



**REGIONS  
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# Urban Security

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# Policy context – Building a Security Union

Since 2015 – several strands of work, incl. 18 October 2017 – Counterterrorism Package with a number of measures to support Member States in fighting terrorism:

**I. Measures to improve the protection and resilience against terrorism (incl. two Action Plans: on CBRN and on the protection of public spaces);**

II. Actions tackling the means that support terrorism (including on terrorist financing and explosives precursors);

**III. Countering radicalisation**

IV. Dedicated EU funding

## **2017 Action Plan to support the Protection of Public Spaces**

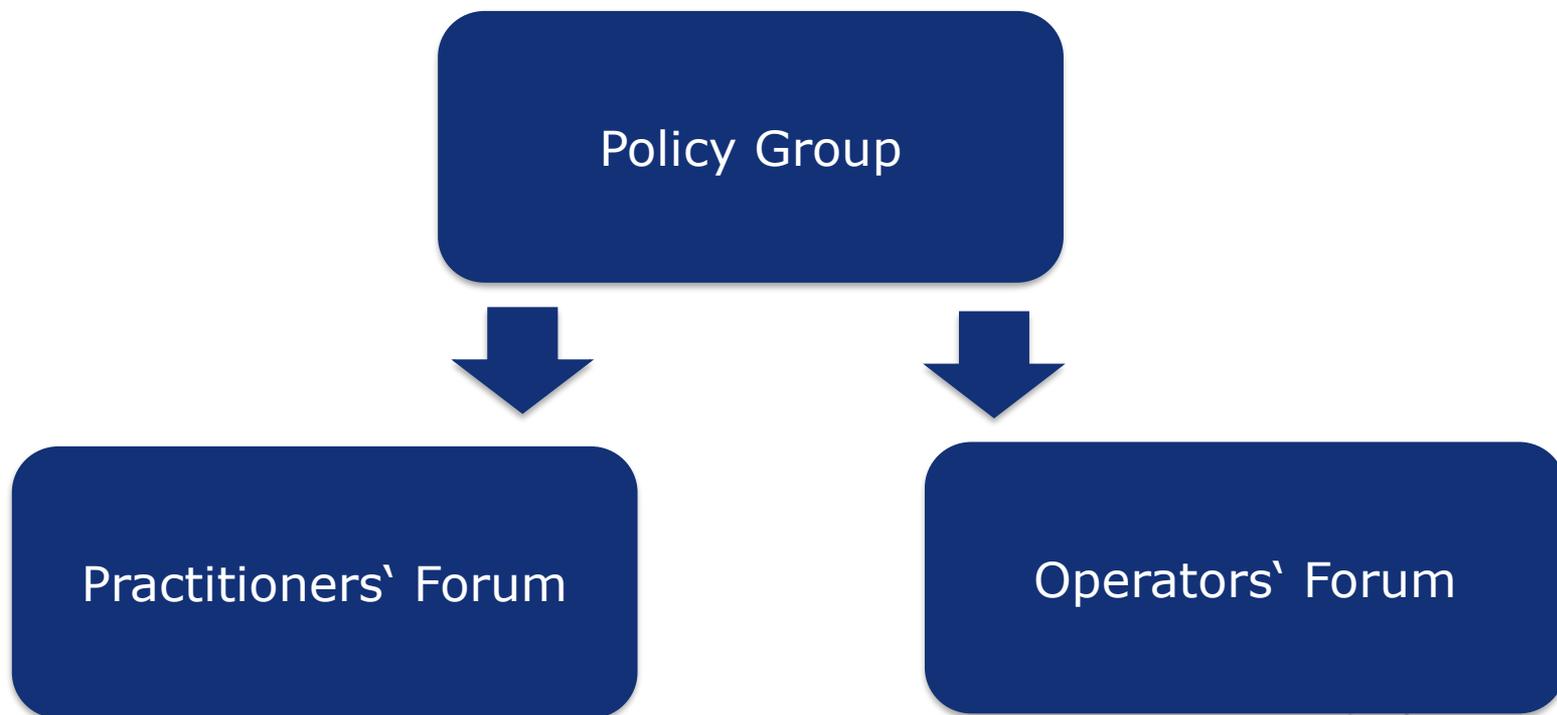
Recent terrorist attacks have recurrently targeted public spaces. These so-called "soft targets" are attractive to terrorists due to their open nature and public character.

The Action Plan aims to support Member States through:

- 1) Fostering the exchange of best practice
- 2) Dedicated funding
- 3) Establishing and facilitating networks
- 4) Providing guidance material.

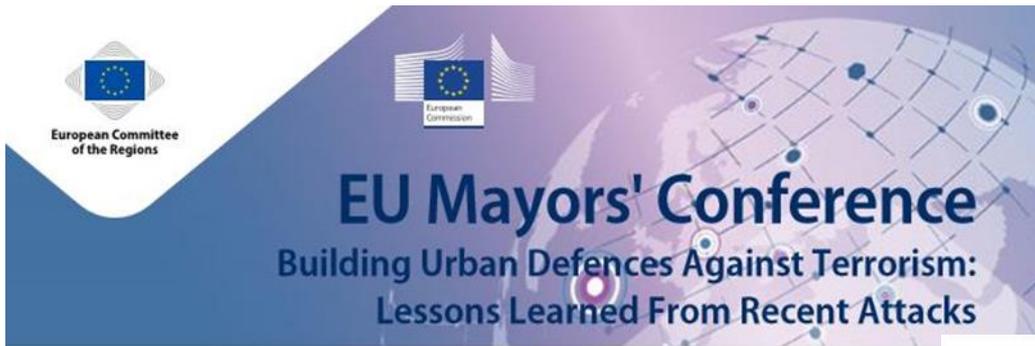
# Enhancing the protection of public spaces

*Creating fora for the exchange of good practices, lessons learnt and to develop guidance material*



# Creating a dialogue with local and regional actors

*Increased cross-sectoral preparedness to security threats against public spaces including better coordination among first responders and different authorities*



<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda-eu/interested-become-member-or-coordinator-partnership-under-umbrella-urban-agenda-eu>

# Research/ Guidance/ Standardisation

*Improvement of spatial design, urban planning and security by design concepts to better protect public spaces, improvement of the resilience of buildings and infrastructure*

*Standardisation of processes and technical requirements to enhance urban security*



## **Empowerment and capacity building of local communities, including enhances risk awareness, building resilience – key messages:**

- The crucial role of the local dimension of prevent work has been recognised in **various EU policy documents**.
- **First line responders at the local level** are often best placed to detect and respond to signs of radicalisation and need skills, resources and an appropriate framework in which to operate in.
- Building resilience as a long-term goal should build on the involvement of civil society partners and other relevant stakeholders in an effective **multi-agency** approach.

## The European Commission assists cities through financial support and capacity building

- Support through capacity building: **Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN LOCAL)**
- Examples of **EU funded projects** focused on the local dimension: LIAISE I and II, Practicies

### **EU cities are supported and linked also by non-EU-funded organisations and initiatives**

- New projects should avoid duplications!

## **The focus of future projects should be on building long term capacities and resilience by...**

- ... developing innovative and transferrable methodologies by leveraging on existing knowledge and practices without redundancies
- ... fostering exchanges of experiences, information and expertise among stakeholders and cities
- ... ensuring an in-built evaluation element of the project, in order to continuously improve its outcomes and efficiency

# Providing EU Funding

## Funding for setting up networks of regions and cities to work together on integration:

Call for proposals open until 31st January 2019: the Commission intends to finance transnational projects setting-up network of regions and cities to work together on integration.

The aim is to allow transfer of knowledge, exchange of practices and experiences at local and regional level across Member States.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/amif/topics/amif-2018-ag-inte-1.html>



## Internal Security Fund Police

Call for proposals on Radicalisation and Protect (call open this week)

[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/financing/fundings/security-and-safeguarding-liberties/internal-security-fund-police/union-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/financing/fundings/security-and-safeguarding-liberties/internal-security-fund-police/union-actions_en)



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