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1. Raising funds for a good cause



In Denmark, there is a long and great tradition of raising money for the non-profit work of various organisations and associations.

We raise funds when there is a disaster such as the tsunami in South East Asia in 2004, the earthquakes in Pakistan in 2008 and in Haiti in 2010.

But we also continuously raise money through associations and at festivals and private parties. Or in connection with the regular functions held

by the religious communities, e.g. during church services or Friday Prayer at the mosques.

The money collected through official fundraising activities and our own personal contributions constitute an important and large part of the means available to charitable organisations and associations for their projects.

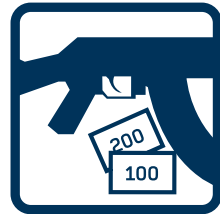
Supporting a good cause and helping others is a great tradition which we must maintain and support.

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2.

Supporting terrorism



However, in recent years, there has been a tendency that some of the money raised ends up in the wrong hands and is, subsequently, used directly – or indirectly – for supporting terrorism.

Experience also shows that organisations and associations are used for or even established with the purpose of financing terrorism – a problem which both the EU and the UN are focusing on.



Like other countries, Denmark has also introduced regulations in order to prevent that money or other assets of value are collected, transferred or passed on to persons, organisations or groups that support or commit acts of terrorism.



The regulations can be found in Section 114 of the Danish Criminal Code

Supporting terrorism is a criminal offence

Supporting terrorism has consequences. You may be punished with imprisonment, if you:

- § **Donate money** to a person, organisation, group or society that supports or commits acts of terrorism.
- § **Raise funds** for the benefit of a person, organisation, group or society that supports or commits acts of terrorism.
- § **Obtain loans** for a person, organisation, group or society that supports or commits acts of terrorism.
- § **Donate items** of value to a person, organisation, group or society that supports or commits acts of terrorism.
- § **Support projects** that indirectly may be part of the establishment of a terrorist group.

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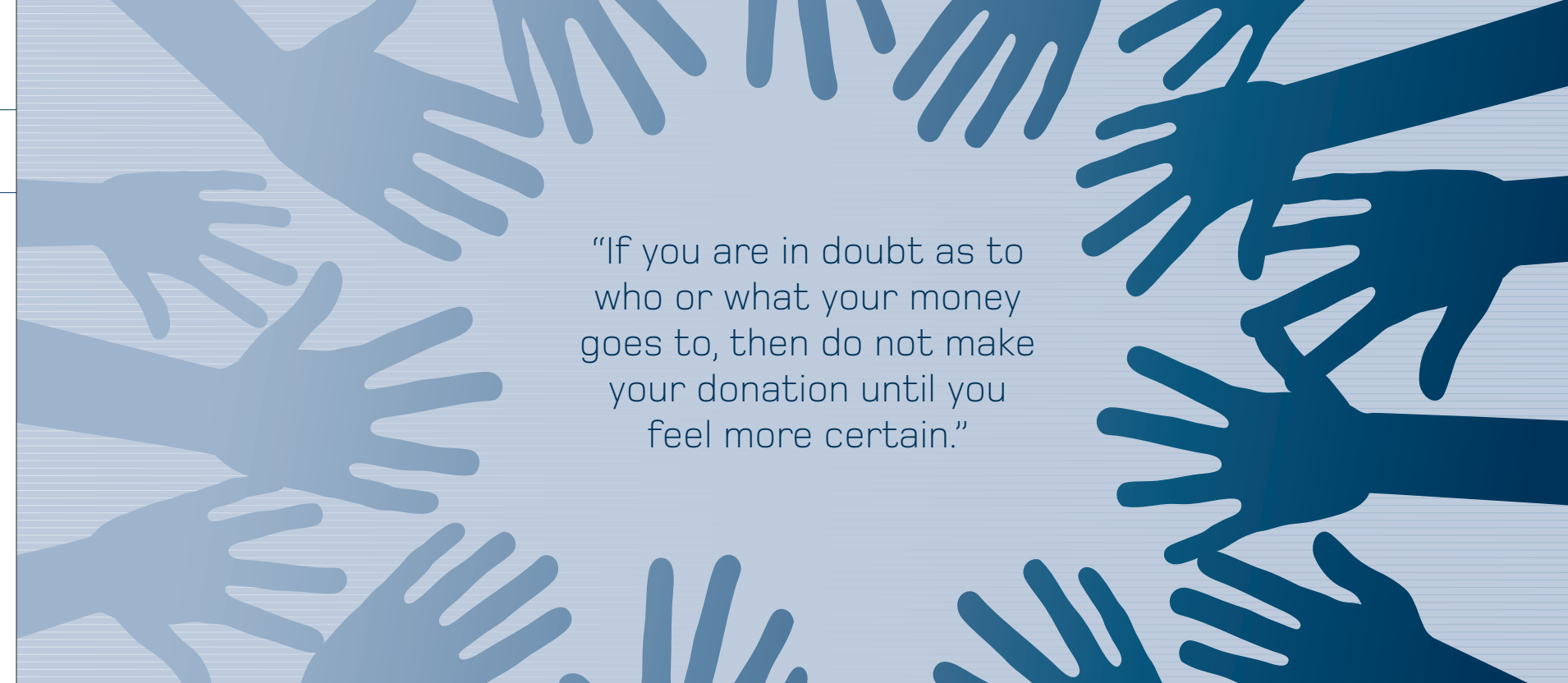
Terror plans cost money

Whenever an act of terrorism is committed, it is often the result of lengthy and expensive planning.

Terrorists need every euro, dollar or krone that they are able to raise. They must finance their criminal activities somehow, but sometimes they have to abandon their plans completely, because the groups behind the plans do not have the money to realise them.

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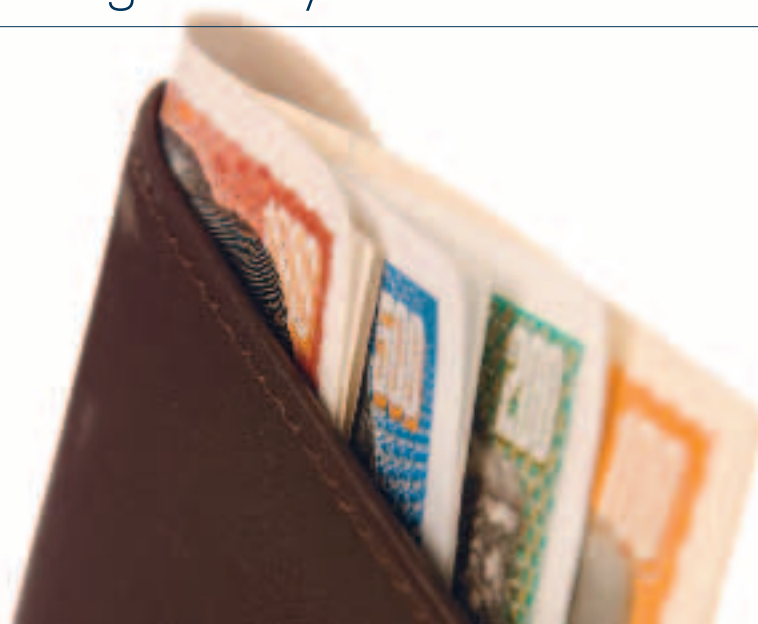


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Spend your money the right way



There are things you can do to prevent that you or your organisation raise money for terror related persons or purposes.



€ Use your common sense and judgement.

€ If you are in doubt as to who or what your money goes to, then do not make your donation until you feel more certain.

€ Ask questions and ask to see the accounts. Get hold of a website address. The less information you are able to obtain concerning a person or an organisation, the more hesitant you should be with regard to making donations or raising funds.

€ You can also ask to make your donation via a payment link on a website. Only organisations authorised by SKAT are able to get an agreement concerning online credit card payment with PBS (the payment service of the Danish financial institutes).

€ Take a look at the official objectives of the organisation as well as its partners and management. Public fundraising events must be authorised by the local police authority which will do a check of the person behind the organisation and whether the organisation actually exists.

€ Contact the association ISO-BRO (the professional association of fundraising organisations in Denmark) if you are in doubt as to whether the fundraising organisation in question meets the ethical demands and guidelines required by ISOBRO members. ISOBRO can be contacted on ☎+45 3635 9622 or via their website www.isobro.dk.

€ Check the annual list from SKAT (the Danish tax authorities) containing all authorised non-profit associations, trusts, institutions, religious communities etc. in Denmark and the EU. The list can be found on www.skat.dk.

€ You can also check whether the organisation or person you wish to support or do fundraising for is on the official EU terror list. This list can be found on PET's website www.pet.dk.

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