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# Coordination in Counter-Terrorism

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- Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER)
- Set up in 2003
- Will be “steering committee” as from January 2014
- 47 members



## Main tasks:

- Follow implementation of legal instruments
- Exchange information
- Coordinate the work of Council of Europe inter-governmental committees on terrorism
- Provide an intergovernmental setting for the negotiation and finalisation of legal instruments (including amendments to existing legal instruments)
- Examine Council of Europe legal instruments under its responsibility



## Main strengths of CODEXTER:

- Expert body on the relation between counter-terrorism measures and human rights and the rule of law
- Pan-European body for standard-setting in the field of terrorism and criminal law in general
- Provides an intergovernmental setting for policy developments
- Facilitates information exchange between participating States and Organisations



## Main challenges for CODEXTER:

- Cannot provide long-term training programmes or model legislation
- Is primarily active at the regional, European level



## Some challenges for international coordination in counter-terrorism in general:

- Many different actors both at global and regional levels
- Sometimes difficult to get comprehensive overview of activities of various organisations
- Overlapping activities



## Some suggestions for the way ahead:

- Avoid “competition” and forge(even)closer cooperation ties between Organisations
- Avoid overlapping activities (to the extent possible)
- Identify “who does what best”?
- Sharing experiences
- Use the different strengths of Organisations to facilitate different kinds of cooperation between States



Thank you for your attention!

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