

# XRUK IBG-Finance Policy on Funding and Proscribed Organisations

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## Purpose

To set out a clear policy on the allocation of funds from XRUK budgets and accounts to ensure compliance with UK terrorism legislation following the proscription of a direct action group and to protect XRUK, its funders, and individual rebels from legal risk.

## Policy Summary

In line with the UK Terrorism Act 2000 and guidance from XRUK Legal, the Integrated Budget Group (IBG) and XRUK Finance Team will not approve or disburse funds to any individual, group, or project acting in the name of XRUK (or requesting XRUK-linked funds) where there is a credible risk that such funds could be perceived as:

- Supporting a proscribed organisation, directly or indirectly.
- Enabling communications or actions that express, invite, or appear to encourage support for a proscribed group.
- Platforming individuals who profess to belong to a proscribed organisation or who seek to further its aims.

No funding will be approved for:

- Activities, assets, or events that indicate support for proscribed groups
- Any communications (social media, video, print, website) published under XR branding that could appear to express support or solidarity with a proscribed organisation.
- Public events or meetings where a speaker professes membership of or endorses the aims of a proscribed organisation.

Funds already disbursed may be suspended or reclaimed if a group is later found to have breached this policy.

## **Due Diligence and Process**

- Groups submitting budget proposals must confirm compliance with this policy.
- Finance and IBG may seek advice from XRUK Legal where uncertainty exists.
- XRUK Legal retains authority to request removal or redaction of content deemed to present legal risk.

While individual rebels may express views in a personal capacity, no public content, events, or media published under the XRUK name may include any material that could be seen as supporting a proscribed group, as outlined in Proscribed Groups Policy held by the UK Rebel Hive.

This policy will be reviewed in coordination with XRUK Legal as new legal risks or case law emerge. Any updates will be circulated to all funding recipients and budget holders.

### **Contact:**

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