

A brief overview of ICCT's achievements

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## About ICCT

The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) is an independent think-and-do tank based in The Hague, Netherlands. Since 2010, we have provided research, policy advice, training, and other solutions to support better counter-terrorism policies and practices worldwide based on evidence and compliant with human rights and the rule of law. We also contribute to the scientific and public debates in the fields of counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism, notably through our publications and events.

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# 1. ICCT Director's Statement

2023 confirmed a clear resurgence of the terrorist threat worldwide. Jihadi groups have been re-organising in Afghanistan and Syria, notably, and have again become a serious threat in these regions and beyond. In Africa, and particularly in West Africa, jihadi groups have also remained active while regional political stability further deteriorated. The terrorist attack by Hamas on 7 October triggered a new tragic war in the region, with global ripple effects. In Europe, several countries raised their terrorist threat levels in 2023, following the Hamas-Israel war, but also in the aftermath of jihadi terrorist attacks in France and Belgium, notably.

Right-wing violent extremism and anti-institutional extremism remained a key concern, notably in Europe and North America where a number of plots were foiled, but also in other regions of the world.

Finally, 2023 confirmed the return of state-sponsored terrorism as a key challenge, in a context of growing rivalry between great and regional powers – a topic that was notably covered in an ICCT podcast series. This includes notably growing activities by Iran-backed militias, including militias in Iraq and the Houthis in Yemen. There are also growing interrogations with regard to Russia's support for extremist groups or narratives.

In this context, the work of the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) remains more important than ever, in order to keep track of these developments, inform the public debate, and support evidence-based recommendations to policy-makers and practitioners worldwide.

ICCT achieved this mission by publishing 94 articles or reports in 2023, authored by over 100 scholars worldwide. ICCT also organized several public events, as well as many practice- or policy-oriented activities, including capacity-building activities, as part of its 24 ongoing projects in the course of the year. Thematically, our work covered a wide range of relevant and timely challenges, related to terrorism and violent extremism. Geographically, ICCT's work focused primarily on Europe, Western Balkans, West Africa, the MENA region, and North America.

With a view to diversify our products and audiences, in line with the objectives set in our multi-annual strategic plan (MASP), ICCT released 4 podcast episodes in 2023, and launched two new databases. ICCT successfully took over the editing and publishing of the leading journal *Perspectives on Terrorism*, in partnership with two prestigious institutions: the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) at Leiden University, and the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) at the University of St Andrews.

## Introduction

ICCT also launched its new Monitoring and Evaluation Centre of Excellence (M&E CoE), with a view to better track our impact but also to offer support to donors and civil society organisations committed to efficiency and accountability. Finally, ICCT launched a new website and logo in 2023, to better advertise its activities and increase its visibility.

Through all these activities, and many more, ICCT is actively contributing to strengthening knowledge among key CT and P/CVE stakeholders. The expertise of ICCT's staff is increasingly recognised and reputed worldwide, but we also succeed by mobilizing and maintaining a wide network of Associate Fellows, Visiting Fellows, Distinguished Fellows, and consultants.

Finally, ICCT is grateful to all the organisations that cooperated with us, or supported our activities in 2023.

This report offers an overview of ICCT's key activities, deliverables, and achievements in 2023. It illustrates ICCT's commitment to impact and transparency, as well as the importance and relevance of our work for CT and P/CVE researchers, practitioners and policy-makers worldwide.

**Thomas Renard**



## 2. Projects

In 2023, ICCT had 24 ongoing projects during the year, delivering support to a wide range of stakeholders to improve CT and P/CVE policies and practices, to build capacities, or to raise awareness about new trends and threats. In line with our ambition, ICCT had a strong presence in the Netherlands, with several projects focused either on providing support to [municipalities](#) or to the Dutch government. We were also very active in Europe, with 6 projects covering a wide range of EU countries. Finally, a number of projects focused specifically on the MENA region, the Western Balkans, the Southern Caucasus, Central Africa, South-East Asia, and North America.

RAN is a key project, through which ICCT offers policy support and capacity building to a wide range of P/CVE stakeholders in the EU and in the Western Balkans.

With the value it places on ensuring lasting impact, ICCT also successfully continued its previous work in Iraq, building on previous projects. We worked notably with IOM to support [Government of Iraq stakeholders](#) in prosecuting and reintegrating returnees from the Syrian detention camps. We also worked with the EU to evaluate the Iraqi needs and strengthen their capabilities to repatriate and reintegrate terrorist fighters and family members into Iraq.

### Prepare

ICCT concluded its work on 5 projects in the course of 2023. For instance, the EU-funded project [PREPARE](#), in which ICCT's team conducted extensive research on the unique stigmas, vulnerabilities, and protective factors for children exposed to violent extremism; these findings were used to develop a new, unique Child Vulnerability and Intervention Tool, as well as training modules to support frontline practitioners in six European countries.

The Tool is available [here](#).



*Final PREPARE Conference, June 2023*

# Projects

## New Projects

ICCT initiated 10 new projects, deepening its work on core issues. A number of these new projects concerned emerging threats, including disinformation, right-wing extremism, and anti-institutional extremism. For instance, ICCT experts are providing the [first comprehensive assessment of anti-government threats](#) and their transnational connections in the transatlantic space, as well as offering new insights into the scope and tools of [Russian influence on far-right extremism](#) in Europe.



Ongoing Projects

24



Concluded Projects

5



New Projects

10

## 21 Donors



Overall, in 2023, ICCT delivered projects on topics such as [foreign terrorist fighters](#), [rehabilitation & reintegration](#), [rule-of-law compliant prosecution](#), [prison & risk assessment](#), [strategic communications](#), [monitoring and evaluation in P/CVE](#), as well as [religious](#), [right-wing](#), and [anti-government extremism](#).

ICCT's work on all these projects was funded by 21 distinct donors. ICCT cooperated with 29 partners to implement these projects, illustrating ICCT's central position in a large network of institutes and agencies, and worked with 41 leading experts in addition to ICCT staff.

### 3. Research

In 2023, ICCT contributed significantly to inform scientific research and policy discussions through its publications. ICCT published 44 articles on its website, including 27 **Short Reads**, 10 **Policy Briefs**, and 7 **Long Reads**. These articles covered a wide range of timely and policy-relevant issues. For instance, a [special series](#) of analyses on the Israel-Hamas war was published, following the terrorist attack by Hamas on October 7. Other topics included notably: trends in jihadi terrorism in various regions; the management of foreign terrorist fighters; far-right and anti-institutional extremism; online extremism; or victims of terrorism. These articles were authored by ICCT staff as well as Associate Fellows or Visiting Fellows, totalling 49 distinct authors overall. The full list of publications is available [here](#).

ICCT Staff also authored nine articles that were published externally, including a book on Islamist governance (with Oxford University Press), several book chapters (notably on the management of returning terrorist fighters), as well as articles for online platforms such as GNET or Lawfare.



**Authors 2023  
Publications**  
**105**

### Perspectives on Terrorism

In 2023, ICCT became the editor and publisher of the leading academic journal [Perspectives on Terrorism \(PT\)](#), in partnership with two prestigious institutions: the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) at Leiden University, and the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) at the University of St Andrews.

Four issues were published in 2023, containing in total 41 articles, including research articles as well as some “resources” (such as bibliographies or book reviews), authored by 71 scholars, including prominent academics and young researchers. The articles covered a wide range of topics, including a “[special section](#)” on anti-government extremism. The acceptance rate for articles submitted to PT in 2023 was 16 percent.



**2023  
Publications**  
**94**

**ICCT Publications**  
**44**

**External Publications**  
**9**

**Perspectives on Terrorism**  
**41**



### Online Databases

Finally, ICCT released two new online databases in 2023. The [Foreign Terrorist Fighters Knowledge Hub](#) (in partnership with Asser Institute) is the go-to place for information related to FTFs, including data on numbers of travellers or returnees from 30 countries, for example, as well as key information with regard to state responses per country, including preventive and administrative measures, as well as criminal and rehabilitative measures. The [Interlinkages Database](#) compiles data from domestic court cases across Europe, in which terrorists have been tried for core international crimes. Both databases constitute a major asset for researchers, as well as for policy-makers and practitioners.



### ICCT Most Read Publications 2023

- 01** **Comparing Hamas' attack on Israel and 9/11 - A Counterterrorism Perspective**  
Peter Knoppe
- 02** **Raising the stakes against the Wagner Group: From mercenaries to a designated terrorist group?**  
Tanya Mehra, Méryl Demuynck
- 03** **Unravelling the Niger coup and its implications for violent extremism in the Sahel**  
Méryl Demuynck, Mathis Böhm
- 04** **An interview with Ben Saul on International Humanitarian Law in the context of the Israel-Gaza Crisis**  
Tanya Mehra, Méryl Demuynck
- 05** **How the conflict between Hamas and Israel fuels terror threats in the West**  
Tanya Mehra

Overall, ICCT demonstrated throughout 2023 its ability to provide cutting-edge as well as timely and policy-relevant analysis, in line with major trends in the field of terrorism. To do so, ICCT was also able to mobilize a broad network of Associate Fellows, Visiting Fellows, Distinguished Fellows, as well as the broader community of CT and P/CVE experts.



**Readers Satisfaction**  
**4.4** out of 5

## 4. Policy & Practice

The work of ICCT has been informing and shaping CT and P/CVE policy cycles worldwide. In 2023, ICCT advised policymakers, CSOs, or practitioners in various ways. ICCT experts contributed 14 pieces of bespoke policy advice, in the form of policy recommendations, tailor-made support services, scoping missions, or counselling services.

### CT Morse and RAN PS

For instance, as part of its work within the EU-funded [CT MORSE](#), ICCT experts conducted a needs assessment mission in Iraq and elaborated a final report that provided a comprehensive overview of needs and options for EU support to the repatriation to Iraq of Iraqi fighters and family members detained in the al Hol camp, in Syria. In the context of the [RAN PS](#), ICCT experts produced several tailored-made services, for instance advising the Albanian government on how to set up a CT fusion centre.



### Building bridges and informing policies and practices

As part of our work, ICCT hosted or organised 19 closed-door events specifically targeting policy-makers and practitioners, in order to share knowledge and inform evidence-based policies and practices. Some of these workshops took place online, whereas others took place in The Hague, Utrecht, Brussels, Paris or New York City.

This included workshops to test preliminary project findings with key CT and P/CVE stakeholders, notably with regard to the prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration of female jihadi offenders, or with regard to the longevity of far-right extremist groups in Europe

A workshop on Russia's influence over far-right extremism was held on the margins of the UN High Level week in New York, in September, and included remarks by the US State Department CT Deputy Coordinator, Ian Moss, and the EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator, Ilkka Salmi.

Furthermore, ICCT experts intervened in 15 other policy-oriented events, behind closed doors, organised by partners. This included for instance presentations made to UN CTED, UNOCT, NATO, Europol, Eurojust or SEARCTT.



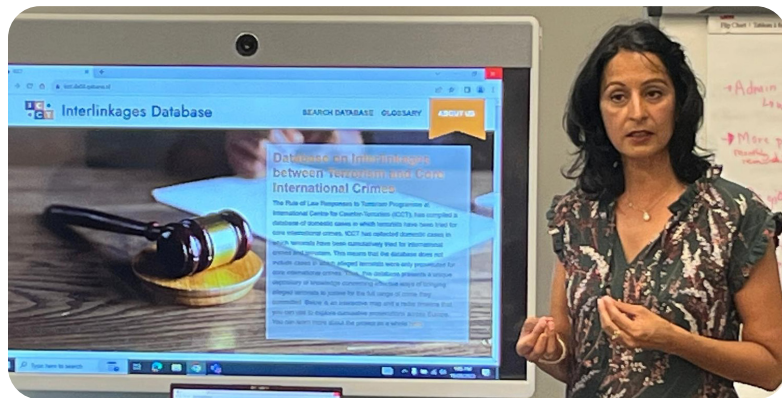
Finally, in line with our mission to build bridges between different stakeholder communities and as part of our work within the RAN PS, ICCT contributed several inputs to the Annual Research Conference of the European Commission’s Radicalisation Awareness Network on “Violent Extremism and Counter-Extremism in Europe: What Next?”, which brought 97 policy-makers, practitioners and researchers together.

### Broader Impact

The impact of ICCT’s work is also illustrated by references to ICCT in various policy reports or documents, including: the Report of the UN Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in implementing the [United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy](#); the [UNDP report “Journey to Extremism in Africa”](#); a [presentation of the UK independent reviewer for terrorism legislation](#); or the [e-magazine of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).



*Workshop on Russia’s influence over far-right extremism was held on the margins of the UN High Level week in New York, September 2023*



*ICCT presented the on-going work on the Interlinkages database at a closed briefing for UN CTED, during the 78th UN General Assembly in New York, September 2023*

### 5. Trainings & capacity-building

ICCT organised and coordinated 31 capacity-building activities in 2023, engaging a total of 402 participants. ICCT also contributed to 6 capacity-building workshops organised by partners, including NATO and various EU and UN agencies.

ICCT's capacity-building events were conducted mainly as part of four different projects.

#### RAN PS

For the European Commission's [Radicalisation Awareness Network Policy Support \(RAN PS\)](#), including its sister project [RAN PS Western Balkans](#), ICCT organised or coordinated 23 capacity-building events. These events included 15 workshops, 4 tailor-made support services or counselling missions, 3 trainings, and a study visit for policy-makers from the EU, Western Balkans and priority third countries. These events covered P/CVE-related themes, such as the place of formers in rehabilitation programs and online P/CVE work, and the future of counter-extremism.

### 2023 Capacity-Building Efforts

**402**  
participants



### Violent Extremist Disinformation

For the project [“Understanding and Formulating Effective Community Responses and Resilience to Violent Extremist Disinformation”](#), funded by the European Commission's Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), ICCT organised four workshops with academics, representatives of think tanks, civil society and community-based organisations, local media and fact-checking organisations. The workshops gathered a total of 69 external experts across four different countries (Georgia, Serbia, Nigeria and Iraq). Part of the workshops explored useful approaches for the design and implementation of effective community responses to disinformation, harmful narratives and violent extremism. The M&E data showed that the participants have increased knowledge and skills to apply the workshop content to their work.

**“The workshops were very informative and interesting. I walk away more empowered and more focused on these things.”**

Participant workshop in Georgia

**“I am better informed on the subject matter and can help me in the advocacy work I do. In particular around Emotional Resilience.”**

Participant workshop on Nigeria

### Kosovo's CVE capabilities

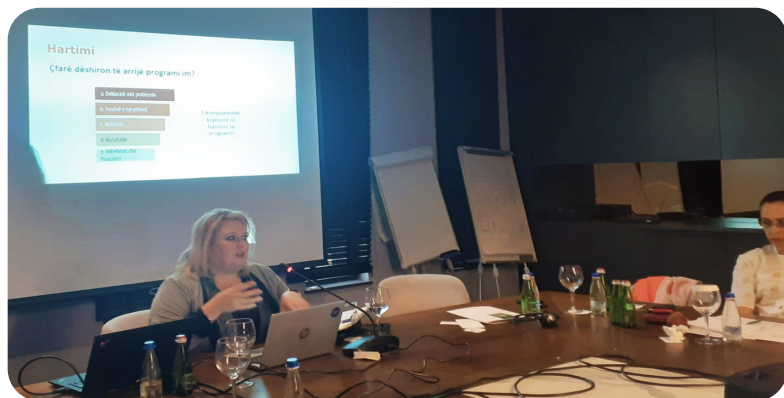
For the project [“Increase capabilities of Kosovo Probation Service on countering terrorism and violent extremism”](#), funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the UK Embassy in Pristina, ICCT and the Kosovar Centre for Security Studies (KCSS) organised two trainings and two workshops. The first training (25 participants) focused on the overall design of rehabilitation and reintegration (R&R) programmes, and the second training (23 participants) on the use of risk assessment tools in R&R programmes. Both trainings yielded positive results, with participants expressing satisfaction, reporting enhanced knowledge on the topics discussed, and indicating a high level of confidence in applying the acquired knowledge. The training programmes managed to achieve the short-term outcomes of improving knowledge and capacity on designing, monitoring and evaluating gender sensitive R&R programmes, and building capacity on the use of risk assessments. Following each training, the project also organised a workshop with high-level representatives from KCSS and Kosovo Probation Services to identify ways to improve information sharing, communication, and coordination of efforts in managing returnees and violent extremist offenders. These activities augmented information-sharing and communication on R&R programming.

### Summer Programmes

ICCT organised two distinct Summer Programmes in 2023. Together with T.M.C. Asser Institute, ICCT co-organised the thirteenth [Advanced summer programme on terrorism, counter-terrorism and the rule of law](#), bringing together in The Hague participants from all around the world. Together with Leiden University, ICCT co-organised the online [Advanced Summer Programme on Preventing, Detecting and Responding to Violent Extremism](#).



*Workshop “Understanding and Formulating Effective Community Responses and Resilience to Violent Extremist Disinformation” In Georgia, October 2023*



*Workshop “Increase capabilities of Kosovo Probation Service on countering terrorism and violent extremism” in Kosovo, October 2023*

## 6. Public outreach

### ICCT Annual Conference 2023

On 28 and 29 June 2023, ICCT held its [Annual Conference 2023](#), including 1 Plenary Session and 4 closed-door workshops. The Conference theme was “Hybrid Extremism: Causes and Responses to Anti-Institutional and Far-Right Extremisms”. The Conference was organised in a hybrid format. Approximately 80 in-person and 115 virtual (live) attendees participated in the event over two days, including academics, practitioners and policy-makers from 26 countries worldwide. The event was also livestreamed and recorded on ICCT’s YouTube channel, and obtained 443 views in 2023.

The [Plenary Session](#) featured Opening Remarks by Alle Dorhout (Director of Intelligence of the AIVD, the General Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands) and Ian Moss (Deputy Coordinator for the Bureau of

Counterterrorism overseeing Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorist Detentions at the U.S. Department of State).

### ICCT-Hedayah CVE Research Conference

In partnership with Hedayah, ICCT co-hosted the [Eight Annual International Countering Violent Extremism Research Conference](#) on 11 and 12 October 2023 in The Hague. The Conference convened CVE researchers, practitioners, and policymakers from around the world, to share current knowledge and good practices on countering radicalisation and extremism.

### Online Events

Additionally, ICCT organised 6 [online events](#) that attracted over 449 participants from 39 countries around the world. Furthermore, each event was recorded on ICCT’s YouTube channel, therefore remaining available to more viewers afterwards. These events covered various themes, such as: counter-terrorism efforts in the Sahel; the security situation in al-Hol camp; the issue of victims of terrorism and their right to access justice; or Gender and far-right ideology.



ICCT Annual Conference Plenary Session, June 2023



## Public outreach

### Podcasts

Building on the success of its previous ICCT Podcast Series, ICCT released in 2023 four new podcast episodes, on “The Global Politics of Counter-Terrorism”. The series delves into recent geopolitical shifts and their impact on human rights and the counter-terrorism agenda. The experts hosted for the series included Naureen Fink (Soufan Centre), Marc Hecker (IFRI), Raffaello Pantucci (RUSI) and Daniel Byman (Georgetown University).



# 1,941

## Total Plays ICCT Series “The Global Politics of Counter-Terrorism”



### Listeners Satisfaction

## 4.2 out of 5

## Public outreach

### Website

In February 2023, ICCT launched a new website designed to present all its activities in a more holistic way. Since its launch, the new website recorded an impressive increase in its vitals, with 72% increase in the average engagement time and 60% decrease in the bounce rate. It also recorded 39.651 publications downloads in 2023.

In 2023, ICCT pursued its efforts to address a wider geographic audience in Europe, North America, Africa, and Asia. The dominant sources of web traffic were recorded from North America, Europe, South Asia, China and Australia.

### Communication

In 2023, ICCT also re-structured its regular Newsletter. Subscribers can express their preferences per activity(ies) and topic(s), allowing ICCT to better segment its audience and distribute more tackled email newsletters.

ICCT recorded an impressive rise in new followers on its existing social media platforms: +22% on LinkedIn, and +9% on Twitter. In addition, almost 52.800 click-throughs were recorded over these two primary channels.

### Media Mentions

ICCT continues aiming to inform the national and international CT and P/CVE debates through media interventions. In 2023, ICCT core staff were directly interviewed or quoted in the media 66 times, by 49 different media outlets. This includes interventions in major international media outlets about current events, such as the Israel-Hamas war's impact in Europe.



## Media Mentions in 2023

Outlets included:



**DeMorgen.**

**Le Monde**

**The New York Times**





Public outreach

# (New) Website in 2023



Page Views  
**738.169**



Total Users  
**351.731**

**1m 06s** Average Session Length

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# Newsletters in 2023



**35%** Open Rate



**3,75%** Click-Through

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# Social Media in 2023



(ex-Twitter)

**31.100** Followers

**9.270** Click-Through



**39.914** Followers

**43.501** Click-Through



**4.827** Views

### 7. Gender & Geographical scope

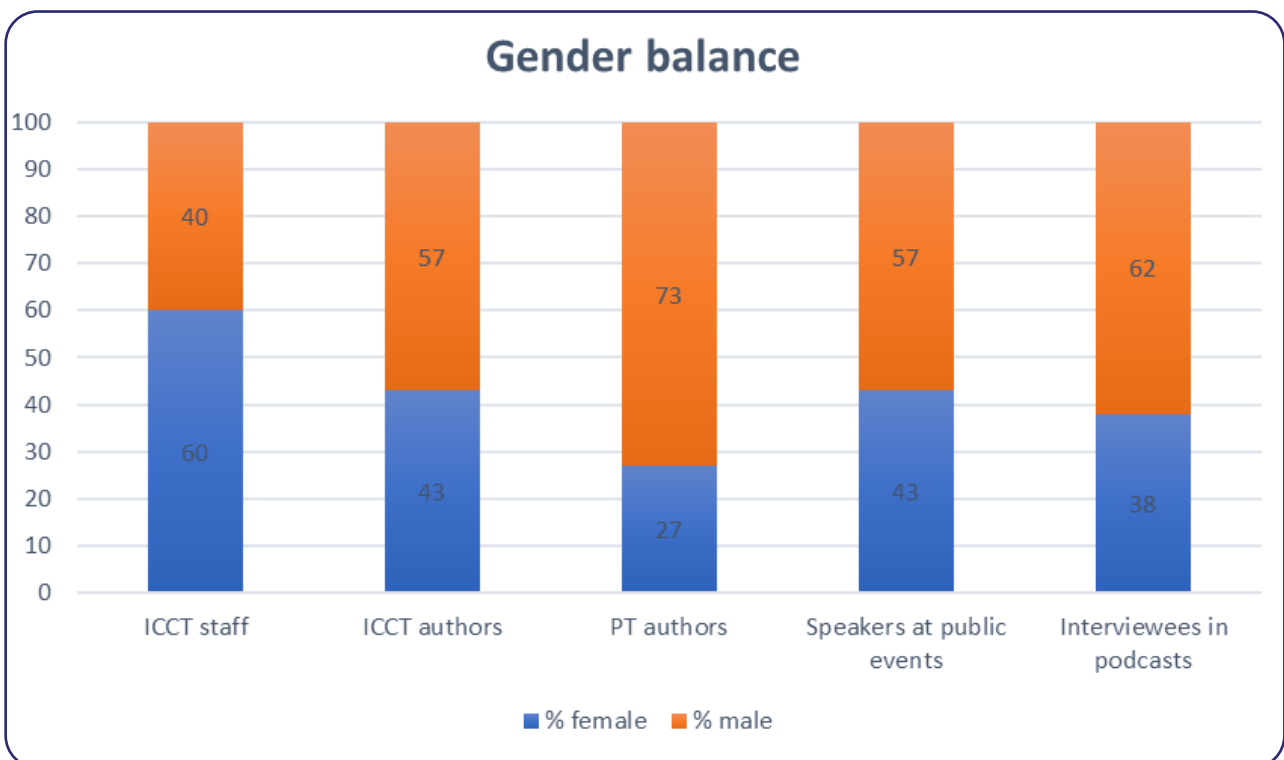
ICCT is dedicated to ensuring diversity and achieving gender equality within the institution. In 2023, ICCT held monthly meetings of its Ethics, Sustainability, Gender, and Inclusivity Working Group, leading to the adoption of a [Gender Equality Plan \(GEP\)](#), in addition to a staff harassment policy and ethics policy. Furthermore, since 2023, all new ICCT staff take the Government of Canada’s open access Gender-Based Analysis Plus course to ensure gender-based analysis is reflected on in our work.

ICCT also strives to achieve a gender balance among its staff members and Associate Fellows. Three quarter of ICCT core staff was female in 2023.

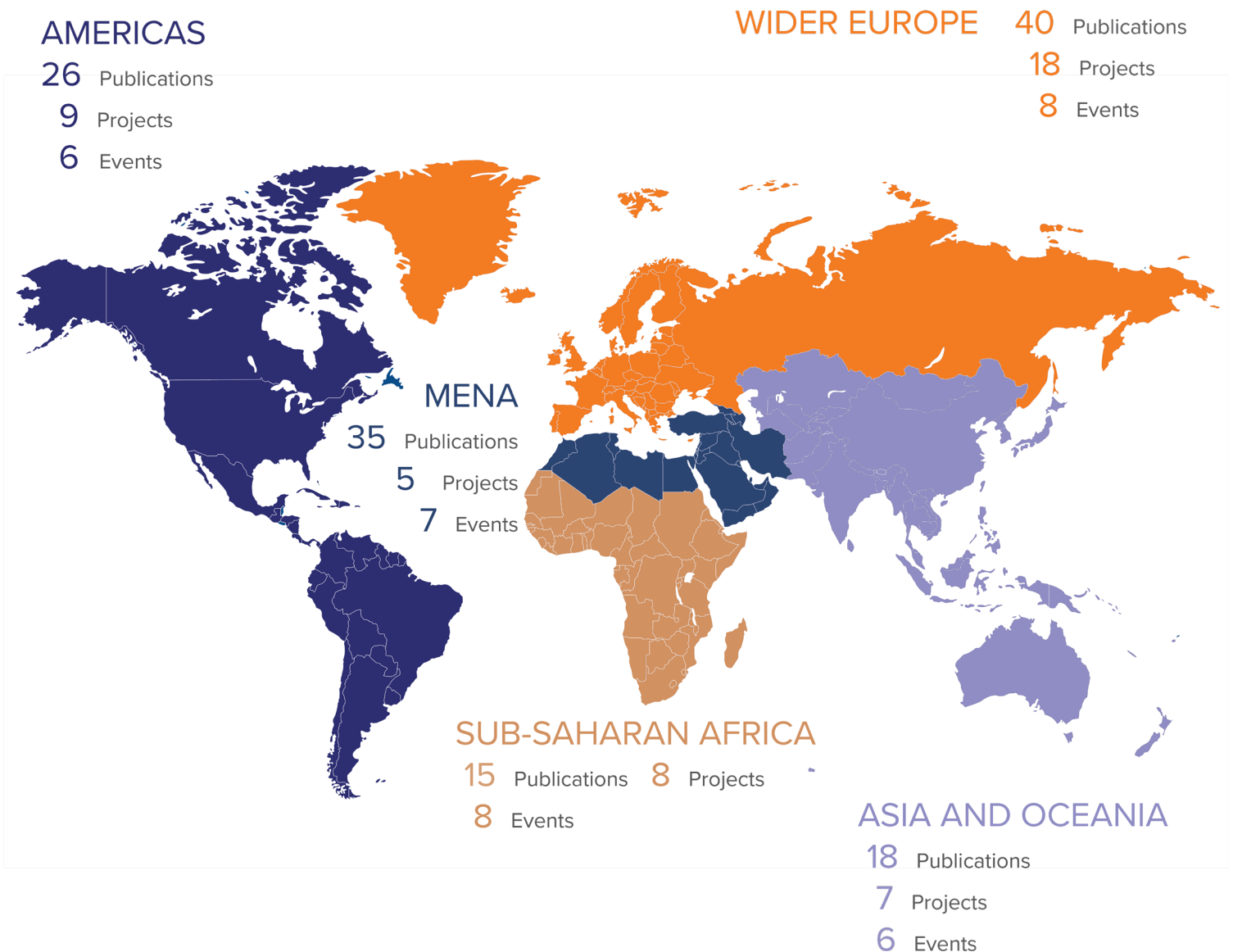
Furthermore, ICCT integrates gender-based analysis, and consider gender dimensions consistently in our work. In our research, public events, podcasts, and other activities, we ensure to consistently include speakers, panels, topics and viewpoints across diverse gender, ethnic, and geographical representation on subjects of interest to our audience.

ICCT was close to achieving gender equality among authors on ICCT website and public speakers in 2023. In contrast, authors for Perspectives on Terrorism were predominantly males, and women constituted 38 percent of the editorial team (co-editors and Associate editors).

ICCT is committed to continue integrating a more intersectional and inclusive approach to our recruitment as well as the implementation of our activities, including our events, publications and podcasts.



# ICCT Geographical Impact in 2023



### 8. Monitoring & Evaluation

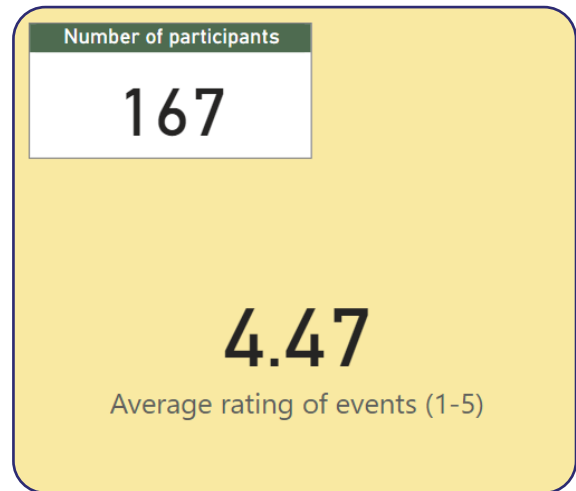
In 2023, ICCT started investing more structurally in the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of its projects. While three projects had an embedded M&E component in 2022, almost all projects that started in 2023 included a 5% budget line reserved exclusively for M&E activities. This increased the number of projects with an M&E component from three to ten. ICCT's first step in creating an overarching, institutional M&E framework was to develop an institutional Theory of Change (ToC).

ICCT drew on existing evidence as well as the team's expertise by facilitating an iterative, co-creation process. This helped to develop a shared understanding of the challenges that ICCT should respond to, how success can be defined, and how it can be observed concretely. Subsequently, ICCT's M&E team developed a results monitoring framework to operationalise the results and enable measurement through relevant indicators. For each project, ICCT created an M&E plan and designed data collection tools. At the end of the year, two impact evaluations and one process evaluation had been concluded.

ICCT created an interactive data model in Power Bi to analyse 12 surveys (N participants =167) measuring the short-term outcomes of selected ICCT events in 2023.

ICCT used a set of standardised indicators, which allowed for comparison across projects and events.

The interactive model could show varying results based on different filters, including donor, type of event, mode of participation, accessibility and topic.



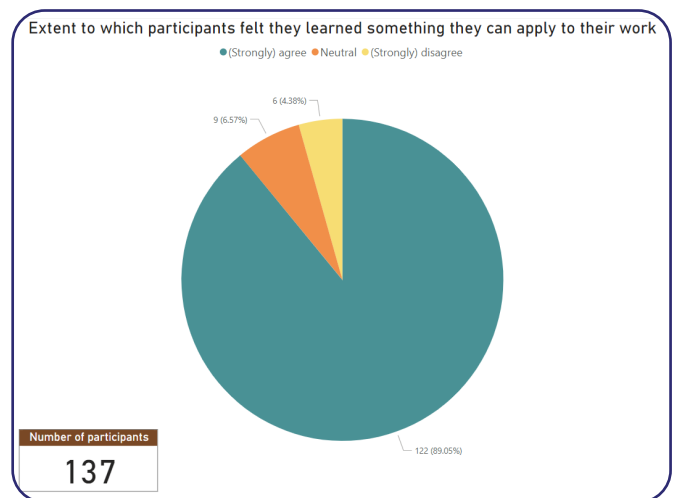
The data analysis revealed several key insights into the short-term outcomes of ICCT's events in 2023. Notably, participants expressed high satisfaction for ICCT activities, with an average rating of 4.5 out of 5, varying slightly depending on the type of event (i.e. whether online event, policy workshop or training activity). The surveys indicated that the events effectively met participants' information needs (98% agree) and increased their knowledge on the main topics discussed (87% agree). A vast majority (90%) felt they acquired applicable knowledge for their work, and 88% expressed readiness to apply newly acquired skills to their work, hence underscoring the efficacy of ICCT's capacity-building efforts. Moreover, the data highlights the ripple effect of ICCT's initiatives, as a substantial proportion of participants expressed intent to share their learnings (88%) with others, as well as interest in learning more about the topics discussed (88%).

## Monitoring & Evaluation

Additionally, many participants found value in networking opportunities, with 84% stating they met relevant contacts during the events. Overall, the analysis underscored positive results of ICCT's events in terms of participant satisfaction, knowledge development, capacity-building, behavioural intentions, and networking, reflecting the organisation's effectiveness in fulfilling its short-term outcomes as established in the institutional ToC. This provides a good stepping stone to measuring and achieving its longer term outcomes.

### Launch of ICCT's M&E Centre of Excellence

At the end of 2023, ICCT soft launched its [M&E Centre of Excellence \(CoE\)](#). The M&E CoE connects M&E professionals, academia, policy-makers, practitioners, CSOs and funders working on CT and P/CVE – through training, research, evaluation and exchanges – to better understand their (collective) impact, (im)prove their effectiveness, and increase value for money. In 2023, ICCT was contracted to conduct an [external impact evaluation](#) of a training programme on P/CVE organised by a Dutch government agency.



The M&E CoE also published two founding policy briefs on M&E: one provides an [introduction to M&E in the CT and P/CVE field](#) and the other one [debunks prevailing assumptions about M&E for P/CVE programmes and policies](#).



## 9. Financials

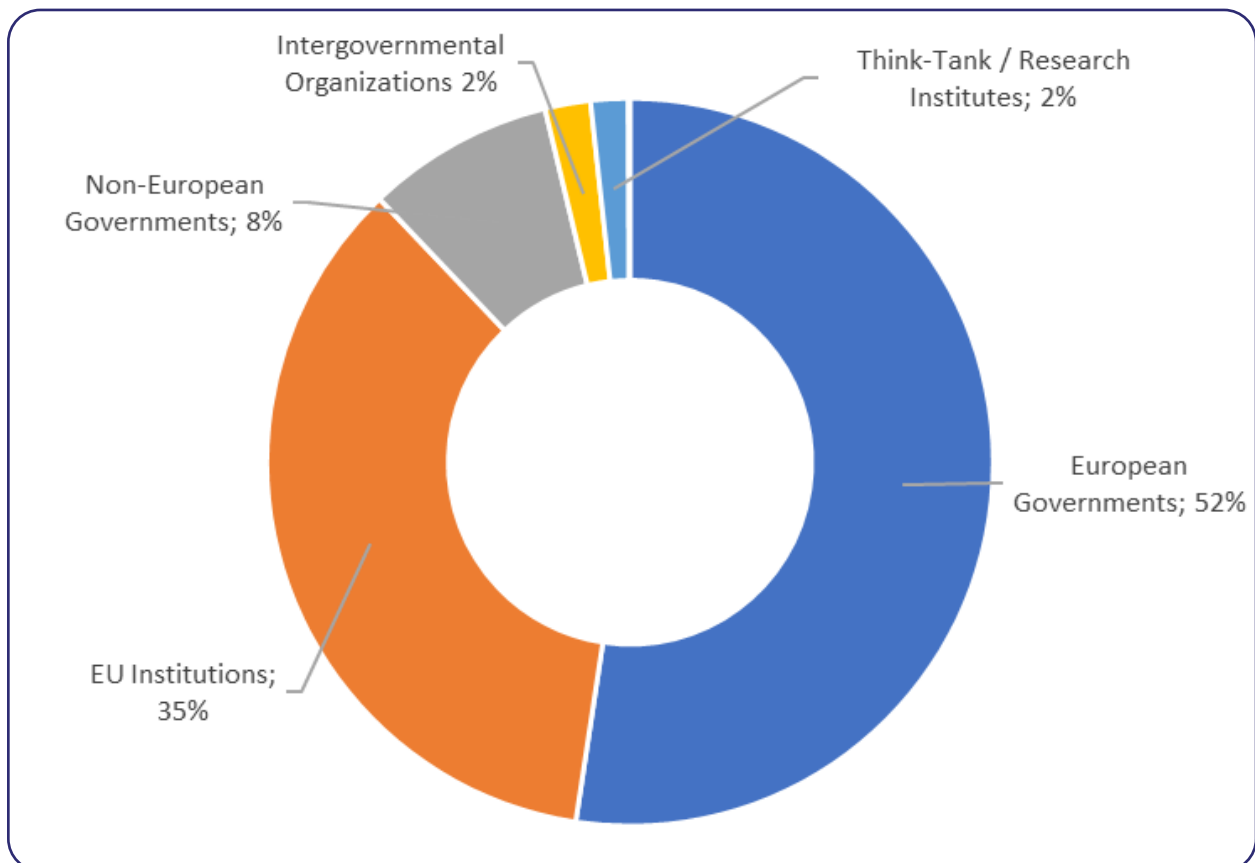
As a project-based organisation, ICCT's funding relies solely on a competitive bidding process. In 2023, ICCT's (pre-audited) revenue was €2.2 million and split between five types of donors (see graph below).

The European governments (including the Netherlands and Germany) provided €1.162 million (52% of total revenue). The EU Institutions (including DG Home, DG Near, and FPI) contributed €787,015 (35% of total revenue).

The United States government funded projects with €185.213 (8% of total revenue).

The International Office of Migration (IOM) provided €44,941 (2% of total revenue). Think Tank/Research funding (€37,000 or 2% of total revenue) came from collaborative projects with the Egmont Institute and NCITE. An independent audit of our financial statements is conducted annually and the 2023 financial audit is under way at publication of the Annual Report.

ICCT utilizes these funds effectively to achieve its mission of creating societies that are resilient to radicalisation and polarisation, and where citizens are protected by effective responses to terrorism and violent extremism that are grounded in human rights and the rule of law. In 2023, funding enabled us to contribute to the CT and P/CVE fields in different impactful ways.



## Annex 1: ICCT Staff

### Core Staff 2023

Staff Member Position	Staff Member Name
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(Former) ICCT Business Manager	Alexander von Rosenbach
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Senior Research Fellow and Programme Lead, Preventing / Countering Violent Extremism	Bibi van Ginkel
(Former) Senior Research Fellow and Programme Lead, Preventing / Countering Violent Extremism	Julie Coleman
Senior Research Fellow and Programme Lead, Current and Emerging Threats	Kacper Rekawek
(Former) Senior Research Fellow and Programme Lead, Current and Emerging Threats	Teun van Dongen
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Senior Research Fellow, Strategic Communications	Virginie Andre
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Research Fellow	Bàrbara Molas
Research Fellow	Lynn Schneider
Research Fellow	Anne Craanen
M&E Officer and Research Fellow	Aileen van Leeuwen
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## Annex 2: ICCT Projects

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<b>Foreign Terrorist Fighters Knowledge Hub</b>	T.M.C Asser Institute – Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Researchers from ICCT, together with those at the T.M.C Asser Institute, gathered open-source data from a total of thirty GCTF countries. They conducted quantitative and qualitative analysis regarding criminal procedures, administrative measures, surveillance measures, and the prevention policies that are in place in these countries, and collected this information in the Foreign Terrorist Fighter Knowledge Hub.
<b>Female Returnees Research</b>	NCTV	This project, funded by the Dutch National Coordinator for Security and Counter-Terrorism (NCTV), both informs practitioners and policymakers in Belgium, France, Germany, and the Netherlands, and formulated recommendations for them.
<b>Migration-Terrorism Nexus</b>	NCTV	This project aims to improve the understanding of the possible links between migration, radicalisation and terrorism, with a view to better assess the risks and improve public policies in this space. ICCT is reviewing existing reviewing existing literature, as well as all terrorist incidents perpetrated in Europe since 2001 to conceptualise any migration-radicalisation-terrorism nexus to offer a generalised risk assessment. Experts are moreover performing a post-mortem analysis of three terrorist attacks to clarify trajectories, radicalisation processes, and gaps in counter-terrorism responses, and will disseminate knowledge and policy advice through a final report.

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<b>Indonesia Interlinkages</b>	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs - BNPT	With funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in consultation with the Indonesian National Counter Terrorism Agency (BNPT), ICCT is designing and delivering bespoke training to Indonesian practitioners and policymakers. This will providing practical tools on insights on how cumulative charging can be applied, and contribute to an improved and effective rule-of-law based criminal justice response.
<b>ROR Impact Evaluation</b>	Dutch Ministry of Justice	ICCT is conducting an evidence-based, impact evaluation of a training programme on radicalisation for Dutch frontline practitioners implemented by the Dutch government training institute “Rijksopleidingsinstituut tegenaan Radicalisering” (ROR). The evaluation examines the effect of the training on participants’ knowledge, behaviour, and intention to share and secure the obtained knowledge and skills in their institutions. The evaluation uses three measurement moments: a baseline measurement prior to the training, a measurement immediately after the training and a measurement six months after the training.
<b>Utrecht Zijn We Samen</b>	Gemeente Utrecht	Investigating the current and emerging trends in radicalisation to different forms of extremism around Utrecht, ICCT experts identified relevant trends and developed a set of tailor-made localised interventions for the Municipality of Utrecht to implement.
<b>Transatlantic Fellowship</b>	Gemeente Den Haag	ICCT’s Transatlantic Fellowship Program sought to build and strengthen the mutual understanding through short-term visiting fellowships.

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<p><b>Radicalisation Awareness Network Policy Support</b></p>	<p>European Commission - DG HOME</p>	<p>ICCT is a core partner in the European Commission's Radicalisation Awareness Network Policy Support (RAN PS) project. ICCT is a functional unit coordinator overseeing the organisation of the network's capacity-building and knowledge-sharing events. ICCT is also a lead implementing partner, providing subject matter expertise on EU priority topics including risk assessment in prison, strategic communications, as well as the threat posed by conspiracy theories, disinformation and the mainstreaming of radical discourses.</p>
<p><b>Radicalisation Awareness Network – West Balkans</b></p>	<p>European Commission - DG NEAR</p>	<p>ICCT helps deliver support to Western Balkan policymakers in developing and implementing national and local P/CVE policies, by providing evidence-based data; enhancing the uptake of EU best practices and approaches; and strengthening strategic and operational cooperation within the region and with the EU on terrorism and P/CVE. ICCT is finalising a global Guidance Document to promote the resilience of at-risk populations against terrorists spreading disinformation. Moreover, ICCT is preparing a risk assessment matrix on disinformation.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Communications and Disinformation</b></p>	<p>European Commission's Foreign Policy Instrument</p>	<p>Western Balkan policy makers in developing and implementing national and local P/CVE policies, by providing evidence-based data; enhancing the uptake of EU best practices and approaches; and strengthening strategic and operational cooperation within the region and with the EU on terrorism and P/CVE.</p>

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<b>PREPARE</b>	European Union Internal Security Fund – Police	In this EU-funded project, ICCT and its PREPARE partners, including research organisations and law enforcement entities, took a human-rights, rule-of-law, and gender-informed approach to make contemporary knowledge, training, and tools accessible to directly inform state-led interventions with the children of far right and Islamist parents.
<b>Prison, Rehabilitation, Radicalisation Consultant Pool</b>	Council of Europe	As part of the Council of Europe's Consultant Pool, ICCT will deliver consultancy services on radicalisation and violent extremism in prison contexts across Europe.
<b>NATO Guidebook on Counter-Terrorism Cooperation</b>	NATO	ICCT has been working closely with NATO develop a non-binding collection of good practices and recommendations on inter-agency and international cooperation in countering terrorism.
<b>IOM Iraq PRR Support</b>	International Organisation on Migration	ICCT is delivering holistic expert support to the Government of Iraq and the Technical Working Group on Iraqi Returnees. Drawing on consultations with core stakeholders to identify key challenges and factors, ICCT experts will publish cutting edge research on good practices and lessons learned in case management of returnees, as well as how to treat offences related to membership of terrorist organisations. ICCT experts will further develop boutique training materials that will improve capabilities of those involved in the development and design of the case management system.

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<p><b>Supporting Iraqi Civil Society Organisations in Effective PCVE</b></p>	<p>GIZ</p>	<p>In this project, funded by German Cooperation, ICCT provided training and co-creation support to Iraqi civil society organisations seeking German funding for projects in the field of preventing violent extremism (PVE). ICCT's role was to help these organisations gain the knowledge and skills necessary to develop impactful project proposals. The focus of ICCT's work was to ground proposals in contemporary PVE approaches, ensure strong monitoring and evaluation (M&amp;E) practices, and help contextualise projects to the needs and challenges of different governorates across Iraq.</p>
<p><b>CT/PCVE Curriculum</b></p>	<p>GIZ</p>	<p>ICCT contributed to “Enhancing Security Cooperating in and with Asia” project, which is being led by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. ICCT designed and delivered a bespoke three-day training course in cooperation with the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) in the thematic area of CT and P/CVE. This offered a panorama of the EU CT-P/CVE ecosystem for Indo-Pacific policymakers, providing participants with a good understanding of the EU’s extensive role in this area.</p>
<p><b>Reintegrating Returnee Spouses and Children</b></p>	<p>US Department of Homeland Security - NCITE</p>	<p>In this project, ICCT experts have analysed the prosecution of FTFs in the USA, and gave an overview of U.S. repatriation policies and administrative measures in a public report. They also provided critical review for the stakeholder analysis, scholars and practitioners expert working group, and NCITE’s final Handbook.</p>

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<b>Russia's Influence on REMVE</b>	US Embassy Brussels	<p>With funding from the US Embassy in Brussels, ICCT mapped the main mechanisms of Russia's support for racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist (REMVE) groups or individuals in Europe.</p> <p>To do so, it investigated Russia's direct as well as indirect support to far-right extremists across 10 European countries. Moreover, ICCT experts offered regional threat analyses, risk assessment and recommendations, as well as a comparative analysis and overall assessment of how Russia supports the far-right movement in Europe.</p>
<b>Anti-Institutional Extremism</b>	German FFO	<p>This project aimed to improve understanding of anti-governmental threats at the national and international levels. Focusing on Germany, Austria, Sweden, the US, and the Netherlands, ICCT experts made a comparative analysis of existing anti-government groups and individuals and their interactions within these countries and beyond, offline and online, in research funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.</p>
<b>Interlinkages Database</b>	Swedish Ministry of Justice	<p>ICCT experts compiled cases in which terrorists have been tried (and cases under investigation) for core international crimes and terrorist acts. With funding from the Swedish Ministry of Justice, ICCT launched a database on the nexus between terrorism and core international crimes.</p>



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<p><b>Kosovo Probation Service Support</b></p>	<p>KCSS - UK Embassy Pristina - Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>The Kosovar Centre for Security Studies (KCSS) and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) are conducting this project in collaboration. The project team, through close consultations with the Kosovo Probation Service (KPS), will improve these institutions' skills and tools to better design, monitor, and evaluate rehabilitation and reintegration (R&amp;R) programmes targeting returnees from Syria and Iraq and their families.</p>
<p><b>Global Network of Extremism and Technology</b></p>	<p>GNET</p>	<p>ICCT is a core partner in the Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET), an academic research partnership backed by the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). ICCT experts have published numerous research pieces with GNET on subjects ranging from the use of big data to adapting tech policies to a local level to address the far-right in the Global South.</p>
<p><b>CT MORSE – Iraq Request</b></p>	<p>RUSI Europe</p>	<p>ICCT participates in the European Union project CT Monitoring, Reporting and Support Mechanisms (MORSE). In 2023, ICCT conducted consultations and fieldwork that were elaborated into a final report that provided a comprehensive overview of needs and options for EU support to repatriation of Iraqis in the al Hol camp to Iraq.</p>

## Annex 3: ICCT Publications

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01/01/2023	Contextualising the Jan 6th Report: Contemporary Trends In Far-Right Violence in the US	Arie Perliger	Analysis
12/01/2023	Repeating the Past or Following Precedent? Contextualising the Taliban Governance of Women	Devorah Margolin, Gina Vale and Farkhondeh Akbari	Research Paper
17/01/2023	Raising the stakes against the Wagner Group: From mercenaries to a designated terrorist group ?	Tanya Mehra and Méryl Demuynck	Analysis
19/01/2023	Managing the Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters and Their Families: Malaysian Experience	Ahmad El-Muhammady	Policy Brief
25/01/2023	Understanding the US Designation of the Wagner Groups as Transnational Criminal Organisation	Colin P. Clarke, Daveed Gartenstein-Ross and Emelie Chace-Donahue	Analysis
27/01/2023	Mapping the ideological landscape of extreme misogyny	Arie Perliger, Catherine Stevens, and Eviane Leidig	Research Paper
10/02/2023	Alt-solutism: Intersections between Alt-Right Memes and Monarchism on Reddit	Barbara Molas	Analysis
07/03/2023	The “Off-Ramp” from Al-Shabab: Disengagement During the Ongoing Offensive in Somalia	James Khalil and Martine Zeuthen	Analysis
13/03/2023	Defining Terrorism	Alex P. Schmid	Report
06/04/2023	Who’s Protecting the Researchers ? REASSURE report findings on identity and harms for online extremism and terrorism research	Elizabeth Pearson	Analysis
02/05/2023	Counter-Terrorism and Peace in Northern Ireland	Richard English	Analysis
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31/05/2023	A practitioner's guide to working with children in VE-affiliated families: protecting the rights of the child	Anna-Maria Andreeva, Méryl Demuynck, and George Kefford	Report
01/06/2023	Fighting extremism in gaming platforms: a set of designs principles to develop comprehensive P/CVE strategies	Menso Hartgers and Eviane Leidig	Analysis
07/06/2023	Banning, Designating, Disarming? Legal Implications of countering the Reichsbürger	Merlina Herbach	Analysis
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10/08/2023	From Margins to Mainstream: How Extremism Has Conquered the Political Middle	Julia Ebner	Analysis
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29/09/2023	The Insurrection Wave: A Comparative Assessment of Anti-Government Attacks in Germany, the US, and Brazil	Barbara Molas	Policy Brief
10/10/2023	Improving the prospects of prosecuting 'terrorists' for core international crimes committed in Syria and Iraq	Tanya Mehra and Méryl Demuynck	Report
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17/10/2023	The India-Canada rift: Sikh extremism and rise of transnational repression?	Tanya Mehra and Colin P. Clarke	Analysis
26/10/2023	Hamas global jihad – An impact in France?	Antoine Baudon	Analysis
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08/11/2023	An interview with Devorah Margolin on Hamas	Joana Cook and Devorah Margolin	Analysis
10/11/2023	An Interview with Erik Skare on the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)	Kacper Rekawek and Erik Skare	Analysis
15/11/2023	Decapitation, Retaliation, and the Indicators of Escalation in Mindanao	Kenneth Yeo Yaoren	Policy Brief
16/11/2023	Building resiliency to ecofascist radicalisation: Preventing an emerging threat	Eszter Szenes	Policy Brief
23/11/2023	From Expeditionary to Inspired: Situating External Operations within the Islamic State's Insurgency Method	Haroro J. Ingram and Andrew Mines	Analysis
30/11/2023	Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation in the CT and P/CVE field	Aileen van Leeuwen	Policy Brief
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