

Western European MEP VI: Lier

JUST FACT SHEET: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the rise of extremism has spurred critical conversations within the EU member states. Addressing the complex dynamics of this multifaceted issue requires a comprehensive examination of both preventative and reactive measures. Which matters should the EU take concerning the rising popularity of extremist parties within the EU?

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SUBQUESTIONS

1. How can we protect democracy within the EU?
2. The question regarding the protection of diversity within the EU.
3. What about the expression of extremism ideologies, because of the parties right to freedom of speech?
4. The question regarding the protection of minorities targeted by extremist parties.

KEY TERMS

Right wing: The section of a political party or system that espouses conservative or socially traditional ideologies, prioritizing national sovereignty, traditional values, free enterprise and potentially supporting stricter immigration controls.

Extremism: The holding of extreme political or religious views and beliefs that most people think are unreasonable and unacceptable; fanaticism.

Freedom of speech: The power or right to express one's opinions without censorship, restraint, or legal penalty. With all its limits.

Immigration: The action of coming to live in a foreign country.

INFORMATION

Bodies already in place

Radicalization Awareness Network (RAN): An EU-wide network established by the European Commission that aims to prevent and counter violent extremism, including right-wing extremism. It brings together practitioners, policymakers, and experts.

EUROPOL: EUROPOL is the European police agency that collaborates with law enforcement agencies in the member states of the European Union. It has a special unit for counterterrorism and is involved in countering extremist threats, including right-wing extremism.

EU list of terrorist organizations: The European Union maintains a list of banned terrorist organizations, including extremist groups. Member states take steps to monitor and combat these groups.

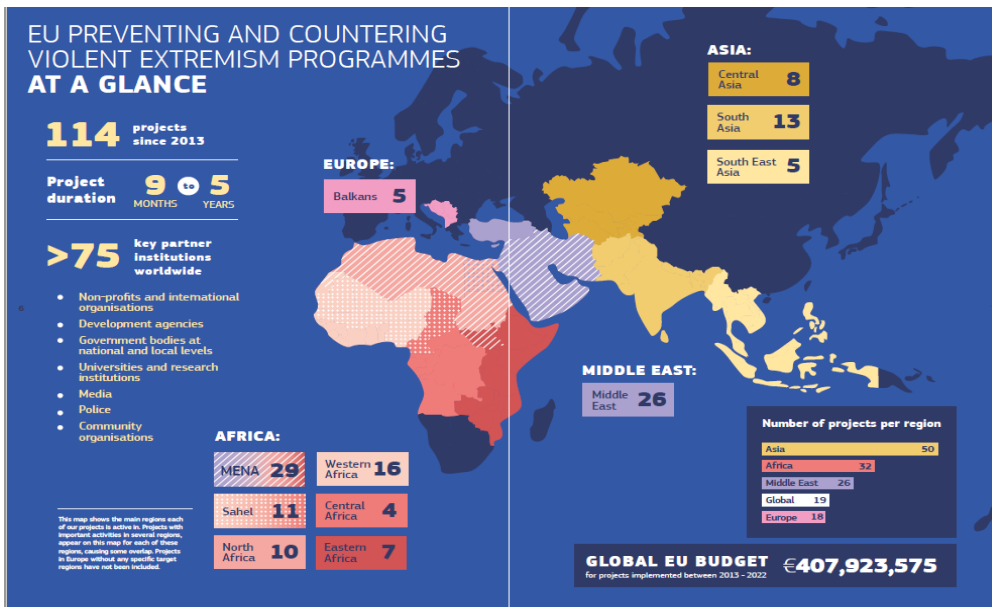
European Commission and EU Anti-Terrorism Coordinator: The European Commission collaborates with member states to develop policies and provide funding for programs aimed at preventing radicalization and countering extremism. The EU also has an anti-terrorism coordinator.

International organizations: European countries work with international organizations such as the United Nations and the Council of Europe to address extremist threats and promote human rights

Useful links

- Right-wing extremism in EU, [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/IPOL_STU\(2021\)700953](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/IPOL_STU(2021)700953)
- Right-wing extremism in EU, <https://www.iemed.org/publication/the-rise-of-the-far-right-in-europe/>
- Freedom of speech, <https://www.unia.be/en/areas-of-action/media-and-internet/internet/the-limits-of-free-speech>
- Percentage of far-right parties, <https://www.statista.com/chart/6852/right-wing-populisms-enormous-potential-across-europe/>
- Right-wing terrorism, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/countering-radical-right/western-europe-right-wing-terrorism-rise/>
- EU's reaction to terrorism, <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/fight-against-terrorism/#prevention%20of%20radicalisation>
- Counter terrorism and violent extremism <https://www.epc.eu/en/Projects/Counter-Terrorism-and-Violent-Extremism~10ff90>
- Left-wing extremism in EU https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-11/ran_vlwae_in_the_eu_analysing_threats_potential_for_p-cve_112021_en.pdf
- Left-wing extremism in EU <https://www.statewatch.org/media/2615/eu-europol-violent-left-wing-anarchist-extremism-presentation-7-7-21.pdf>
- Left-wing violence <https://www.statewatch.org/media/2555/eu-council-violent-left-wing-extremism-ctc-paper-10101-21.pdf>

- Preventing and counteracting violent extremism https://fpi.ec.europa.eu/news-1/preventing-and-counteracting-violent-extremism-stories-around-globe-2021-03-18_en



- Terrorism cost

<https://www.statista.com/chart/14198/terrorism-cost-the-eu-euro180-billion-between-2004-2016/>

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