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The Commission acknowledges the threat posed by transnational left-wing extremism, which varies across Member States. Its transnational dimension is increasingly shaped by geopolitical tension which serve as catalysts for cross-border radicalisation. Europol supports Member States in information sharing, in jointly carrying out investigative and operational activities, and in preparing threats assessments, strategic and operational analysis. It focuses on identifying trends and cross-border activities, improving law enforcement cooperation, and ensuring an effective EU response to the threats of serious international and organised crime, cybercrime and terrorism in the EU.

The EU has a robust legal framework in place, including the Terrorist Content Online Regulation¹ and the Digital Services Act (DSA)². In particular, the Terrorist Content Online Regulation provides a unique legal framework to counter specifically the dissemination of terrorist content, while the DSA harmonises the rules applicable to intermediary services (including online platforms) and aims to ensure a safe, predictable and trusted online environment, addressing the dissemination of illegal content online and the societal risks that the dissemination of other type of content may generate. In addition, the Commission is working with digital platforms in the framework of the EU Internet Forum to take additional voluntary measures to counter the misuse of hosting services for terrorist or violent extremist purposes regardless the underlying ideology.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/784 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 on addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 172, 17.5.2021.

² Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market For Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 277, 27.10.2022.