



Terrorism

The Clingendael Radar alerts you on new threats for European security



New and novel threats to watch

- **Ukraine as potential hub** for both Islamist and far-right terrorists
 - Ex-ISIS members hiding away from Russia, others using Ukraine as training ground [Foreign Affairs](#), [Jamestown Foundation](#)
 - Either group could benefit from large existing arms trafficking network [European Parliament Policy Department](#)
- **ISIS returnees to Balkans** makes region vulnerable to terrorism
 - Interconnections between terrorism, trafficking networks and Balkan diaspora communities in EU [Atlantic Initiative](#)
 - Lack of well-developed prevention of violent extremism (PVE) policies [Analytica](#)
- **New threats from far right** as they improve their organisation and ability to carry out attacks
 - Well-organised and networked groups: anti-jihadist 'training camps', far-right crowdfunding platforms [The Independent](#), [CNN](#)
 - Recent examples: French far-right militants arrested over suspicion of terror plot; German soldiers under investigation [RFI](#), [DW](#)
- **ISIS women** returning to EU posing greater threat than previously thought
 - ISIS is changing tactics by giving women more active and violent role [Foreign Affairs](#)
 - Challenges: possible indoctrination of children, ability to recruit, international networks etc. [Netherlands Intelligence Service](#)



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Long term trend: an increase in terrorist attacks

Multi-factor assessment for the next 5 years (2017-2021)

Trend table



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		Trend
Base rates	Number of attacks in European Union (by type)	▲
	Fatalities and injuries	▲
Factors	Diversity in choice of target and weapon	▲
	Number of foreign fighters	▲
	Number of lone wolves	▲
	Polarisation of society	▲
	Discrimination	▼
	Inequality	▼
	Poverty	▲
	Employment rate	—
	Perceptions of immigration	?

■ Terrorism threat decreasing ■ Terrorism threat increasing

▲ Factor trending up

▼ Factor trending down



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