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## How to Counter the New terrorism?

Author: Gilles de Kerchove



After the recent terrorist attacks in London and Manchester, Paris and Brussels, the question is: how do we counter terrorism? Gilles de Kerchove, the EU's Counter Terrorism Coordinator recalls the Union's added value but also the challenges to which we have to rise in order to be more effective together. This text was published in the "Schuman Report on Europe, State of the Union 2017" by Ligne de Repères in March 2017."

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In an editorial Jean-Dominique Giuliani expresses his delight with the return of close Franco-German relations notably from the European point of view... [Read more](#)

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"For a few stars more ... Which European policy for France?"

The Foundation's Chairman, Jean-Dominique Giuliani has published "Pour quelques étoiles de plus.. Quelle politique européenne pour la France?" This is an enlightening read in the wake of the European Council which has stepped up initiatives in terms of defence and security... [Read more](#)



Read the article on the fight to counter terrorism in the Schuman Report on Europe, State of the Union 2017



Whilst the European Council has just stepped up the fight to counter terrorism, the Foundation invites you to read the article by Gilles de Kerchove in the "Schuman Report on Europe, State of the Union 2017" that has been published by Lignes de Repères in both French and English, offering many articles that are all interesting. Order your copy on line!.. [Read more](#)

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##### Progress regarding defence and security



On 22nd and 23rd June the 28 heads of State and government adopted conclusions on security and defence, climate change, the economy, migration and digital Europe... [Read more](#)

#### Commission :

##### New transparency rules for tax planning intermediaries



On 21st June the European Commission put forward some new stricter transparency rules for the intermediaries, like tax advisors, accountants, banks and lawyers who design and promote tax planning measures for their clients... [Read more](#)

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##### Development of the new generation X6 Airbus helicopter



On 19th June the Commission gave the greenlight to 377 million € granted by the French and German authorities to develop the new generation X6 Airbus helicopter... [Read more](#)

##### Opening of new chapters with Serbia and Montenegro



On 20th June the European Union opened new chapters in the negotiations that it is undertaking with Serbia and Montenegro in view of their membership of the Union. Two chapters on free movement of merchandise and regarding the European regional policy were opened with Montenegro. A chapter on external relations was "provisionally closed". With Serbia which has already opened 10 chapters, two new areas of negotiation were opened: chapter 7 on intellectual property law and chapter 29 on Customs Union... [Read more](#)

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##### Investments in Transport



On 23rd June the European Commission proposed investments of 2.7 billion € in support of 152 transport projects. With this the Commission is showing its determination to keep its commitments regarding connected mobility in Europe... [Read more](#)

#### Parliament :

##### Consumer protection in the digital era



On 21st June the Maltese Presidency concluded a preliminary agreement regarding e-commerce with the representatives of the European Parliament in order to strengthen cooperation between the national authorities responsible for implementing consumer protection laws... [Read more](#)

### 33rd Session of the joint parliamentary assembly ACP-EU



The 33rd session of the joint parliamentary assembly that brings together the countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) and the EU took place on 19th to 21st June in Malta. MPs called for immediate solutions in the face of a serious humanitarian disaster, recalling that crimes against humanity must be judged and punished; they also asserted the need for a strong strategy in terms of the security situation in Sahel... [Read more](#)

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### Council :

#### Conclusions of the General Affairs Council



On 20th June the European Affairs Ministers assessed the mid-term review of the Union's multi-annual budget 2014-2020; they discussed the priorities for 2018 and the Council's programme for the next 18 months. They then discussed Brexit and the development of negotiations under article 50... [Read more](#)

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#### Conclusions on Blue Growth



The 28 Energy Ministers adopted conclusions on Blue Growth on 26th June... [Read more](#)

#### Priorities of the trio in the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union



On 20th June Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria defined their priorities for their future presidency of the Council. Estonia which will occupy the presidency as of 1st July wants to focus on digital issues and development... [Read more](#)

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#### Conclusion of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council



On 26th June the Council adopted a regulation regarding the energy efficiency labelling. The 27 energy and transport ministers also adopted a general guideline regarding the directive on energy performance and efficiency... [Read more](#)

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### Diplomacy :

#### Conclusions of the Eastern Partnership Council



On 19th June Ministers of the Eastern Partnership stepped up their cooperation in four areas defined by the Riga Agreements: better governance, stronger, more mobile society, more prosperous economy, increasingly interconnected States... [Read more](#)

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#### Report on the state of relations between EU and Lebanon



The Commission delivered a report on 23rd June on its partnership with Lebanon. Over the last two years the EU and Lebanon have deepened their partnership. In spite of the crisis in Syria the EU has strengthened its support by stimulating development and by strengthening cooperation in areas like security, education, good governance and trade... [Read more](#)

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### ECB :

#### The ECB publishes the agreement on emergency liquidity assistance



On 19th of July, the European Central Bank (ECB) published the agreement text on the supply of ELA following a decision taken by the Council of Governors on 17th May with the aim of increasing transparency... [Read more](#)

### European Agencies :

## European Space Agency sets up the PLATO and LISA missions



The PLATO mission that plans for the construction of a space observatory on the exoplanets and the mission eLisa, formerly called LISA, comprising the launch into orbit of a gravitational wave detector were adopted by the European Space Agency (ESA) on 20th June...

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## China and Hong-Kong the biggest counterfeit platforms in the world



China and Hong-Kong are by far the greatest exporters of counterfeit products in the world, declared Europol on 22nd June to the backdrop of an increasingly complex battle to counter sophisticated counterfeits. In 2015 the two territories "were the source of 86% of counterfeits in the world."..

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## Germany :

### Joint Franco-German Presse Conference



Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor and Emmanuel Macron, the French President held a joint press conference on 23rd June after the European Council in Brussels. The leaders reasserted their determination to work together and recalled the European Union's strength...

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### Civil20 meeting in Hamburg



German Chancellor Angela Merkel met organisations from civil society on 18th and 19th June as part of the Civil20 Dialogue Forum in preparation for the G20 summit at the beginning of July...

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## France :

### New French government



On 21st June the second French government led by Edouard Philippe was made public. It comprises 30 ministers and Secretaries of State, half of whom are women...

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### Interview with Emmanuel Macron in several European newspapers



On 22nd June in his first major interview since he entered office given to eight European newspaper (Le Figaro, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Le Soir, The Guardian, Corriere Della Serra, El Pais, Gazeta Woborcza, Le Temps), French President Emmanuel Macron unveiled his vision for Europe and laid out his main foreign policy goals...

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## Ireland :

### Meeting between Michel Barnier and Simon Coveney



On 20th June the new Irish Foreign Affairs Minister Simon Coveney met Michel Barnier, the EU's negotiator in chief for the Brexit. Mr Coveney recalled Ireland's priorities, i.e. "avoid a 'hard border' between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and to protect peace and to maintain the common area of free movement with the UK..."

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## Romania :

### Vote of censure against the Romanian Prime Minister Sorin Grindeanu



On 21st June a motion of censure against Romanian Prime Minister, Sorin Grindeanu was adopted by the majority of the social-democratic party in office...

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### Appointment of Social Democrat Mihai Tudose as Prime Minister



On the proposal of the Social Democratic Party in office which rejected the previous head of government originally from its ranks, Romanian President Klaus Iohannis appointed outgoing Economy Minister, Mihai Tudose as new prime minister on 26th June...

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## UK :

## State opening of British Parliament



On 21st June Queen Elizabeth II gave her speech to the House of Lords thereby opening the sessions of the British Parliament. The speech developed the government legislative programme for the next two years... [Read more](#)

## Meeting between Theresa May and Leo Varadkar



On 19th June British Prime Minister Theresa May met her Irish counterpart, Leo Varadkar. After having recalled the strong links between the UK and Ireland they then discussed the urgent issue of settling the government crisis in Northern Ireland as well as the issues linked to the Brexit... [Read more](#)

## Theresa May signs a government agreement with the government of Northern Ireland



On 26th June British Prime Minister signed a government agreement with the DUP of Northern Ireland. This agreement provides that the DUP will support the government regarding draft bills associated with the Brexit, the budget, the economy, national security in exchange for an investment of 1.1 billion € in Northern Ireland... [Read more](#)

## Albania :

## General Elections in Albania



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On 25th June the Socialist Party of Prime Minister Edi Rama came out ahead in the general elections in Albania ahead of the Democratic Party led by Lulzim Basha, according to the most recent data released by the Albanian Electoral Committee. Turnout remained low at 44.90%... [Read more](#)

## Serbia :

## Ana Brnabic appointed Prime Minister



Ana Brnabic, who to date was the Minister for Local Administration was appointed Prime Minister in Serbia. Aged 41 and of Croatian origin, she will be taking over from Aleksandar Vučić who has been elected president... [Read more](#)

## Migration :

## Europe's answers to the migratory crisis since 2014



On 21st June several European Parliament committees published a paper on the responses given by Europe to the migratory crisis since 2014... [Read more](#)

## Helping citizens from third countries enter the labour market



On the occasion of the UN's World Refugee Day on 20th June, the Commission launched the "European skills profile tool for non-EU nationals to help them promote their skills, qualifications and experiences in a manner that can be easily understood... [Read more](#)

## A citizen of a non-EU country and holder of a single work permit in the EU can receive social benefits



According to an EU Court of Justice decision delivered on 21st June, a citizen of a non-EU country and holder of a single work permit in a Member State enjoys, as a general rule, the social security services provided for all citizens of this State... [Read more](#)



## Timing impacts asylum seekers' requests and the Member States



According to a press release by the ECJ dated 20th June someone seeking international protection can challenge the decision of a Member State to transfer him/her to another Member State due to the "take charge request" sent by the first Member States if it has not be presented within the time limit laid out by Union law... [Read more](#)

## Council of Europe :

### Council of Europe's recommendation on the e-vote



On 19th June the Council of Europe adopted a new recommendation regarding the standards relative to the e-vote... [Read more](#)

## Studies/Reports :

### Innovation Scoreboard 2017



On 20th June the Commission published the new 2017 Innovation Scoreboard. It notes that the EU's results in terms of innovation have continued to improve even though there are certain disparities between Member States... [Read more](#)

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### Report on obstacles to trade and investment



On 23rd June the Commission delivered its 7th report on obstacles to trade and investment that are directly affecting Union economic players in third countries... [Read more](#)

### The Council of Europe's annual report against racism



According to the annual report by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) at the Council of Europe published on 22nd June, the sharp rise in nationalist populism and xenophobic hate speech were major issues in Europe in 2016... [Read more](#)

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## Culture :

### The European Union awarded the Asturias Prize



On 21st June the European Union won the Premio Princesa de Asturias de la Concordia Award, deemed to be the Nobel prize of the Hispanic world, for its "unique supranational integration model"... [Read more](#)

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### International Film Festival Edinburgh



Until 2nd July the international film festival in Edinburgh, the oldest cinema festival in the work is celebrating its 70th anniversary... [Read more](#)

### Photography festival Arles



The Photography Festival of Arles will comprise 40 exhibitions this year from 3rd July to 24th September... [Read more](#)

### Roskilde Festival Denmark



Until 1st July the town of Roskilde is hosting the biggest rock and hip-hop festival in Europe (founded in 1971)... [Read more](#)

### Jazz Fest Vienne



From 29th June to 13th July in Vienne (France) the annual Jazz Festival will be taking place with many artistic and cultural disciplines taking part... [Read more](#)

#### Jazz Festival Montreux



From 30th June to 1st July the town of Montreux in Switzerland will be hosting many artists as part of its annual jazz festival... [Read more](#)

#### David Hockney Exhibition at the Pompidou Centre



Until 23rd October, the Pompidou Centre together with the Tate Britain (London) and the Metropolitan Museum (New York), is running the most comprehensive retrospective devoted to David Hockney's work as the artist turns 80. More than 160 paintings, prints, drawings and other works are on show... [Read more](#)

#### Agenda :



26th June

Luxembourg

"Transport, Telecommunications and Energy" Council



1st July

Estonia

Presidency of the Council (Until 31st December)



3rd to 6th July

Strasbourg

Plenary session of the European Parliament

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