
EU: commemorating the victims of terrorism. “We defend our cherished values of peace, respect and solidarity”

“On the European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism we honour the memory of all those who have tragically fallen victims to terrorist acts, whether on EU soil or beyond our borders. This year holds particular significance as we mark the commemoration of the attack in Madrid two decades ago. The memory of the victims will live on. It will serve as a poignant reminder of the enduring impact of terrorism”. This is how the EU Commission commemorates the Day that honours the memory of those who lost their lives to international terrorism. “With unwavering unity, we defend our cherished values of peace, respect and solidarity. We will not let terrorists instil fear and hate in our society”. In 2020, the EU Commission put forward an antiterrorism agenda so that the European Union can “better anticipate, prevent, protect and respond to terrorist threats. Since then, a lot of progress has been made, notably in addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online”. Since December 2023, “*with the entry into force of the Terrorist Content Online Regulation, more than 300 orders to remove terrorist content online have been successfully implemented*”. In addition, “combatting terrorism means standing by its victims. The Commission is strongly committed to support victims as they rebuild their lives. [...] On this day of remembrance, we renew our resolve in supporting victims and fostering inclusive and resilient societies”.

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