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BRaVE Project Research Questions

1. What are the key factors for violent extremism and polarisation in Europe?
2. How can we understand and develop resilience in combatting violent extremism and polarisation?
3. How can we support practitioners in responding to violent extremism and polarisation?

Case studies: BE, DK, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, NL, PL & UK



Factors of Violent Extremism and Polarisation

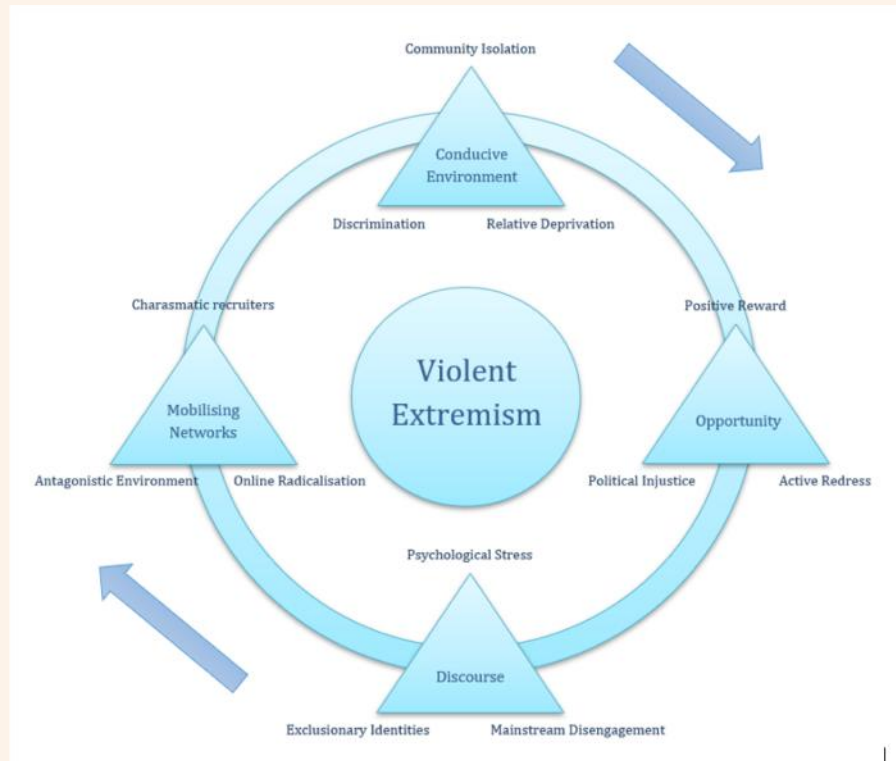
Study of existing research, factors and indicators revealed 20 factors contributing to polarisation in Europe

Category	Macro	Meso	Micro
Socio-Economic	State Welfare	Minority Recruitment	Individual Assets
	Segregation	Diversity Programmes	
Historical	Far-Right Political Influence	Lack of Representation	Individual Voting Behaviours
	Laws Protecting Minorities	Inter-Group Conflict	
Cultural	Lack of Transnational Identity	Lack of Cultural Mixing	Individual Perceptions of Self and Other
		Ignorance of Minority Culture	
		Restrictions on Minority Symbols	
Communication-Based	Exclusionary Production Practices	Polarising Communication Online	Selective Communications
	Hate Speech Legislation		
	Polarising Media Content		



Factors of Violent Extremism and Polarisation

Polarisation Factors provides a conducive environment for violent extremism. This forms one part of a set of processes for violent extremism.





Developing and charting factors of Resilience

The ability to face and respond to adversity, and the capacity to draw on various sources of strength and social resources to adapt and cope with challenges and situations of strain, stress or trauma.

Category	Macro	Meso	Micro
Socio-Economic	Equality of Opportunity	Equality of opportunity	Agency
	Social Cohesion	Sufficient resources	
Historical	Social inclusion	Positive Political Engagement	Community Engagement/Support
Cultural	Complex and flexible cultural identity (bridging)	Family support / collective identity (bonding)	Sense of belonging
Communication-Based	Supportive Environment	Democratic media reporting	Online resilience Positive cultural image
		Pro-social messaging	
		Trusted accurate information	



Supporting practitioners

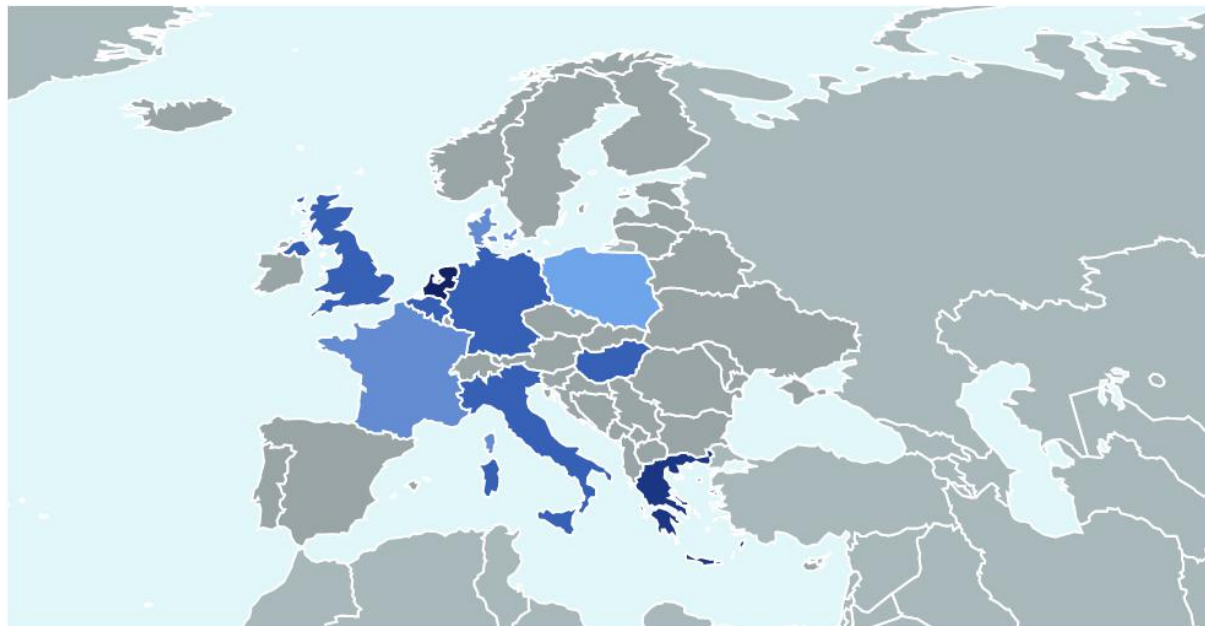
1. Show how polarisation and resilience are playing out across Europe
2. Give practitioners more information about current CVE approaches across Europe
3. Support new and existing resilience-focussed community-led projects



Resilience in European approaches to extremism

Polarisation indicators

Set of indicators that can be applied in specific policy areas



Types of Polarisation and Resilience

- Ethnic/Racial
- Religious
- Political
- Gender/Sex/Orientation
- Socio-Economic

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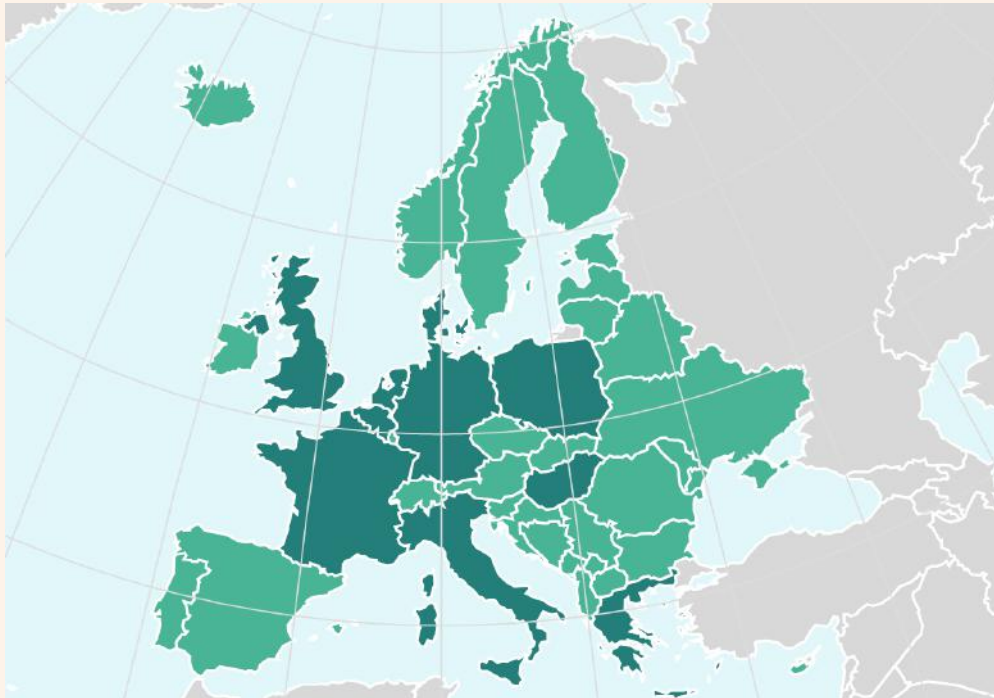


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Mapping existing CVE approaches





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Supporting New and Existing community-led approaches

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Issues facing Central & Eastern Europe CVE

- Limitations in Governmental-level implementation of CVE approaches
- Disconnect between Governmental and local-level CVE practice
- Lack of theoretical discussion over patterns and causes of violent extremism and polarisation in a regional context
- Opportunity for stronger international cooperation



Implications for Central and Eastern Europe

- European and national-level examination of trends and factors causing violent extremism and polarisation (socioeconomic, cultural, political & communication-focussed), as well as sharing good practice
- Further theoretical development of resilience
- Sharing of good practice within and among European countries and areas
- Support of localised resilience-based approaches