

## **Radicalisation and Counter-Radicalisation: A Gender Perspective**

**Region:** EU

**Organisation responsible:** European Parliamentary Research Service

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**Activity:** Report on women's radicalisation and involvement in violent extremist groups.



### **Objectives**

Providing a better understanding on the specific characteristics of women's radicalisation and extremism.

Providing policy recommendations to shape effective, gender-sensitive policies and actions in PVE.

### **Description**

The potential for women's radicalisation and involvement in violent extremist groups continues to be relatively under-estimated, as there is still a misconception that violent extremism and terrorism almost exclusively concern men. However, research demonstrates that, historically, women have been active in politically violent organisations in different regions around the world, not only in auxiliary and support capacities, but also as leaders in organisation, recruitment and fund-raising and in direct operational roles. This paper wants to provide further research on this issue.

### **Beneficiaries**

European Parliament, other European institutions.

#### **GOAL 5: Promote gender justice and expose gender specificities**

(89) Conduct more rigorous research and policy on women participating in armed groups, not only in terrorist organizations.