

# Virtual Open Briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee

## Protection of 'Soft' Targets Against Terrorist Attacks

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# Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets

## CONTEXT

- Challenge for Member States
- 2006 Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288)

“To step up all efforts to improve the security and protection of particularly vulnerable targets, such as infrastructure and public places”

- Continued / increasing threat globally



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- Direct **response to a call** from:
  - **Member States**
    - CTED-INTERPOL-UNOCT regional workshops
    - CTC/CTED visits
  - **General Assembly**
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/72/284)
  - **Security Council and Counter-Terrorism Committee**
    - Resolution 2396 (2017)
    - 2018 Addendum to the Madrid Guiding Principles



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## APPROACH

- **All-of-UN approach:** partnership with Global CT Compact entities
- **Practical support:** Good practices and guidance
- **Comprehensive and collaborative approaches**
- **Tools and skills:** training courses
- **Sustainability:** mentoring



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## THEMATIC AREAS

- Urban centres
- Touristic venues
- Major Sporting Events - *in the framework of the*
- Religious sites
- Countering the threat posed by UAS



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## ACTIVITIES

### 1. Addendum to the Compendium of Good Practices on the protection of Critical Infrastructures

- Modular approach (per thematic area)
- Operational guidance for Member States authorities and private sector
- Series of thematic Expert Group Meetings

### 2. Development of National Action Plans

- Scoping mission to assess existing legal, policy and operational framework and mechanisms, and gaps
- Preparation of a recommended National Action Plan
- Adoption and implementation by the beneficiary Member State

### 3. Enhancing the operational capacities of Member States

- Delivery of operational training courses (crisis management, information sharing, risk assessment, investigations)
- Mentoring services to support the implementation of SOPs



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## STATE OF PLAY and NEXT STEPS

### 19 January 2021

- Launch Event of the Global Programme
- High-level Panel on the Protection of Religious Sites

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021:

- Expert Group Meeting on Urban centres and Touristic venues
- Expert Group Meeting on Countering the threat posed by UAS

### Summer 2021:

- Modular Addendum to the Compendium of Good Practices
- Scoping missions and National Action Plans

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021:

- Revision of the Compendium of Good Practices
- First training courses



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