
Terrorism. React: Europe third most affected region. Insurrectionary-anarchist threat grows in Italy

The 4th Annual Report on Terrorism and Radicalisation in Europe, drawn up by the [Observatory on Radicalisation and Counter-Terrorism in Europe \(ReaCT\)](#), run by Claudio Bertolotti, was presented on May 23. The Report (published by Start InSight) offers a comprehensive overview of the terrorist threat in Europe. In quantitative terms, it confirms that the rate of terrorist attacks has remained stable over the past three years. Europol sources (TeSat reports), Global Terrorism Index (Gti 2023)¹ and the #ReaCT - Start InSight database show that Europe is ranked as the third most terrorist-affected region, behind Russia and Eurasia, Central America and the Caribbean, Bertolotti explained. EU member states, the UK and Switzerland were hit by 50 terrorist attacks of various kinds in 2022, down by a significant margin compared to 2021, when 73 terrorist attacks took place. **European landscape.** Based on the above-mentioned sources, in the year 2022 1.5 per cent of those attacks were committed by radical left-wing movements (a 43% drop compared to 2020, which, however, foreshadows a significant increase in 2023 owing to acts of terrorism committed by anarchist groups in Italy); 4 per cent were committed by far-right groups (7 % in 2020, thus confirming a downward trend since the years 2018-19); 24 per cent were committed by Jihadi groups (26 per cent in 2020). According to the "GTI - Global Terrorism Index 2023", 19 out of 36 European countries progressed in the fight against terrorism over the past year. Only 14 of 45 attacks that took place in Europe in 2022 were traced to known terrorist groups, accounting for 21% of all attacks. In terms of casualties, Europe recorded 12 terrorism-related deaths in the year 2022, nine of which were linked to jihadist terrorism. Greece and France were the two most affected countries.