

# Jihadist extremism in Europe. The concepts and importance of PVE/CVE

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EUROPOL

18

FOILED AND FAILED  
ATTACKS

2019

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25

JIHADIST EVENTS

2020

ICSR

SINCE 2015

22

PRISON RELATED  
ATTACKS OR PLOTS

12 by jihadis who had been  
released up to  
2 years earlier  
6 attacks behind bars

PERSISTENCE  
OF THE  
TERROR  
THREAT IN  
EUROPE

ATTACKS  
BORNE OUT  
OF A WELL-  
DEFINED  
ISLAMIST /  
JIHADIST  
CONTEXT

INDIVIDUALS  
AFFECTED BY  
PERSONAL  
DISTRESS  
RATHER  
THAN  
ENTRENCHED  
IDEOLOGY

LONGTERM  
INVOLVEMENT IN  
JIHADIST  
ACTIVITIES

THE THREAT  
IS STRATIFIED

*"I acknowledge that allocating the same level of resources to CT and CVE post-COVID-19 might be challenging, but I hope that policymakers will recognize that the prevention of terrorism remains crucially important"* (Gilles de Kerchove, Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, EU 2020)

*"the real way to prevent terrorism is to get it right at the start of the radicalisation cycle"* (Neil Basu)

*"Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism" (P/CVE) is a global State-led approach that is part of a broader counter-terrorism agenda. This "whole-of-society" approach aims, through a wide range of mostly non-coercive activities, to address the root causes that may ultimately result in "violent extremism" and acts of "terrorism"*

(Definition PVE/CVE,  
International Red Cross, 2017)