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CT-P/CVE
2025 IN REVIEW

Strengthening resilience against terrorism and violent extremism across the globe

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Why CT-P/CVE matters in 2025

Transnational terrorist and extremist networks exploit technology to operate across borders, generating risks that extend to Europe.

In a context of evolving terrorist and violent extremist threats, **effective and evidence-based CT-P/CVE is essential to protect European security.**

Strengthening institutions, enhancing community resilience, and enabling coordinated regional and international responses abroad while upholding human rights and the rule of law ensures that the internal security of the EU is safeguarded.

A global approach to CT-P/CVE

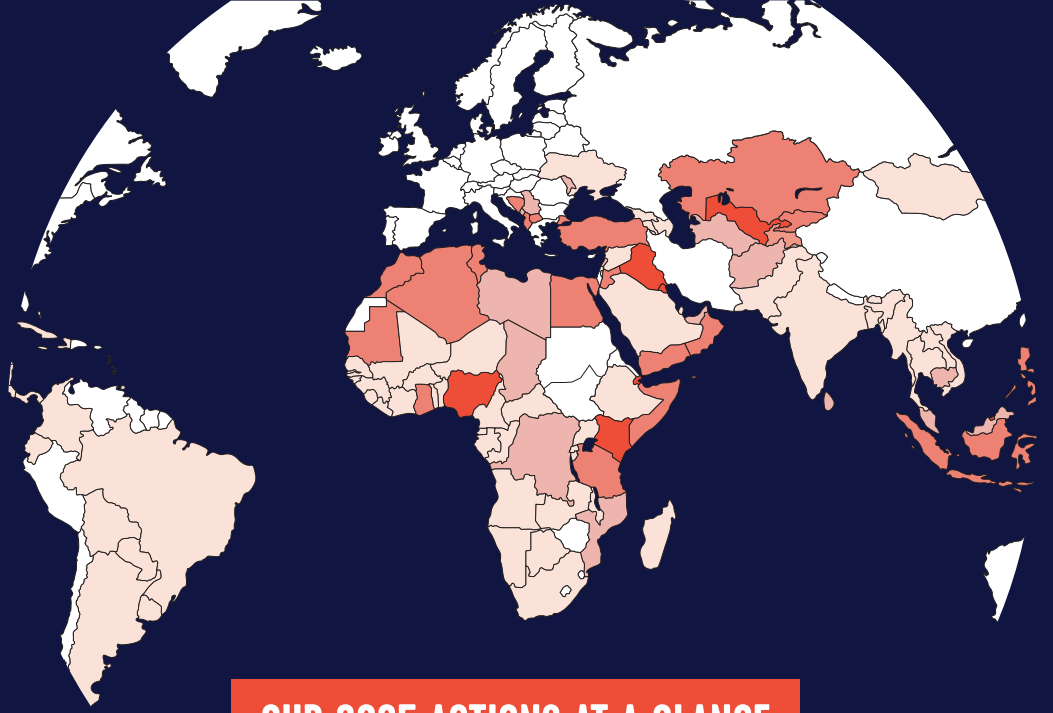
Funded by **NDICI-Global Europe and managed by the European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)**, the EU Global Threats programme helps countries strengthen institutions and promote stability.

As part of the EU's wider CT-P/CVE toolbox, the EU GTp addresses **global and transregional threats**, supporting partners through strategy development, law enforcement and judicial cooperation, and multilateral engagement, combining operational support, capacity-building, and community-led interventions rooted in **human rights** and **gender inclusion**, while tackling emerging challenges including **returnees, terrorist financing**, and the **misuse of new technologies**.

EU CT external priorities as outlined in the **Council Conclusions on the External Dimension of Counterterrorism*** emphasise CT-P/CVE and societal resilience within a whole-of-society framework, anchored in **Common Security and Defence Policy goals, the Strategic Compass, and complemented by the CT-P/CVE Agenda under ProtectEU.***

In practice, the EU engages through CT and Security & Defence dialogues, working groups, and multilateral forums — notably the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) — to influence and shape CT policy.

*2022/C 248/04 ST/10179/2022/INIT and C/2025/300 ST/16820/2024/INIT
*ProtectEU: Agenda to prevent and counter terrorism - COM(2026) 101 final



OUR 2025 ACTIONS AT A GLANCE

19 ACTIVE PROJECTS

+115 COUNTRIES COVERED

180 M EUR TOTAL PORTFOLIO BUDGET

33 M EUR ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE IN 2025*

*Budgetary expenditure based on linear proration.

CORE THEMATICS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES AND CROSS-BORDER/ REGIONAL COOPERATION — 13 PROJECTS

HUMAN RIGHTS, YOUTH, AND GENDER — 8 PROJECTS

DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILISATION, AND REINTEGRATION (DDR) — 5 PROJECTS

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AML/CFT) — 1 PROJECT

PRISON MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF RADICALISATION IN DETENTION — 1 PROJECT

Results and impact

In 2025, the **EU GTp counter-terrorism and P/CVE portfolio** strengthened its global role by helping partner countries **improve capabilities, deepen cooperation, and apply rights based and gender sensitive approaches**. Actions addressed complex, interconnected threats through **evidence-informed capacity-building, strategic advisory support, operational exercises, and targeted technical assistance** with a global focus.

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL CT PARTNERSHIPS AND RULE-OF-LAW COMPLIANCE

- Strengthened compliance with global criminal justice and law enforcement standards.
- Improved coordination between law enforcement, judiciary, and civil protection authorities.
- Aligned national CT strategies with rule-of-law frameworks, enhancing coherence and accountability.
- Reinforced financial crime investigation, regulatory oversight, and preparedness for international evaluations.
- Delivered strategic, technical, and coordination support for multilateral CT priorities through the EU's GCTF chairmanship and CT Dialogues.

> ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE TAKEAWAYS WAS LEARNING FROM BEST PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCES IN CT OPERATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORKS OF LEGALITY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

Participant to CT PHARE and Arab Interior Ministers Council (AIMC) joint training on the Human-Rights based Decision Making Model toolkit.

ENHANCING RISK ASSESSMENT, EARLY DETECTION, AND P/CVE CAPACITIES

- Supported partner countries in assessing terrorism risks and developing evidence-based P/CVE strategies.
- Combined threat analysis, scenario exercises, and targeted guidance to strengthen early detection.
- Addressed radicalisation, online recruitment, and misuse of emerging technologies.
- Equipped authorities with tools and methodologies to anticipate and prevent escalation.
- Reinforced community-level resilience through media literacy and civil society–law enforcement engagement.

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS, WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT APPROACHES, AND GENDER INCLUSION IN CT STRATEGIES

- Integrated human rights, gender mainstreaming, and whole-of-government approaches across CT strategies.
- Revised national frameworks to ensure cross-ministerial coherence and gender-responsive implementation.
- Delivered training and advisory support translating principles into operational practice.
- Strengthened institutional ownership and sustainable policy adoption.
- Promoted inclusion of female officers and civil society to enhance reach, legitimacy, and effectiveness.

DIALOGUE, YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, AND SIMPLE ACTS OF RESPONSIBILITY CAN TRANSFORM FEAR AND DIVISION INTO RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL COHESION.

EXTREMISM GROWS IN THE DISTANCE BUT COLLAPSES WHEN HUMAN CONTACT IS CREATED.

Fjolla Hasani, from Mitrovica, Kosovo.
GCERF beneficiary and youth leader.

"Evidence to Action – Voices from Youth".
Presentation at side event to the Council of the European Union's Working Party on Terrorism. 12 Nov 2025.

2025 CT-P/CVE HIGHLIGHTS

From strategy and standards to frontline capability and community resilience, **FPI strengthened end-to-end CT-P/CVE delivery.**

→ ADVANCED CT-P/CVE SYSTEMS

Strengthened institutionalisation, operational effectiveness, and strategic coherence across the portfolio.

→ ANALYSIS-TO-ACTION MODEL

Linked threat analysis with operational capacity-building and community prevention to reduce risk, support legal compliance, and build resilience.

→ MULTI-LEVEL DELIVERY

Combined policy advisory with local capacity-building to meet local needs while aligning with EU and international standards.

→ SUSTAINED IMPACT TOOLS

Produced knowledge products, toolkits, and digital platforms to extend reach and support ongoing learning.

→ TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Improved authorities' capacity on AI, open-source intelligence, virtual assets, and cyber-enabled risks.

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Stories from the ground

Musa, Zahra, and Hasan survived the horrors of child recruitment by terrorist groups, facing violence, forced roles, and social rejection.

Musa, abducted at 15, endured three years of captivity; Zahra, lured online at 14, suffered forced marriage in Syria; Hasan, 12, was coerced into fighting to protect his family. Their stories reflect thousands of children worldwide exploited and stigmatised. The FPI.1-funded **STRIVE Juvenile** project transformed responses in Indonesia, Iraq, and Nigeria.

Coordinating child protection with security, delivering 20 tailored legal tools, training nearly 1,000 professionals, and reaching over 22,000 children with rehabilitation programmes, the project reshaped policies and set regional standards.

At present, these countries are models for prevention, reintegration, and peace promotion.

Zahra, Musa, and Hasan now reclaim their lives, embraced by communities and authorities. Once silenced, they raise awareness, illustrating that children exploited by terror can be protected, rehabilitated, and reintegrated, **turning trauma into hope.**

For more information on this story, please visit FPI website:
(fpi.ec.europa.eu/children-are-better-protected-terrorism-indonesia-iraq-and-nigeria_en)

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Global reach. Global impact.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

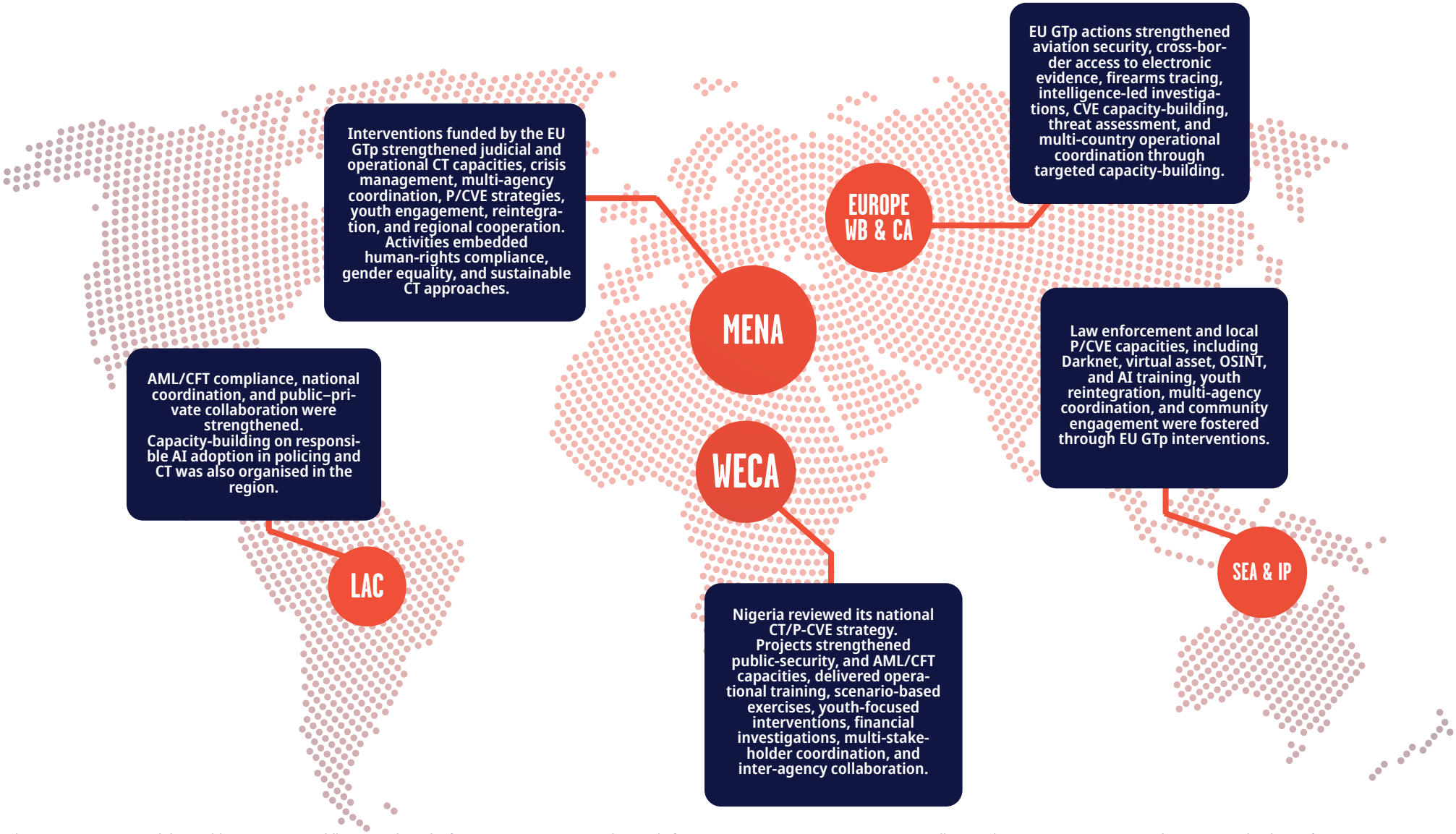
Working with partners to strengthen joint action against terrorism

HELPING COUNTRIES PLAN AND PREPARE

Supporting governments in their CT strategies to tackle evolving threats

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITIES

Building police, judicial, and security capacity while enhancing community resilience



Legend: LAC (Latin America and the Caribbean); MENA (Middle East and North Africa); WECA (West, East and Central Africa); EUROPE, WB & CA (Europe, Western Balkans and Centra Asia); SEA & IP (South East Asia and Indo-Pacific).

For more information, please visit the interactive map on the EU Global Threats programme website: https://global-threats.europa.eu/interactive-map_en

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