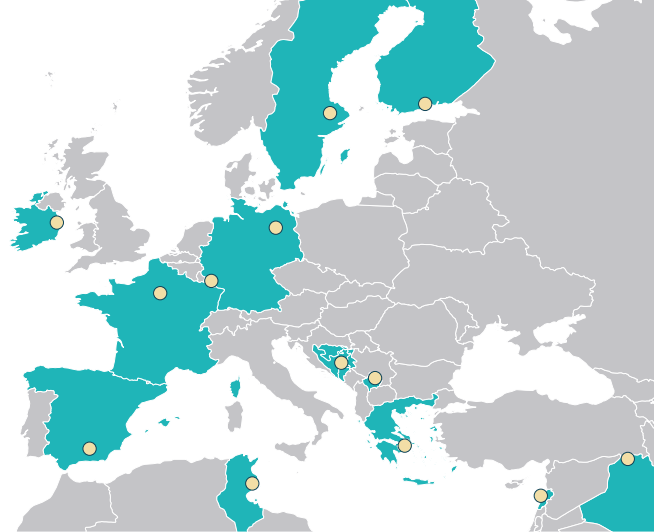


By generating new knowledge about the role of local communities in fuelling and/or preventing radicalisation dynamics, PAVE will provide valuable insights into the tools and mechanisms that EU and other stakeholders can use in addressing factors and contexts of violent extremists.

A particular focus will be on the assessment of existing preventive initiatives and measures to enhance community resilience in the following four thematic areas:

- The interface between religious, political and ethnic/sectarian extremists
- The interaction between religious and state institutions
- On- and offline narratives and (de-)radicalisation
- Transnational interactions, including impact on and from Europe

The interdisciplinary research team will develop innovative training tools and guidelines to support agents of community resilience (including religious leaders, mayors, educators, civil society organisations, women and youth), and will support mutual learning on best practices engaging stakeholders, community leaders, policy-makers and the wider public in the EU, MENA and Western Balkans.



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PAVE – Why?

In the light of an increase in radicalism and violent extremism in Europe and worldwide, there is a growing need for a common political strategy and effective prevention measures. Especially relevant is a look into the local, regional and national contexts and transnational dynamics of violent extremism in the European neighbourhood to draw concrete lessons for the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy and the expanding scope of its external engagement.

While the phenomenon of violent extremism has received increased attention from the research community within and beyond the EU, preventive strategies have been neglected as an object of study, and most analysis so far has been directed towards its transnational effects (such as the phenomenon of foreign fighters) and securitised counter-terrorism approaches.

When it comes to examining the various 'push' and 'pull' factors of radicalisation and violent extremism, scholars have predominantly adopted a macro-level perspective (e.g. structural drivers) or a micro-level perspective (e.g. profiling radicalised individuals). There is, however, a significant knowledge gap regarding the impact of socio-political interactions at the meso-level, which this project will address.

PAVE – Where?

The research will encompass empirical studies and comparative analyses in selected municipalities of: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Iraq, Lebanon and Tunisia.

PAVE – How?

PAVE has two main objectives:

1. to advance evidence-based knowledge on violent extremism in the broader Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and the Western Balkans, and
2. to strengthen the capacity of policy-makers and community leaders for the development of an effective prevention strategy between the European Union and its neighbourhood.

These objectives will be achieved through a bottom-up, participatory strategy.

„Structural and individual drivers of violent extremism are already well researched, hence the PAVE project aims to enhance knowledge on the meso-level of society: What are the roles of communities and especially what factors make them resilient to violent extremism?“



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