Commission compromise proposal of 6 March Request from the host Member State for reassessment
		EP package proposal of February 2020 changing the heading of the Article to Cooperation procedure

1. The competent authority which issues a removal order under Article 4(1a) shall submit a copy of the removal order to the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(a) in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located at the same time it is transmitted to the hosting service provider in accordance with *Article* 4(5).

1. The issuing authority shall submit a copy of the removal order to the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(a) of the Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located at the same time it is transmitted to the hosting service provider in accordance with Article 4(5).

Commission compromise proposal of 6 March 1. Where the competent authority issuing a removal order is not the competent authority of the Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located, the former competent authority shall transmit a copy of the removal order to the latter competent authority and to Europol, at the same time as it transmits the removal order to the

- 2. In cases where the competent authority of the Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located has reasonable grounds to believe that the removal order may impact fundamental interests of that Member State, it shall inform the issuing competent authority. The issuing authority shall take these circumstances into account and shall. where necessary, withdraw or adapt the removal order.
 - 2. In cases where the competent authority of the Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located has reasonable grounds to believe that the removal order may impact fundamental interests of that Member State, it shall inform the issuing competent authority.
- Commission compromise proposal of 6 March
- 2. Where the competent authority of the Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located has reasonable arounds to believe that the removal order unduly limits the exercise of *fundamental* rights set out in the Charter of **Fundamental** Rights, it shall request the issuing competent authority to reassess the removal order, and inform the

	3. The issuing authority	Commission
	shall take these	compromise
	circumstances into	proposal of 6
	account and shall,	March
	where necessary,	
	withdraw or adapt the	3. Upon having
	removal order.	received such a
		request, the
		competent
		authority
		issuing the
		removal order
		shall, without
		undue delay,
		reassess the
		removal order
		and shall,
		where
		necessary,
		withdraw or
		adapt it. It shall
		inform the
		competent
		authority of the Member State
		in which the
		main
		establishment
		of the hosting service
		provider is
		located, as well
		as the hosting
		service
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AM 82 Article 4 b Cooperation procedure for issuing an additional removal order	The EP- compromise package from February combines Article 4a and 4b into a new Art. 4a. — changing the consultation mechanism into a cooperation mechanism.
1. Where a competent authority has issued a removal order under Article 4(1a), that authority may contact the competent authority of the Member State where the hosting service provider has its main establishment in order to request that the latter competent authority also issue a removal order under Article 4(1).	

2. The competent authority in the Member State where the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located shall either issue a removal order or refuse to issue an order as soon as possible but no later than one hour of being contacted under paragraph 1 and shall inform the competent authority that issued the first order of its decision.

	3. In cases where the competent authority in the Member State of main establishment needs more than one hour to make its own assessment of the content, it shall send a request to the hosting service provider concerned to disable temporarily the access to the content for up to 24 hours, during which time the competent authority shall make the assessment and send the removal order or withdraw the request to disable the access.		
Article 5 Referrals	AM 83 deleted	Article 5 Referrals	EP proposal Deletion of the Article

1. The competent authority or the relevant Union body may send a referral to a hosting service provider.	1. The competent authority or the relevant Union body may send a referral to a hosting service provider.	
2. Hosting service providers shall put in place operational and technical measures facilitating the expeditious assessment of content that has been sent by competent authorities and, where applicable, relevant Union bodies for their voluntary consideration.	2. Hosting service providers shall put in place operational and technical measures facilitating the expeditious assessment of content that has been sent by competent authorities and, where applicable, relevant Union bodies for their voluntary consideration.	

3. The referral 3. The referral shall be addressed to shall be addressed to the main establishment the main establishment of the hosting service of the hosting service provider or to the legal provider or to the legal representative representative designated by the designated by the service provider service provider pursuant to Article 16 pursuant to Article 16 and transmitted to the and transmitted to the point of contact point of contact referred to in Article referred to in Article 14(1). Such referrals 14(1). Such referrals shall be sent by shall be sent by electronic means. electronic means. 4. The referral 4. The referral shall contain shall contain sufficiently detailed sufficiently detailed information, including information, including the reasons why the *on* the reasons why the content is considered content is considered terrorist content, a URL terrorist content, and and, where necessary. provide a URL and, additional information where necessary. enabling the additional information identification of the enabling the terrorist content identification of the referred. terrorist content referred.

5. The hosting service provider shall, as a matter of priority, assess the content identified in the referral against its own terms and conditions and decide whether to remove that content or to disable access to it.	5. The hosting service provider shall, as a matter of priority, assess the content identified in the referral against its own terms and conditions and decide whether to remove that content or to disable access to it.
6. The hosting service provider shall expeditiously inform the competent authority or relevant Union body of the outcome of the assessment and the timing of any action taken as a result of the referral.	6. The hosting service provider shall, without undue delay, expeditiously inform the competent authority or relevant Union body of the outcome of the assessment and the timing of any action taken as a result of the referral.

Where the 7. hosting service provider considers that the referral does not contain sufficient information to assess the referred content, it shall inform without delay the competent authorities or relevant Union body, setting out what further information or clarification is required.

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Article 6 Proactive measures	AM 84 Article 6 Proactive Specific measures	Article 6 Proactive measures	Commission compromise proposal of 6 March in yellow, EP proposals in orange shaded
			EP proposal to replace throughout the text of the Commission proposal "content that is considered to be terrorist content" by "terrorist content"
			Article X (merging Articles 3, 6 and 9) Specific measures

Hosting service providers shall, where appropriate, take proactive measures to protect their services against the dissemination of terrorist content. The measures shall be effective and proportionate, taking into account the risk and level of exposure to terrorist content, the fundamental rights of the users, and the fundamental importance of the freedom of expression and information in an open and democratic society.

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Without prejudice to Directive (EU) 2018/1808 and *Directive 2000/31/* **EC** hosting service providers shall. where appropriate. take proactive may take specific measures to protect their services against the *public* dissemination of terrorist content. The measures shall be effective, targeted and proportionate, taking into account paying particular attention to the risk and level of exposure to terrorist content. the fundamental rights of the users. and the fundamental importance of the right to freedom of expression and *the*

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Commission compromise proposal of 6 March (with marked adaptions compared to earlier proposal)

1. Hosting service providers shall include in their terms and conditions, and apply, provisions to address the misuse of their service for the dissemination of terrorist content online. They shall do so in a diligent, proportionate and nondiscriminatory manner, and with due regard in all circumstances to the fundamental rights of the users and take into account the

2. Where it has been informed according to Article 4(9), the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) shall request the hosting service provider to submit a report, within three months after receipt of the request and thereafter at least on an annual basis, on the specific proactive measures it has taken, including by using automated tools, with a view to:	AM 86 deleted	2. Where it has been informed according to Article 4(9), the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) shall request the hosting service provider to submit a report, within three months after receipt of the request and thereafter at least on an annual basis, on the specific proactive measures it has taken, including by using automated tools, with a view to:	EP proposal deleted
(a) preventing the re-upload of content which has previously been removed or to which access has been disabled because it is considered to be terrorist content;		(a) preventing effectively address the reappearance-upload of content which has previously been removed or to which access has been disabled because it is considered to be terrorist content;	EP proposal deleted

(b) detecting, identifying and expeditiously removing or disabling access to terrorist content.	j ((b) detecting, identifying and expeditiously removing or disabling access to terrorist content.	EP proposal deleted
Such a request shall be sent to the main establishment of the hosting service provider or to the legal representative designated by the service provider.	: (] 1	Such a request shall be sent to the main establishment of the hosting service provider or to the legal representative designated by the service provider.	EP proposal deleted
The reports shall include all relevant information allowing the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) to assess whether the proactive measures are effective and proportionate, including to evaluate the functioning of any automated tools used as well as the human oversight and verification mechanisms employed.		The reports shall include all relevant information allowing the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) to assess whether the proactive measures are effective and proportionate, including to evaluate the functioning of any automated tools used as well as the human oversight and verification mechanisms employed.	EP proposal deleted

3. Where the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) considers that the proactive measures taken and reported under paragraph 2 are insufficient in mitigating and managing the risk and level of exposure, it may request the hosting service provider to take specific additional proactive measures. For that purpose, the hosting service provider shall cooperate with the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) with a view to identifying the specific measures that the hosting service provider shall put in place, establishing key objectives and benchmarks as well as timelines for their implementation.

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3. Where the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) considers that the proactive measures taken and reported under paragraph 2 are insufficient in mitigating and managing the risk and level of exposure, it may request the hosting service provider to take specific additional proactive measures. For that purpose, the hosting service provider shall cooperate with the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) with a view to identifying the specific measures that the hosting service provider shall put in place, establishing key objectives and benchmarks as well as timelines for their implementation.

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Where no 4. agreement can be reached within the three months from the request pursuant to paragraph 3, the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) may issue a decision imposing specific additional necessary and proportionate proactive measures. The decision shall take into account, in particular, the economic capacity of the hosting service provider and the effect of such measures on the fundamental rights of the users and the fundamental importance of the freedom of expression and information. Such a decision shall be sent to the main establishment of the hosting service provider or to the legal representative designated by the

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Where no agreement can be reached within the three months from the request pursuant to paragraph 3, After establishing that a hosting service provider has received a substantial number of removal orders. the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) may-issue a decision imposing specific additional-send a request for necessary and, proportionate and effective additional proactive *specific* measures that the hosting service provider will have to implement. The competent authority shall not impose a general

Where no 4. agreement can be reached within the three months from the request pursuant to paragraph 3, the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) may issue a decision imposing specific additional necessary and proportionate proactive measures. The decision shall take into account, in particular, the economic capacity of the hosting service provider and the effect of such measures on the fundamental rights of the users and the fundamental importance of the freedom of expression and information. It shall be to the discretion of the competent authority referred to in *Article* 17(1)(c) to decide on the nature and the scope of the

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5. A hosting service provider may, at any time, request the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) a review and, where appropriate, to revoke a request or decision pursuant to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 respectively. The competent authority shall provide a reasoned decision within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request by the hosting service provider.	5. A hosting service provider may, at any time, request the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) a review and, where appropriate, to revoke a request pursuant to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 respectively. The competent authority shall provide a reasoned decision within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request by the hosting service provider.	5. A hosting service provider may, at any time, request the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) a review and, where appropriate, to revoke a request or decision pursuant to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 respectively. The competent authority shall provide a reasoned decision within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request by the hosting service provider.	
Article 7 Preservation of content and related data			

Hosting service providers shall preserve terrorist content which has been removed or disabled as a result of a removal order, a referral or as a result of proactive measures pursuant to Articles 4, 5 and 6 and related data removed as a consequence of the removal of the terrorist content and which is necessary for:

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Hosting service providers shall preserve terrorist content which has been removed or disabled as a result of a removal order, a referral or as a result of proactive specific measures pursuant to Articles 4 and 6 and related data removed as a consequence of the removal of the terrorist content and which is necessary for:

1. Hosting service providers shall preserve terrorist content which has been removed or disabled as a result of a removal order, a referral or as a result of proactive measures pursuant to Articles 4, 5 and 6 and related data removed as a consequence of the removal of the terrorist proactive specific content. and which is necessary for:

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	proceedings of ninistrative or cial review,	AM 91 (a) proceedings of administrative or, judicial review, or remedy	(a) proceedings of administrative or judicial review,	(a) proceedings for administrative or judicial review-remedy, complaint-handling in respect of the decision to remove or disable access to terrorist content and related data,
and	the prevention, ection, investigation prosecution of orist offences.	(b) the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution by law enforcement authorities of terrorist offences.	(b) the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences.	(b) the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences.

2. The terrorist content and related data referred to in paragraph 1 shall be preserved for six months. The terrorist content shall, upon request from the competent authority or court, be preserved for a longer period when and for as long as necessary for ongoing proceedings of administrative or iudicial review referred to in paragraph 1(a).

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- The terrorist content and related data referred to in paragraph 1 (a) shall be preserved for six months and deleted after this period. The terrorist content shall, upon request from the competent authority or court, be preserved for a longer further specified period when only if, and for as long as necessary for ongoing proceedings of administrative or. iudicial review or *remedies* referred to in paragraph 1(a). Hosting service providers shall preserve the terrorist content and related data referred to in paragraph 1(b) until the law enforcement
- 2. The terrorist content and related data referred to in paragraph 1 shall be preserved for six months. The terrorist content shall, upon request from the competent authority or court, be preserved for a longer period when and for as long as necessary for ongoing proceedings of administrative or iudicial review referred to in paragraph 1(a).
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3. Hosting service providers shall ensure that the terrorist content and related data preserved pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 are subject to appropriate technical and organisational safeguards.		
Those technical and organisational safeguards shall ensure that the preserved terrorist content and related data is only accessed and processed for the purposes referred to in paragraph 1, and ensure a high level of security of the personal data concerned. Hosting service providers shall review and update those safeguards where necessary.		
SECTION III SAFEGUARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY		

Article 8 Transparency obligations	AM 94 Article 8 Transparency obligations for hosting service providers	Article 8 Transparency obligations	Art 8 Transparency obligations for hosting service providers
1. Hosting service providers shall set out in their terms and conditions their policy to prevent the dissemination of terrorist content, including, where appropriate, a meaningful explanation of the functioning of proactive measures including the use of automated tools.	1. Where applicable, hosting service providers shall set out clearly in their terms and conditions their policy to prevent the dissemination of terrorist content, including, where applicable, a meaningful explanation of the functioning of proactive specific measures including the use of automated tools.	1. Hosting service providers shall set out in their terms and conditions their policy to prevent the dissemination of terrorist content, including, where appropriate, a meaningful explanation of the functioning of proactive measures including the use of automated tools.	

2. Hosting service providers shall publish annual transparency reports on action taken against the dissemination of terrorist content.

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2. Hosting service providers which are or have been subject to removal orders in that year, shall publish make publicly available annual transparency reports on action taken against the dissemination of terrorist content.

2. Hosting service providers, *exposed to terrorist content*, shall publish annual transparency reports on action taken against the dissemination of terrorist content.

2. Any Hhosting service providers that has taken action against the dissemination of terrorist content or has been <u>[required or]</u> requested] to take action pursuant to this regulation in a given calendar vear, shall publish make publicly available annual **a** transparency reports on action taken against the dissemination of terrorist content for that period. **They shall** publish those reports within 2 months from the end of that year.

reports shall include at least the following information: (a) information about the hosting service provider's measures in relation to the detection, identification and removal of terrorist content; (b) information about the hosting service provider's measures to prevent	AM 97 (b) information	(b) information about the hosting service provider's measures to prevent	(b) information about the hosting service provider's
the re-upload of content which has previously been removed or to which access has been disabled because it is considered to be terrorist content;	about the hosting service provider's measures to prevent the re-upload of content which has previously been removed or to which access has been disabled because it is considered to be terrorist content, in particular where automated technology has been used;	effectively address the re-uploadappearance of content which has previously been removed or to which access has been disabled because it is considered to be terrorist content;	measures to prevent address the re-upload re- appearance of content which has previously been removed or to which access has been disabled because it is considered to be terrorist content, in particular where automated tools have been used;

(c) number of
pieces of terrorist
content removed or to
which access has been
disabled, following
removal orders,
referrals, or proactive
measures, respectively:

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- number of (c) pieces of terrorist content removed or to which access has been disabled, following removal orders, referrals, or proactive, or specific measures, respectively, and the number of orders where the content has not been removed in accordance with **Article 4(7) and (8)** together with reasons for refusal.
- (c) number of pieces of terrorist content removed or to which access has been disabled, following removal orders, referrals, or proactive measures, respectively;

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(d) overview and outcome of complaint procedures.	(d) overview number and outcome of complaint procedures and actions for judicial review, including the number of cases in which it was established that content was wrongly identified as terrorist content.	(d) overview and outcome of complaint procedures.	d) overview number and outcome of complaints procedures processed by the hosting service provider, as well as number and outcome of actions for judicial or administrative remedy initiated by the hosting service provider, and number of cases in which the hosting service provider was required to reinstate the content as a result of a judicial or administrative remedy, or where the hosting service provider vas required to reinstate the content as a result of a judicial or administrative remedy, or where the hosting service provider reinstated the content after examining a

AM 100 Article 8 a Transparency obligations for competent authorities	Article 8 a Transparency obligations for competent authorities
Competent authorities shall publish annual transparency reports that shall include at least the following information:	1. Competent authorities shall publish annual transparency reports relating to their activities under this Regulation. Those reports shall include at least the following information in relation to the year covered.

(a) number of removal orders issued, the number of removals and the number of refused or ignored removal orders;

a) the total number of removal orders issued in accordance with Article 4 and the number of instances in which the removal orders led to the removal of or disabling of access to terrorist content and the number of instances in which they did not.

(b) number of
identified terrorist
content which led to
investigation and
prosecution and the
number of cases of
content wrongly
identified as
terrorist;

(b) the total number of referrals issued in accordance with Article 5 and number of instances in which the referrals led to the removal of or disabling of access to terrorist content and the number of instances in which they did not.

(c) a	description of
mea	sures requested
by th	ne competent
auth	orities pursuant
to A	rticle 6 (4).

- (a) (c) the total number of decisions imposing specific measures taken in accordanc e with Article 6(4) and a descriptio n of the measures imposed;
- (b) (d) the total number of instances in which removal orders and decisions imposing specific measures were subject to administr ative or judicial remedies

Article 9	AM 101	Article 9	Article 9
Safeguards regarding the use and implementation of proactive measures	Article 9 Safeguards regarding the use and implementation of proactive specific measures	Safeguards regarding the use and implementation of proactive measures	Safeguards regarding the use and implementation of specific measures

1. Where hosting service providers use automated tools pursuant to this Regulation in respect of content that they store. they shall provide effective and appropriate safeguards to ensure that decisions taken concerning that content, in particular decisions to remove or disable content considered to be terrorist content, are accurate and wellfounded.

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2. Safeguards shall consist, in particular, of human oversight and verifications where appropriate and, in any event, where a detailed assessment of the relevant context is required in order to determine whether or not the content is to be considered terrorist content.

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2. Safeguards shall consist, in particular, of human oversight and verifications where appropriate and, in any event, where a detailed assessment of the relevant context is required in order to determine whether or not the, of the appropriateness of the *decision to* remove or deny access to content, in particular with regard to the right to freedom of expression and freedom to receive and impart information and ideas in an open and democratic society.

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AM 104	Article 9 a
Article 9 a	Effective remedies
Effective remedies	

Content providers, whose content has been removed or access to which has been disabled following a removal order, and hosting service providers that have received a removal order, shall have a right to an effective remedy. Member States shall put in place effective procedures for exercising this right.

Commission compromise proposal of 6 March

Content providers, whose content has been removed or access to which has been disabled following a removal order, and hosting service providers that have received a removal order pursuant to Article 4, or a decision pursuant to Article X([para 4), (6) and (7)] shall have a right to an effective remedy. Member States shall put in place effective procedures for exercising this

Article 10 Complaint mechanism			
1. Hosting service providers shall establish effective and accessible mechanism allowing content providers whose content has been removed or access to disabled as a result of referral pursuant to Article 5 or of proactive measures pursuant to Article 6, to submit a complaint against the action of the hosting service provider requesting reinstatement of the content.	s 1. Hosting service providers shall establish <i>an</i> effective and accessible	1. Hosting service providers shall establish effective and accessible mechanisms allowing content providers whose content has been removed or access to it disabled as a result of a referral pursuant to Article 5 or of proactive measures pursuant to Article 6, to submit a complaint against the action of the hosting service provider requesting reinstatement of the content.	1. Hosting service providers shall establish an effective and accessible mechanism allowing content providers whose content has been removed or access to it disabled as a result of a referral pursuant to Article 5 or of specific proactive measures pursuant to Article 6, to submit a complaint against the action of the hosting service provider requesting reinstatement of the content.

2. Hosting service providers shall promptly examine every complaint that they receive and reinstate the content without undue delay where the removal or disabling of access was unjustified. They shall inform the complainant about the outcome of the examination.

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2. Hosting service providers shall promptly examine every complaint that they receive and reinstate the content without undue delay where the removal or disabling of access was unjustified. They shall inform the complainant about the outcome of the examination within two weeks of the receipt of the complaint with an explanation in cases where the hosting service provider decides not to reinstate the content. A reinstatement of content shall not preclude further iudicial measures against the decision of the hosting

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Article 11 Information to content providers			
1. Where hosting service providers removed terrorist content or disable access to it, they shall make available to the content provider information on the removal or disabling of access to terrorist content.	1. Where hosting service providers removed terrorist content or disable access to it, they shall make available to the content provider comprehensive and concise information on the removal or disabling of access to terrorist content and the possibilities to contest the decision, and shall provide him or her with a copy of the removal order issued in accordance with Article 4 upon request.	1. Where hosting service providers removed terrorist content or disable access to it, they shall make available to the content provider information on the removal or disabling of access to terrorist content.	

2. Upon request of the content provider,	AM 108	2. Upon request of the content provider,	
the hosting service provider shall inform	deleted	the hosting service provider shall inform	
the content provider		the content provider	
about the reasons for		about the reasons for	
the removal or		the removal or	
disabling of access and		disabling of access and	
possibilities to contest		possibilities to contest	
the decision.		the decision.	

3. The obligation pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply where the competent authority decides that there should be no disclosure for reasons of public security, such as the prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of terrorist offences, for as long as necessary. but not exceeding [four] weeks from that decision. In such a case, the hosting service provider shall not disclose any information on the removal or disabling of access to terrorist content.

AM 109

3. The obligation pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply where the competent authority decides based on objective evidence and considering the proportionality and necessity of such decision, that there should be no disclosure for reasons of public security, such as the prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of terrorist offences, for as long as necessary, but not exceeding four weeks from that decision In such a case, the hosting service provider shall not disclose any information on the

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3. The obligation pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply where the competent authority decides. considering the proportionality and necessity of such decision. that there should be no disclosure for reasons of public security, such as the prevention, investigation. detection and prosecution of terrorist offences, for as long as necessary, but not exceeding [four/six] weeks from that decision. In such a case, the hosting service provider shall not disclose any

SECTION IV Cooperation between Competent Authorities, Union Bodies and Hosting Service Providers Article 12 Capabilities of competent authorities			
Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities have the necessary capability and sufficient resources to achieve the aims and fulfil their obligations under this Regulation.	AM 110 Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities have the necessary capability and sufficient resources to achieve the aims and fulfil their obligations under this Regulation, with strong guarantees of independence.	Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities have the necessary capability and sufficient resources to achieve the aims and fulfil their obligations under this Regulation.	Presidency proposal Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities have the necessary capability and sufficient resources to achieve the aims and fulfil their obligations under this Regulation in a manner that is objective, non-discriminatory and in full respect of fundamental rights.

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Staco co ot ap re su re or av en an wi	Competent athorities in Member cates shall inform, cordinate and coperate with each cher and, where copropriate, with elevant Union bodies ach as Europol with egard to removal rders and referrals to void duplication, ahance coordination and avoid interference ith investigations in afferent Member cates.	1. Competent authorities in Member States shall inform, coordinate and cooperate with each other and, where appropriate, with relevant Union bodies such as Europol with regard to removal orders and referrals to avoid duplication, enhance coordination and avoid interference with investigations in different Member States.	1. Competent authorities in Member States shall inform, coordinate and cooperate with each other and, where appropriate, with relevant competent Union bodies such as Europol with regard to removal orders and referrals to avoid duplication, enhance coordination and avoid interference with investigations in different Member States.	

2. Competent authorities in Member States shall inform. coordinate and cooperate with the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) and (d) with regard to measures taken pursuant to Article 6 and enforcement actions pursuant to Article 18. Member States shall make sure that the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) and (d) is in possession of all the relevant information. For that purpose, Member States shall provide for the appropriate communication channels or mechanisms to ensure that the relevant information is shared in a timely manner.

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2. Competent authorities in Member States shall inform, coordinate and cooperate with the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) and (d) with regard to measures taken pursuant to Article 6 and enforcement actions pursuant to Article 18 Member States shall make sure that the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(c) and (d) is in possession of all the relevant information. For that purpose, Member States shall provide for the appropriate and secure communication channels or mechanisms to

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to rem	the processing edback relating noval orders ant to Article 4;			
	the processing edback relating errals pursuant to e 5;	AM 115 Deleted	(b) the processing and feedback relating to referrals pursuant to Article 5;	

(c) co-operation with a view to identify and implement proactive measures pursuant to Article 6.	(c) co-operation with a view to identify and implement proactive specific measures pursuant to Article 6.	(c) co-operation with a view to identify and implement proactive measures pursuant to Article 6.	(c) co- operation with a view to identify and implement specific measures pursuant to Article 6.
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Where hosting AM 117 4. service providers become aware of any evidence of terrorist offences, they shall promptly inform authorities competent for the investigation evidence of terrorist and prosecution in criminal offences in the concerned Member State or the point of contact in the Member State pursuant to Article 14(2), where they have their main establishment or a legal representative. Hosting service providers may, in case of doubt, transmit this information to Europol for appropriate follow up.

Where hosting service providers become aware of any content they shall promptly inform authorities competent for the investigation and prosecution in criminal offences in the concerned Member State or. Where it is impossible to identify the Member State concerned, the hosting service provider shall notify the point of contact in the Member State pursuant to Article 14(2) 17(2), where they have their main establishment or a legal representative-**Hosting service** providers may, in case of doubt, and La transmit this

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information to Europol

	AM 118 4 a. Hosting service providers shall cooperate with competent authorities.	Commission proposal of 6 March 4 a. Hosting service providers shall cooperate with competent authorities.
		5. On the basis of the copies of the removal orders transmitted to it in accordance with Article 4a(1), Europol shall provide an annual report, including an analysis of the types of content subject to removal orders transmitted to the hosting service providers pursuant to this Regulation.
Article 14 Points of contact		

1. Hosting service providers shall establish a point of contact allowing for the receipt of removal orders and referrals by electronic means and ensure their swift processing pursuant to Articles 4 and 5. They shall ensure that this information is made publicly available.

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Hosting service providers previously in receipt of one or more removal orders shall establish a point of contact allowing for the receipt of removal orders and referrals by electronic means and ensure their swift expeditious processing pursuant to Articles 4 and 5. They shall ensure that this information is made publicly available.

1. Hosting service providers shall establish a point of contact allowing for the receipt of removal orders and referrals by electronic means and ensure their swift processing pursuant to Articles 4 and 5. They shall ensure that this information is made publicly available.

2. The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall specify the official language or languages (s) of the Union, as referred to in Regulation 1/58, in which the contact point can be addressed and in which further exchanges in relation to removal orders and referrals pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 shall take place. This shall include at least one of the official languages of the Member State in which the hosting service provider has its main establishment or where its legal representative pursuant to Article 16 resides or is established.

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- 2. The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall specify the official language or languages (s) of the Union, as referred to in Regulation 1/58, in which the contact point can be addressed and in which further exchanges in relation to removal orders and referrals pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 shall take place. This shall include at least one of the official languages of the Member State in which the hosting service provider has its main establishment or where its legal representative pursuant to Article 16
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shall establish a point of contact to handle requests for clarification and feedback in relation to removal orders and referrals issued by them. Information about the contact point shall be made publicly available.	deleted	shall establish a point of contact to handle requests for clarification and feedback in relation to removal orders and referrals issued by them. Information about the contact point shall be made publicly available.	
SECTION V IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT			
Article 15 Jurisdiction			

- The 1. Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located shall have the iurisdiction for the purposes of Articles 6, 18, and 21. A hosting service provider which does not have its main establishment within one of the Member States shall be deemed to be under the iurisdiction of the Member State where the legal representative referred to in Article 16 resides or is established.
- The 1. Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located shall have the iurisdiction for the purposes of Articles 6. 18. and 21. A hosting service provider which does not have its main establishment within one of the Member States shall be deemed to be under the iurisdiction of the Member State where the legal representative referred to in Article 16 resides or is established.
- 1. The Member State in which the main establishment of the hosting service provider is located shall have the iurisdiction for the purposes of Articles 6, 18, and 21. A hosting service provider which does not have its main establishment within one of the Member States shall be deemed to be under the iurisdiction of the Member State where the legal representative referred to in Article 16 resides or is established. Any Member State shall have jurisdiction for the purposes of Articles 4 and 5, irrespective of where the hosting service provider has its main establishment or has designated a legal representative.

2. Where a hosting service provider fails to designate a legal representative, all Member States shall have jurisdiction.	2. Where a hosting service provider which does not have its main establishment within one of the Member States fails to designate a legal representative, all Member States shall have jurisdiction. Where a Member State decides to exercise this jurisdiction, it shall inform all other Member States.	2. Where a hosting service provider fails to designate a legal representative, all Member States shall have jurisdiction. Where a Member State decides to exercise jurisdiction, it shall inform all other Member States.	
3. Where an authority of another Member State has issued a removal order according to Article 4(1), that Member State has jurisdiction to take coercive measures according to its national law in order to enforce the removal order.	AM 123 deleted	3. Where an authority of another Member State has issued a removal order according to Article 4(1), that Member State has jurisdiction to take coercive measures according to its national law in order to enforce the removal order.	Deleted

Article 16 Legal representative			
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A hosting 1. service provider which does not have an establishment in the Union but offers services in the Union. shall designate, in writing, a legal or natural person as its legal representative in the Union for the receipt of, compliance with and enforcement of removal orders. referrals, requests and decisions issued by the competent authorities on the basis of this Regulation. The legal representative shall reside or be established in one of the Member States where the hosting service provider offers the services.

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A hosting service provider which does not have an establishment in the Union but offers services in the Union, shall designate, in writing, a legal or natural person as its legal representative in the Union for the receipt of. compliance with and enforcement of removal orders. referrals, requests and decisions issued by the competent authorities on the basis of this Regulation. The legal representative shall reside or be established in one of the Member States where the hosting service provider offers the services.

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2. The hosting service provider shall entrust the legal representative with the receipt, compliance and enforcement of the removal orders. referrals, requests and decisions referred to in paragraph 1 on behalf of the hosting service provider concerned. Hosting service providers shall provide their legal representative with the necessary powers and resource to cooperate with the competent authorities and comply with these decisions and orders.

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2. The hosting service provider shall entrust the legal representative with the receipt. compliance and enforcement of the removal ordersreferrals, and requests and decisions referred to in paragraph 1 on behalf of the hosting service provider concerned. Hosting service providers shall provide their legal representative with the necessary powers and resource resources to cooperate with the competent authorities and comply with these decisions and orders.

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3. The designated legal representative can be held liable for non-compliance with obligations under this Regulation, without prejudice to the liability and legal actions that could be initiated against the hosting service provider.		
4. The hosting service provider shall notify the competent authority referred to in Article 17(1)(d) in the Member State where the legal representative resides or is established about the designation. Information about the legal representative shall be publicly available.		
SECTION VI FINAL PROVISIONS		
Article 17 Designation of competent authorities		

	1. Each Member	AM 126	1. Each Member	Commission
	State shall designate		State shall designate	compromise
	the authority or	1. Each Member	the authority or	proposal of 6
	authorities competent	State shall designate	authorities competent	March
	to	the a judicial or a	to	
		functionally		1.Each Member
		independent		State shall
		administrative		designate the
				authority one o
		authority or		more judicial
		authorities		authorities, functionally
		competent to		independent
				administrative
				authorities or
				authorities
				subject to
				regular
				independent
				review in
				relation to the
				tasks
				performed
				under this
				Regulation
				competent to:
				[point (a) to (d)]
				However, as
				r <mark>egards point (a</mark>
				Member States
				shall ensure that
				a single authori
				is competent to
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217.	(a) issue removal orders pursuant to Article 4;			
	(b) detect, identify and refer terrorist content to hosting service providers pursuant to Article 5;	AM 127 deleted	(b) detect, identify and refer terrorist content to hosting service providers pursuant to Article 5;	
	(c) oversee the implementation of proactive measures pursuant to Article 6;	(c) oversee the implementation of proactive specific measures pursuant to Article 6;	(c) oversee the implementation of proactive measures pursuant to Article 6;	(c) oversee the implementation of proactive specific measures pursuant to Article 6;
	(d) enforce the obligations under this Regulation through penalties pursuant to Article 18.			

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Member 1 a. States shall designate a point of contact within the competent authorities to handle requests for clarification and feedback in relation to removal orders issued by them. Information on the contact point shall be made publicly available.

2. By [six months
after the entry into
force of this Regulation]
at the latest Member
States shall notify the
Commission of the
competent authorities
referred to in
paragraph 1. The
Commission shall
publish the notification
and any modifications
of it in the <i>Official</i>
Journal of the European
Union.

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- 2. By [six months after the entry into force of this Regulation] at the latest Member States shall notify the Commission of the competent authorities referred to in paragraph 1. The Commission shall **set** up an online register listing all those competent authorities and the designated contact point for each competent authority. The Commission shall publish the notification and any modifications of it in the Official Journal of the European Union.
- 2. By [six twelve months after the entry into force of this *Regulation*] at the latest Member States shall notify the Commission of the competent authority or authorities referred to in paragraph 1. The Commission shall publish the notification and any modifications of it in the *Official Journal of the European* Union.

Article 18 Penalties

Member States 1. shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable to breaches of the obligations by hosting service providers under this Regulation and shall take all necessary measures to ensure that they are implemented. Such penalties shall be limited to infringement of the obligations pursuant to:

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Member States shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable to systematic and *persistent* breaches of the obligations by hosting service providers under this Regulation and shall take all necessary measures to ensure that they are implemented. Such penalties shall be limited to infringement of the obligations pursuant to:

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Presidency proposal

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EP package proposal of February 2020:

1. Member
States shall lay
down the rules on
p e n a l t i e s

(a) Article 3(2) (hosting service providers' terms and conditions);	AM 132 deleted	(a) Article 3(2) (hosting service providers' terms and conditions);	
(b) Article 4(2) and (6) (implementation of and feedback on removal orders);			
(c) Article 5(5) and (6) (assessment of and feedback on referrals);	AM 133 deleted	(c) Article 5(5) and (6) (assessment of and feedback on referrals);	
(d) Article 6(2) and (4) (reports on proactive measures and the adoption of measures following a decision imposing specific proactive measures);	(d) Article 6(2) and 6(4) (reports on proactive specific measures and the adoption of measures following a decision request imposing proactive additional specific measures);	(d) Article 6(2) and (4) (reports on proactive measures and the adoption of measures following a decision imposing specific proactive measures);	
(e) Article 7 (preservation of data);			

(f) Article 8 (transparency);	AM 135 (f) Article 8 (transparency for hosting service providers)	(f) Article 8 (transparency);	
(g) Article 9 (safeguards in relation to proactive measures);	(g) Article 9 (safeguards in relation to proactive with regard to the implementation of specific measures);	(g) Article 9 (safeguards in relation to proactive measures);	
(h) Article 10 (complaint procedures);			
(i) Article 11 (information to content providers);			
(j) Article 13 (4) (information on evidence of terrorist offences);	(j) Article 13 (4) (information on evidence of terrorist offences content);	(j) Article 13 (4) (information on evidence of terrorist offences);	
(k) Article 14 (1) (points of contact);			

(l) Article 16 (designation of a legal representative).			
2. The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall, by [within six months from the entry into force of this Regulation] at the latest, notify the Commission of those rules and of those measures and shall notify it, without delay, of any subsequent amendment affecting them.	2. The penalties provided for pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall, by [within six months from the entry into force of this Regulation] at the latest, notify the Commission of those rules and of those measures and shall notify it, without delay, of any subsequent amendment affecting them.	2. The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall, by [within six months from the entry into force of this Regulation] at the latest, notify the Commission of those rules and of those measures and shall notify it, without delay, of any subsequent amendment affecting them.	

3. Member States shall ensure that, when determining the type and level of penalties,	Commission compromise proposal of 6 March
the competent authorities take into account all relevant circumstances, including:	3. Member States shall ensure that, when deciding whether to
	impose a
	penalty and when
	determining the type and level of penalties, the competent authorities take into account all relevant circumstances, including:
(a) the nature, gravity, and duration of the breach;	Commission proposal of 6 March
	(a) the nature, gravity, and duration of the breach;

(b) the intentional or negligent character of the breach;			Commission proposal of 6 March
			(b) the intentional or negligent character of the breach;
(c) previous breaches by the legal person held responsible;	(c) previous breaches by the legal person held responsible;	(c) previous breaches by the legal <i>or natural</i> person held responsible;	Commission proposal of 6 March (c) previous breaches by the legal <i>or natural</i> person held responsible;
(d) the financial strength of the legal person held liable;	(d) the financial strength of the legal person held liable;	(d) the financial strength of the legal <i>or natural</i> person held liable;	Commission proposal of 6 March (d) the financial strength of the legal <i>or natural</i> person held liable;

(e) the level of cooperation of the hosting service provider with the competent authorities.	(e) the level of cooperation of the hosting service provider with the competent authorities;	(e) the level of cooperation of the hosting service provider with the competent authorities.	Commission proposal of 6 March (e) the level of cooperation of the hosting service provider with the competent authorities.
	(e a) the nature and size of the hosting service providers, in particular for microenterprises or small-sized enterprises within the meaning of Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC.		Commission proposal of 6 March (e a) the nature and size of the hosting service providers, in particular for microenterprises or small-sized enterprises within the meaning of Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC.

4. Member States shall ensure that a systematic failure to comply with obligations pursuant to Article 4(2) is subject to financial penalties of up to 4% of the hosting service provider's global turnover of the last business year.

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4. Member States shall ensure that a systematic *and persistent* failure to comply with obligations pursuant to Article 4(2) is subject to financial penalties of up to 4% of the hosting service provider's global turnover of the last business year.

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EP package proposal

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Article 19 Technical requirements and amendments to the templates for removal orders	AM 142 Article 19 Technical requirements, criteria for assessing significance, and amendments to the templates for removal orders	Article 19 Technical requirements and amendments to the templates for removal orders	
1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 20 in order to supplement this Regulation with technical requirements for the electronic means to be used by competent authorities for the transmission of removal orders.	1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 20 in order to supplement this Regulation with the necessary technical requirements for the electronic means to be used by competent authorities for the transmission of removal orders.	1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 20 in order to supplement this Regulation with technical requirements for the electronic means to be used by competent authorities for the transmission of removal orders.	

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The 1a. Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 20 in order to complement this Regulation with criteria and figures to be used by competent authorities for determining what corresponds to a significant number of uncontested removal orders as referred to in this Regulation.

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt such delegated acts to amend Annexes I, II and III in order to effectively address a possible need for improvements	
regarding the content of removal order forms and of forms to be used to provide information on the impossibility to execute the removal order.	
Article 20 Exercise of delegation	
1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.	

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 19 shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from [date of application of this Regulation].		
3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 19 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day after the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.		

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016.	
5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.	

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6. A delegated act		
adopted pursuant to		
Article 19 shall enter		
into force only if no		
objection has been		
expressed either by the		
European Parliament		
or the Council within a		
period of two months		
of notification of that		
act to the European		
Parliament and the		
Council or if, before the		
expiry of that period,		
the European		
Parliament and the		
Council have both		
informed the		
Commission that they		
will not object. That		
period shall be		
extended by two		
months at the initiative		
of the European		
Parliament or of the		
Council.		
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Article 21		
Monitoring		

1. Member States shall collect from their competent authorities and the hosting service providers under their jurisdiction and send to the Commission every year by [31 March] information about the		
actions they have taken in accordance with this		
Regulation. That		
information shall include:		

(a) information about the number of removal orders and referrals issued, the number of pieces of terrorist content which has been removed or access to it disabled, including the corresponding timeframes pursuant to Articles 4 and 5;

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information (a) about the number of removal orders and referrals issued, the number of pieces of terrorist content which has been removed or access to it disabled, including the corresponding timeframes pursuant to Articles 4 and 5, and information on the number of corresponding cases of successful detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences;

(a) information about the number of removal orders and referrals issued, the number of pieces of terrorist content which has been removed or access to it disabled, including the corresponding timeframes pursuant to Articles 4 and 5;

(b) information about the specific proactive measures taken pursuant to Article 6, including the amount of terrorist content which has been removed or access to it disabled and the corresponding timeframes;	(b) information about the specific proactive measures taken pursuant to Article 6, including the amount of terrorist content which has been removed or access to it disabled and the corresponding timeframes;	(b) information about the specific proactive measures taken pursuant to Article 6, including the amount of terrorist content which has been removed or access to it disabled and the corresponding timeframes;	(b) information about the <i>specific</i> proactive measures taken pursuant to Article 6, including the amount of terrorist content which has been removed or access to it disabled and the corresponding timeframes;
	AM 146 (b a) information about the number of access requests issued by competent authorities regarding content preserved by hosting service providers pursuant to Article 7;		

(c) information about the number of complaint procedures initiated and actions taken by the hosting service providers pursuant to Article 10;		
(d) information about the number of redress procedures initiated and decisions taken by the competent authority in accordance with national law.		

2. By [one year		
from the date of		
application of this		
Regulation] at the		
latest, the Commission		
shall establish a		
detailed programme		
for monitoring the		
outputs, results and		
impacts of this		
Regulation. The		
monitoring programme		
shall set out the		
indicators and the		
means by which and		
the intervals at which		
the data and other		
necessary evidence is		
to be collected. It shall		
specify the actions to		
be taken by the		
Commission and by the		
Member States in		
collecting and		
analysing the data and		
other evidence to		
monitor the progress		
and evaluate this		
Regulation pursuant to		
Article 23.		
Article 22		
Implementation report		

By [two years after		
the entry into force of		
this Regulation], the		
Commission shall		
report on the		
application of this		
Regulation to the		
European Parliament		
and the Council.		
Information on		
monitoring pursuant to		
Article 21 and		
information resulting		
from the transparency		
obligations pursuant to		
Article 8 shall be taken		
into account in the		
Commission report.		
Member States shall		
provide the		
Commission with the		
information necessary		
for the preparation of		
the report.		
Article 23		
Evaluation		
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No sooner than [three years from the date of application of this *Regulation*], the Commission shall carry out an evaluation of this Regulation and submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the application of this Regulation including the functioning of the effectiveness of the safeguard mechanisms. Where appropriate, the report shall be accompanied by legislative proposals. Member States shall provide the Commission with the information necessary for the preparation of the report.

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No sooner than **[three years One** year from the date of application of this Regulation, the Commission shall carry out an evaluation of this Regulation and submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the application of this Regulation including the functioning of and effectiveness of the safeguard mechanisms, as well as the impact on Fundamental Rights, and in particular on freedom of expression, freedom to receive and impart information and the right to respect for one's private life. In the context of this

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No sooner than **!three** [Two vears from the date of application of this Regulation], the Commission shall carry out an evaluation of this Regulation and submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on this Regulation including the functioning of the effectiveness of the safeguard mechanisms, the impact of the application of this Regulation on fundamental rights, in particular the freedom of expression and information, the respect for private life and

Article 24 Entry into force			
This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.			
It shall apply from [6 months after its entry into force].	AM 148 It shall apply from [6 12 months after its entry into force].	It shall apply from [6 12 months after its entry into force].	It shall apply from [12 months after its entry into force].
This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.			
Done at Brussels,			
For the European Parliament			
For the Council			
The PresidentThe President			
Annex I			

REMOVAL ORDER FOR TERRORIST CONTENT (Article 4 Regulation (EU) xxx)		
Under Article 4 of Regulation (EU) the addressee of the removal order shall remove terrorist content or disable access to it, within one hour from receipt of the removal order from the competent authority.		
In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU), addressees must preserve content and related data, which has been removed or access to it disabled, for six months or longer upon request from the competent authorities or courts.		
The removal order should be sent in one of the languages designated by the addressee pursuant to Article 14(2)		

SECTION A:
Issuing Member State:
NB: details of issuing authority to be
provided at the end
(Sections E and F)
Addressee (legal
representative)
Addressee (contact
point)
Member State of
jurisdiction of
addressee: [if different
to issuing state]
Time and date of
issuing the removal order
Oraci
Reference number of
the removal order:

SECTION B: Content to be removed or access to it disabled within one hour:	AM 162 SECTION B: Content to be removed or access to it disabled within one hour without undue delay:	
A URL and any additional information enabling the identification and exact location of the content referred:		
Reason(s) explaining why the content is considered terrorist content, in accordance with Article 2 (5) of the Regulation (EU) xxx. The content (tick the relevant box(es)):		

nincites, advocates or glorifies the commisison of terrorist offences (Article 2 (5) a)	□ incites, advocates or glorifies listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541 the commission of terrorist offences (Article 2 (5) a);	
nencourages the contribution to terrorist offences (Article 2 (5) b)	am 150 - encourages the contribution solicits another person or group of persons to participate in commission of to terrorist offences listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541 (Article 2 (5) b);	

promotes the activities of a terrorist group, encouraging	AM 151	
participation in or support of the group (Article 2 (5) c)	promotes solicits another person or group of persons to participate in the activities of a terrorist group,	
	encouraging participation in or support of the listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU)	
	2017/541 group (Article 2 (5) c);	

provides instructions or techniques for committing terrorist offences (Article 2 (5) d)	□ provides instructions or techniques on the making or use of explosives, firearms or other weapons or noxious or hazardous substances, or on other specific methods or techniques for committing terrorist offences listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541 (Article
	2017/541 (Article 2 (5) d);

	AM 153 depicting the commission of offences listed in points (a) to (i) of Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/541 (Article 2 (5) e).	
Additional information on the reasons why the content is considered terrorist content (optional):		

SECTION C: Information to content provider		
Please note that (tick, if applicable):		
of for reasons of public security, the addressee must refrain from informing the content provider whose content is being removed or or to which access has been disabled.		
Otherwise: Details of possibilities to contest the removal order in the issuing Member State (which can be passed to the content provider, if requested) under national law; see Section G below:		

SECTION D: Informing Member State of jurisdiction		
□Tick if the state of jurisidiction of the addressee is other than the issuing Member State:		
 a copy of the removal order is sent to the relevant competent authority of the state of jurisdiction 		

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SECTION E: Details of the authority which issued the removal order			
The type of authority which issued this removal order (tick the relevant box):			
□ judge, court, or investigating judge			
law enforcement authority			
 □ other competent authority → please complete also Section (F) 			
Details of the issuing authority and/or its representative certifying the removal order as accurate and correct:			
Name of authority:			
[Name of its representative]:			
Post held (title/grade):			

SECTION F: Contact details for follow-up		
Contact details where issuing authority can be reached to receive feedback on time of removal or the disabling of access, or to provide further clarification:		
Contact details of the authority of the state of jurisdiction of the addressee [if different to the issuing Member State]		

SECTION G: Information about redress possibilities Information about competent body or court, deadlines and procedures for contesting the removal order: Competent body or court to contest the removal order: Deadline for contesting the decision: Xxx months starting from xxxx Link to provisions in national legislation:	SECTION G: Information about redress possibilities Information about competent body or court, deadlines and procedures including formal requirements for contesting the removal order: Competent body or court to contest the removal order: Deadline for contesting the decision: Xxx months starting from xxxx Link to provisions in national legislation:	
Annex II		

ANNEX II		
FEEDBACK FORM FOLLOWING REMOVAL OR DISABLING OF		
TERRORIST CONTENT (Article 4 (5) of Regulation (EU) xxx)		

A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR		
SECTION A:		
Addressee of the removal order :		
Authority which issued the removal order:		
File reference of the issuing authority		
File reference of the addressee:		
Time and date of receipt of removal order:		

SECTION B:		
The terrorist content/ access to terrorist content, subject to the removal order has been (tick the relevant box):		
□ removed		
□ disabled		
Time and date of removal or disabling access		
SECTION C: Details of the addressee		
Name of the hosting service provider/ legal representative:		
Member State of main establishment or of establishment of the legal representative:		
Name of the authorised person:		
Details of contact point (Email):		
Date:		

Annex III		
INFORMATION ON THE IMPOSSIBILITY TO EXECUTE THE REMOVAL ORDER (Article 4 (6) and (7) of Regulation (EU) xxx)		
SECTION A:		
Addressee of the removal order:		
Authority which issued the removal order:		
File reference of the issuing authority:		
File reference of the addressee:		
Time and date of receipt of removal order:		

SECTION B: Reasons for non-execution	AM 155	
(i) The removal order cannot be executed or cannot be executed within the requested deadline for the following reason(s): force majeure or de facto impossibility not attributable to the addressee or the	SECTION B: Reasons for non- execution (i) The removal order cannot be executed or cannot be executed within the requested deadline for the following reason(s):	
 the removal order contains manifest errors the removal order does not contain sufficient information (ii) Please provide further information as to the reasons for non- 	force majeure or de facto impossibility not attributable to the addressee or the service provider, including for technical or operational reasons	
execution:	the removal order contains manifest errors	
(iii) If the removal order contains manifest errors and/or does not contain sufficient information,	the removal order does not contain sufficient information	
please specify which	(ii) Please provide	

the	CTION H: Details of service provider / legal representative		
pro	me of the service wider/ legal resentative:		
	me of the authorised rson:		
Cor	ntact details (Email):		
Sign	nature:		
Tin	ne and date:		