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EP discuss about tackling the threats to the security in Europe

Security situation changed dramatically

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USPA NEWS - Terrorism continues to pose a threat to Europe's security, but what is the best way to tackle it? The Parliament's civil liberties committee held a hearing to discuss with experts the evolving terrorist threats, the fight against extremism and radicalisation and what the EU could do to help.

Experts discussed how Europeans could become radicalised in a short period of time and the role played by the internet and social media. They also talked about the EU's existing policy instruments and how to improve them. UK S&D member Claude Moraes, chair of the civil liberties committee, said the hearing had proved very useful. “The security situation in Europe has changed dramatically in recent years,“ he said. “This hearing offered a great opportunity for experts and MEPs to come together to discuss ways to ensure a comprehensive approach with regards to counter-terrorism and tackling radicalism. It also highlighted the general consensus which exists with regards to strengthening cross-border cooperation between authorities.“

French EPP member Rachida Dati, who is writing a report on the prevention of radicalisation and recruitment of Europeans by terrorist organisations, stressed the importance of European Parliament´s role in the fight against terrorism and called for a better coordination and more effective actions on European level: “Terrorists will always take advantage of the lack of the coordination between EU member states. We need a clear and more binding framework for better cooperation of the intelligence agencies in the EU and with third countries, who also are victims of terrorism and jihadism. It is urgent to train prison staff for detection and prevention of radicalisation.“

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