



Elements of the approach to counterterrorism

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The NCTV coordinates the efforts of all the parties involved in counterterrorism in the Netherlands.

This infographic describes examples of these efforts.



International cooperation A strong international network

Terrorism doesn't stop at national borders. There is extensive information sharing and cooperation at international level, for instance between police and intelligence and security services. In this context, the Netherlands is investing in cooperation within **Europol**. The Netherlands is also actively engaged in a range of other international forums, at European level, for example through the **EU Knowledge Hub** and within the Council of Europe, as well as at multilateral level in the **UN** and the **Global Counterterrorism Forum**.



Online approach Making young people more resilient

Radicalisation largely takes place online. The **Enhanced Approach Online to Extremist and Terrorist Content** (Versterkte Aanpak Online; VAO) was developed to combat radicalisation and recruitment, especially among children and young people. To tackle the growing online threat, the Dutch authorities maintain a systematic focus on a norm-setting dialogue with the internet sector, the establishment of regulations through legislation (at domestic and EU levels), ambitious international efforts, and a local approach that emphasises prevention and detecting signs of online radicalisation as early as possible. To this end, the government works closely with partners in the security, healthcare and social service domains.



National cooperation Working with operational partners

A wide range of partners within the security, healthcare and social service domains contribute to preventing terrorist violence. They do so by sharing information, identifying individuals who pose a threat and providing them with guidance where possible, prosecuting offenders where necessary and ensuring safe reintegration into society. The need for additional measures is continuously assessed on the basis of the latest threat developments. During the asylum and family reunification procedure, partners in the migration system also cooperate to ensure that individuals who pose a threat are identified.



Promoting expertise Developing knowledge and expertise

Central government supports partners involved in counterterrorism by promoting knowledge and expertise. For example, the **National Government Training Institute for Countering Radicalisation** trains professionals, and the **National Support Centre for Extremism** provides advice and assistance for dealing with radicalisation and extremism. Central government also uses additional funds to support the local approach by municipalities and invests in **research** and **academia**.



Keeping the Netherlands safe Alertness and continuous efforts

The current threat level requires a heightened state of alertness among all security partners in the Netherlands. **The National Counterterrorism Strategy** describes the efforts in the period from 2022 to 2026. The **National Extremism Strategy for 2024-2029** provides frameworks for strengthening the resilience of the democratic legal order in the face of extremism. There is no such thing as 100% safety and security, which is why continuous efforts are required to keep the Netherlands safe and prepared to respond to potential incidents. The **National Extreme Violence and Terrorism Crisis Plan** was drawn up for this purpose.



Local approach Ideology-neutral

The local approach to fighting radicalisation, extremism and terrorism is an essential part of the overall strategy and can be applied to all forms of extremism. Municipalities are responsible for overseeing the local approach, including its development and implementation, in collaboration with relevant partners. The local approach, which is described in the **Guidelines on the Local Approach to Tackling Radicalisation**, Extremism and Terrorism, consists of the following three parts: knowledge & skills, network, and interventions. Cooperation between partners in the security and healthcare sectors plays an increasingly important role.