



## PRE-RIGHTS FUSION AND CONSOLIDATION RESEARCH

**Work Package 3** of the Pre-Rights initiative features **research activities** that build upon the findings of the EU-wide survey (comprising an online questionnaire and focus groups) and provide background material for the follow-up dissemination of the training content developed under this project. In terms of scope, the research activities cover preventive measures that are being adopted in the context of countering violent radicalisation and terrorism, including preventive policies that are implemented in correctional settings. Attention is also given to the ways in which EU-UK cooperation in the area of criminal justice has been affected as a result of Brexit.

### RESEARCH OVERVIEW

The results of the research activities carried out under WP3 are collected in a report series. The first report titled **Report on prevention practices in pre- and post-trials: preventive measures in the context of counter-radicalisation**, provides an overview of different types of approaches and measures that are intended to address and tackle radicalisation risks. Preventing radicalisation is a key element of counter-terrorism and in recent years, a growing body of international documents has been developed and promulgated to foster the implementation of an integrated approach for countering violent extremism.

The report examines the existing international framework for promoting effective action on preventing and countering radicalization; and to cover the issue in a comprehensive manner, it focuses on three inter-related themes:

- Identification of suspected radicalised individuals / terrorist suspects.
- Monitoring/surveillance of suspected radicalised individuals / terrorist suspects.
- Addressing the risk of returning foreign fighters, terrorist supporters, and terrorist recruiters.

Each theme is discussed and indicative relevant approaches and measures are presented. This research builds upon the findings of the EU-wide survey and the main trends and themes identified in the Baseline report (Deliverable 2.4).

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## **HYBRID INVESTIGATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE DATA GATHERING**

The second report in the series examines the issue of hybrid investigations and data gathering in the context of counter-terrorism. It uses the definition of terrorism provided in EU Directive 2017/541 and discusses the challenges in identifying would-be terrorists and pre-empting terrorist attacks by drawing upon the growing literature on the process of radicalisation. The concept of a hybrid investigation is understood as a two-fold complex of measures that aim to (1) facilitate the early identification of the risk of violent radicalisation and (2) directly support counter-terrorism. In unpacking this concept, the report reviews existing preventive strategies and tactics for addressing specific aspects of terror-related activities and how stakeholders outside law enforcement and security services could contribute to preventing violent radicalisation.



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## **REPORT ON DATA SHARING**

The third report in the series examines the effects of Brexit on the EU-UK cooperation in the area of criminal justice. It specifically focuses on the issue of data exchange for preventing, addressing, and investigating crime. In particular, the report reviews the main EU instruments and mechanisms for information exchange on criminal matters and discusses how judicial and police cooperation between the EU and UK has changed as a result of Brexit.

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