



Regional Cooperation Council

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The Regional Cooperation Council is working towards

safe and stable South East Europe, part of the European and wider security architecture, able to take care of its own security and contribute to the security of Europe, supporting European and Euro-Atlantic integration process of the region

WHAT DID THE RCC DO SO FAR TO GET THERE?

- **Developed** the SEE **Regional Platform on Countering Violent Extremism and Foreign Terrorist Fighters (CVE-FTF)**, **established** the Group of National Focal Points for CVE-FTF, and created a specialised P-CVE website¹, under the Platform
- **Created specific recommendations** for countering terrorism and violent extremism in South East Europe, together with regional forces of law enforcement experts, public attorneys (prosecutors), academia and civil society
- **Produced** a Study on “Initiatives to Prevent/Counter Violent Extremism in South East Europe”, mapping the existing CVE efforts in the region
- **Coordinated and supported** regional security cooperation initiatives and actively cooperated with all relevant stakeholders

¹ The P-CVE website <http://www.rcc.int/p-cve/>





WHERE DOES THE REGION STAND NOW?

- Significant progress in **confidence building** and establishing **regular, more efficient security cooperation** has been made
- New RCC Participants from **SEE** have joined **NATO** and the **European Union**, while others are making progress towards membership
- **Regional response** and joint action are necessary to address the **newly emerged security challenges**

WHAT DO THE PEOPLE THINK?



MAJORITY OF SEE

citizens say they do not perceive security issues/terrorism as a challenge in the region;

ONLY 4%
of respondents say they consider it a major issue

44%

of people in South East Europe say they tend to believe that relations in the our region are better than

12 MONTHS AGO



77%

of SEE citizens say they recognise the importance and benefits of regional cooperation to political, economic and security situation in their own societies



WHAT THE RCC WILL DO NEXT TO CHANGE THIS?

The RCC will:

- **Strengthen its coordination role**, emphasising **prevention of** and countering violent extremism (P/CVE), and continue with exchange of information and good practices
- **Keep** the regional web-based CVE information exchange platform **proactive**
- **Continue leading** and **enhancing** specialised regional security cooperation formats for military intelligence and national security authorities
- **Produce a Study** on **rehabilitation** and reintegration of **former terrorists** and **violent extremists** and continue with raising **awareness** on the role of **education system** and civil society in **prevention** of radicalization
- **Support creation** and implementation of **efficient measures** to address the **youth as most vulnerable** to radicalization



HOW?

Within the framework of Western Balkans Counter-Terrorism Initiative (WBCTi) of the EU's Integrative Internal Security Governance (IISG), we will:

- **Work more closely** in regional security architecture with national government agencies; think tanks and academia; international and regional organisations and initiatives; non-governmental organisations, especially in P/CVE area
- **Maintain and further develop** the existing regional security cooperation formats and structures in order to **maximize results**
- **Continue raising awareness** throughout the region on the threats of violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism and other common security challenges
- **Further develop its own Regional P/CVE-FTF Platform** and accommodate it to actual needs
- **Endorse creation** of policies to **respond to new security threats** and challenges for the SEE, especially policies for youth and returnees

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The Regional Cooperation Council serves regional cooperation and European and Euro-Atlantic integration of South East Europe in order to spark development in the region to the benefit of its people

**PREVENTION OF AND COUNTERING VIOLENT
EXTREMISM**

**REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF
FORMER TERRORISTS AND RETURNEES**

PREVENTION OF YOUTH RADICALIZATION

Good. Better. Regional.



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