
Inventory of 200+ Institutions and Centers in the Field of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Research

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Introduction

In line with its mission “to enhance security through collaborative research”, the *Terrorism Research Initiative* (TRI) brings together individual and institutional research efforts by actively facilitating cooperative efforts among scholars and professionals. With this in mind, TRI is pleased to present a new inventory of over 200 institutions and centers in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism research.

This Research Note builds upon similar earlier efforts by Teun van Dongen (*Perspectives on Terrorism*, Vol. 12, No 8; April 2018) and Benjamin Freedman (*Perspectives on Terrorism*, Vol. 4, No. 5; November 2011). In line with their effort, this Research Note has adopted (and expanded upon) their methodology in terms of definitions, data collection, and structure. Similar to Van Dongen’s 2018 efforts, we explicitly focus on “organizations that have terrorism research as a ‘core business’, i.e. that have a department or a program specifically devoted to terrorism or counter-terrorism and/or that list terrorism and related forms of political violence as one of their research priorities”.

This Research Note is based on several categories of sources. First, it makes extensive use of the two earlier Research Notes. In doing so, the compilers have assessed whether the think tanks listed in the earlier editions are still active. Second, we relied on the most recent (i.e., 2019) list of *Top Defense and National Security Think Tanks*, compiled by the [*Go To Think Tank Index*](#). Given the specific focus of this Research Note, we have filtered our entries for relevance. Third, we conducted an extensive Google search, using a set of search queries, in various combinations, including “terrorism”, “counterterrorism”, “research institute”, “think tank”, and “university”. Fourth, to further minimize the risk of missing important centers, we have consulted various members of the editorial board of *Perspectives on Terrorism* as well as other researchers in the field.

As result, we have been able to identify a total of 201 organizations (see Figure 1). These organizations have been classed into six categories; (i) universities and university affiliated research groups (44); (ii) think tanks (108); (iii) government organizations (24); (iv) research networks (10); (v) commercial entities (6); and (vi) other (9). Within each category, organizations have been listed alphabetically. In- or exclusion of organizations in this inventory is in no way an indication of the quality of their research output and should not be viewed as such.

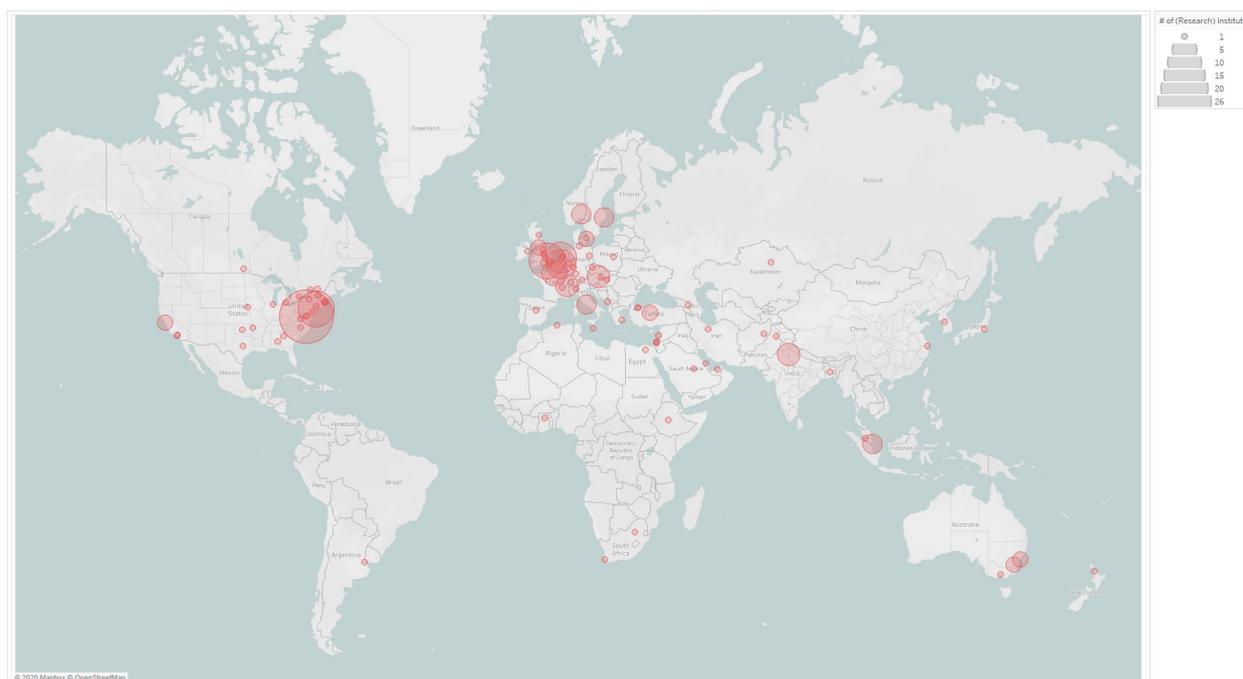


Figure 1. Geographic distribution (head offices)

While the compilers are under no illusion that the presented inventory is comprehensive, the current listing of 201 research institutions, centers, and organizations does seem to be in line with a widespread observation among scholars and professionals, namely that the current landscape of (academic) research on terrorism and counter-terrorism is heavily dominated by the West. Western Europe (76) and North America (71) account for nearly three quarters of listed research institutions, centers, and organizations, followed by the Middle East and North Africa (15), Australasia and Oceania (7), South Asia (6), Eastern Europe (5), Southeast Asia (5), Sub-Saharan Africa (4), East Asia (3), Central Asia (2), and South America (1). Seven organizations did not explicitly specify the location of their (head) office.

Readers of this inventory who notice omissions (or a need for correction) are encouraged to send their observation and comments to Olivia Kearney <oliviaj.kearney@gmail.com; or [@oliviajkearney](https://twitter.com/oliviajkearney)> for future updates.

1. *Universities/University Affiliated Research Groups*

1.1. **Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs**

Location: Cambridge (MA), United States

Affiliated organizations: Harvard Kennedy School

Current Director: Ash Carter

Website: [visit](https://www.belfercenter.org) | **Twitter:** [@BelferCenter](https://twitter.com/BelferCenter)

Description: “The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs is the hub of Harvard Kennedy School’s research, teaching, and training in international security and diplomacy, environmental and resource issues, and science and technology policy. The Center has a dual mission: (1) to provide leadership in advancing policy-relevant knowledge about the most important challenges of international security and other critical issues where science, technology, environmental policy, and international affairs intersect; and (2) to prepare future generations of leaders for these arenas.”

1.2. Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict

Location: Boston (MA), United States

Affiliated organizations: Northeastern University

Current Director: Gordana Rabrenovic

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Northeastern](#)

Description: “[T]he Center seeks to reduce conflict and violence between individuals and groups in a variety of areas including: school violence, terrorism, hate crimes, international conflict and warfare, hate speech on campus, religious persecution, and organized hate groups. With six faculty and researchers from psychology, sociology, criminal justice, law, and political science, the Center sponsors conferences, panel discussions, courses, and research projects.”

1.3. Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)

Location: Stanford (CA), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Stanford’s Freeman Spogli Institute

Current Directors: Rodney C. Ewing, Colin H. Kahl

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@FSIStanford](#)

Description: “The Center for International Security and Cooperation tackles the most critical security issues in the world today by bringing together leading scholars in the social and natural sciences to collaborate across disciplines and professional backgrounds. Part of Stanford’s Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, we conduct innovative research and share our findings with policy makers and the public so everyone can better understand an increasingly complex international environment.”

1.4. Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX)

Location: Oslo, Norway

Affiliated organizations: University of Oslo

Current Director: Tore Bjørgo

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CrexUiO](#)

Description: “The Center for Research on Extremism, C-REX, is a cross-disciplinary center for the study of right-wing extremism, hate crime and political violence. It is a joint collaboration with five of the leading Norwegian institutions on extremism research.”

1.5. Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE)

Location: Los Angeles (CA), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Southern California

Current Director: Adam Rose

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@create_usc](#)

Description: “The National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE) was established in 2004 as the first university-based Center of Excellence (COE) funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Office of University Programs (OUP).

CREATE is headquartered at the University of Southern California (USC) where it is jointly housed in the Viterbi School of Engineering and the Sol Price School of Public Policy. It has research affiliates at several other institutions, both in the U.S. and abroad. The Center contributes university-based research to make the United States more secure by taking a longer-term view of scientific innovations and breakthroughs and by developing the future intellectual leaders in homeland security.”

1.6. Center for Strategic Communication

Location: Temple (AZ), United States

Affiliated organizations: Arizona State University

Current Director: Steve Corman

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@comops](#)

Description: “The Center for Strategic Communication (CSC) is an initiative of the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at Arizona State University. It is composed of an interdisciplinary group of scholars at ASU and partner institutions who are interested in applying knowledge of human communication to issues of countering ideological support for terrorism (CIST), diplomacy and public diplomacy, propaganda and disinformation, and public health.”

1.7. Center for Terrorism & Security Studies (CTSS)

Location: Lowell (MA), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Massachusetts Lowell

Current Director: Neil Shortland III

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@umasslowell](#)

Description: “The Center for Terrorism and Security Studies was established at the University of Massachusetts Lowell in 2013 to bring together faculty from several colleges throughout UMass Lowell (and from other institutions and organizations in the Commonwealth) to work on a variety of collaborative research projects addressing the evolution, convergence and complexity of such domestic and foreign security challenges as terrorism, cyber-security, transnational crime and weapons of mass destruction (among many other topics).”

1.8. Center for the Research on Terrorism and Radicalization

Location: Kiel, Germany

Affiliated organizations: Institute for Security Policy, Kiel University

Current Director: Joachim Krause

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “The Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK) provides research, analysis and commentary on conflicts and strategic issues. ISPK is committed to furthering the security policy discourse in Germany and abroad by way of focused, interdisciplinary, policy-oriented research. Moreover, the Institute is involved in the promotion of talented, young academics. Complementing research, publications and teaching, members of the Institute advise decision-makers in government, academia, media and business. ISPK’s main research foci lie in German and European foreign and security policy, international security architecture, nonproliferation of nuclear weapons and disarmament, stabilization of fragile states, maritime security, and asymmetric challenges such as transnational terrorism.”

1.9. Center on National Security

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: Fordham Law

Current Director: Karen J. Greenberg

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CNSFordhamLaw](#)

Description: “The Center contributes to an informed citizenry by providing legal analysis and sociological data on terrorism indictments in the United States. The Terrorism Prosecution Database is the country’s most comprehensive data and analysis project on federal terrorism prosecutions. Through database-enabled research, we monitor the progress of terrorism cases throughout the U.S. judicial system and delve into critical topics, such as radicalization trends, socio-economic factors, legal strategies, and sentencing issues for those accused of terror-related crimes. The Center’s terrorism database and connected reports have become an invaluable tool for lawyers, journalists and students of terrorism.”

1.10. Center on Terrorism

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Current Director: Peter Romaniuk

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@JohnJayCollege](#)

Description: “The Center on Terrorism at John Jay College was founded in the wake of [the 9/11] attacks and remains the only university-based entity devoted to terrorism research and education in the New York City area. Center researchers have published a range of books, article, chapters and reports covering different aspects of terrorism and counter-terrorism, from an interdisciplinary and policy-relevant perspective.”

1.11. Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism (CTEC)

Location: Middlebury (VT), United States

Affiliated organizations: Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Current Director: Jason Blazakis

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@MIIS](#)

Description: “Formerly known as the Monterey Terrorism Research and Education Program, CTEC collaborates with [...] the Middlebury Institute’s Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies degree program. Our research informs private, government, and multilateral institutional understanding of and responses to terrorism threats. CTEC is a mixed-methods research center, meaning that our experts and students use analytic tradecraft, data science, and linguistics.”

1.12. Center for Asymmetric Threats and Terrorist Studies (CATS)

Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Affiliated organizations: Swedish Defense University (Försvarshögskolan)

Current Director: Lars Nicander (Director); Magnus Ranstorp (Research Director)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Forsvarshogsk](#)

Description: “CATS is a national center within the Swedish Defence University tasked with developing and disseminating knowledge about asymmetric threats within the context of societal security and resilience. Through research, analysis and training CATS concentrates on terrorism and intelligence studies as well as cyber and influence operations.”

1.13. Center for Conflict, Security and Terrorism (CST)

Location: Nottingham, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: University of Nottingham

Current Director: Edward Burke (co-director), Andrew Mumford (co-director)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@UniofNottingham](#)

Description: “The Center for Conflict, Security and Terrorism (CST) was established in 2011 and forms a [...] national research center investigating contemporary security issues. CST promotes the study of security politics within the UK and internationally, and is comprised of a staff and research students both within the School of Politics and International Relations, and further afield.”

1.14. Center for Defence and Security Studies

Location: Winnipeg, Canada

Affiliated organizations: University of Manitoba

Current Director: Andrea Charron

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@cdssuofm](#)

Description: “As a center of national excellence, the mission of the Center for Defence and Security Studies (CDSS) is to advance knowledge, understanding and debate in Canada on defence and security issues through an active research, teaching and outreach program. The Center for Defence and Security Studies (CDSS) was established by the Senate of the University of Manitoba in 1993 based upon the Program in Strategic Studies which was established in 1986 on the reception of the first grant from the Canadian Department of National Defence’s Military and Strategic Studies (MSS) Program.”

1.15. Center for Research and Evidence on Security Threats (CREST)

Location: Lancaster, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: Lancaster University

Current Director: Paul Taylor

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@crest_research](#)

Description: “CREST brings together [...] expertise in understanding the psychological and social drivers of the threat, the skills and technologies that enable its effective investigation, and the protective security measures that help counter the threat in the first place. It does so within a context of [...] stakeholder and international researcher engagement, and with a clear plan for sustained and long-term growth.”

1.16. Center of Religion, Reconciliation and Peace (CRRP)

Location: Winchester, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: University of Winchester

Current Director: Mark Own

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@WinchesterPeace](#)

Description: “As a [...] center dedicated to helping make a tangible difference to those affected by structural violence and armed conflict, our work is particularly focused on examining the crucial links between theory and practice in religious peacebuilding and reconciliation processes, and how each informs, challenges and enhances the other.”

1.17. Chicago Project on Security & Threats (CPOST)

Location: Chicago (IL), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Chicago

Current Director: Robert Pape

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CPOST_UChicago](#)

Description: “The Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST) is a non-partisan research center at the University of Chicago dedicated to advancing scholarship on international politics, security, and trade that advances peace and prosperity. CPOST brings together [...] scholars at the University of Chicago conducting rigorous, data-driven research on issues of national and international importance to provide critical knowledge to policymakers, scholars, and the public.”

1.18. Combating Terrorism Center

Location: West Point (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: United States Military Academy

Current Director: Brian Dodwell

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CTCWP](#)

Description: “The Combating Terrorism Center at West Point educates, advises, and conducts research to equip present and future leaders with the intellectual tools necessary to understand the challenges of terrorism and counterterrorism. As an institution, we embrace the unique responsibility to prepare cadets and other counterterrorism practitioners to think critically about the challenges they will face during war and peace. We are committed to producing objective, rigorous, and policy-relevant research that applies theory to practice, informs strategic counterterrorism thinking, and moves the boundaries of academic knowledge. We leverage our expertise and unique position to contribute to discrete advisory efforts for federal, state, and local government, and to build bridges between counterterrorism stakeholders.”

1.19. Conflict, Terrorism and Peace Group (CTAP)

Location: Auckland, New Zealand

Affiliated organizations: University of Auckland

Current Director: Chris Wilson (Convener)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ArtsAucklandUni](#)

Description: “Located in Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland, CTAP is a group of researchers who specialise in the study of the causes, dynamics, aftermath and prevention of all types of violent conflict. The core members and affiliates of CTAP work on a range of conflict-related topics from a variety of

theoretical and methodological perspectives. Issues examined include: inter-state war; ethnic violence and civil conflict; terrorism and counter-terrorism; genocide and mass killing; peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction; and humanitarian intervention.”

1.20. Conflict, Violence and Terrorism Research Center (CVTRC)

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: Royal Holloway University of London

Current Director: John F. Morrison, Akil N. Awan (co-directors)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CVTRC_RH](#)

Description: “Our research intersects across multiple themes, from environment, embodiment and gender to violence, ideas and beliefs. We are especially interested in understanding societies and cultures from new perspectives, and generating thoughtful enquiry about the functioning of human societies and cultures, in line with Royal Holloway’s commitment to social justice and a shared belief in research that benefits and changes society.”

1.21. Counterterrorism, Intelligence, Risk and Resilience Group

Location: Cranfield, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: Cranfield University

Current Director: Andrew Silke

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CranfieldCIRR](#)

Description: “The Counterterrorism, Intelligence, Risk and Resilience Group offers a wide range of expertise in counterterrorism, intelligence, risk and resilience contexts, nationally and internationally. Our teaching ranges across these areas at MSc, PhD and postdoctoral level, and we also run a number of short courses open to students with an interest in these subjects. Our overall focus is on research and education, and training and consultancy.”

1.22. Department of Security Studies and Criminology

Location: Sydney, Australia

Affiliated organizations: Macquarie University

Current Director: Ben Schreer

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: The Department of Security Studies and Criminology supervises research students in several areas of expertise, including cyber security, intelligence studies, counter-intelligence, security and strategic studies and criminology.

1.23. George Washington University’s Program on Extremism (GWUPOE)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: George Washington University

Current Director: Lorenzo Vidino

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: [@gwupoe](#)

Description: “The Program on Extremism at George Washington University provides analysis on issues related to violent and non-violent extremism. The Program spearheads ... academic inquiry, producing empirical work that strengthens extremism research as a distinct field of study. The Program aims to develop pragmatic policy solutions that resonate with policymakers, civic leaders, and the general public.”

1.24. Global Terrorism Research Center (GTReC)

Location: Victoria, Australia

Affiliated organizations: Monash University

Current Director: Pete Lentini

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: [@Monash_Arts](#)

Description: “The Center’s network of Adjunct Research Associates includes counter-terrorism practitioners within the Victoria Police; and scholars based in the US, New Zealand and elsewhere in Australia. GTReC’s staff members’ research interests straddle Australia, South East Asia, the US, East Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, and Russia. The researchers possess language competence in Arabic, French, Indonesian, Malay, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Thai and Turkish.”

1.25. Handa Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV)

Location: St. Andrews, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: University of St. Andrews

Current Director: Tim Wilson

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: [@CSTPV](#)

Description: “The Handa Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) is dedicated to the study of the causes, dynamics, characteristics and consequences of terrorism and related forms of political violence. In doing so, it is committed to rigorous, evidence-based, scholarly analysis that is policy-relevant but independent. Founded in 1994, the Center is Europe’s oldest for the study of terrorism.”

1.26. Institute for Security and Global Affairs (ISGA)

Location: The Hague, the Netherlands

Affiliated organizations: Leiden University, The Hague Campus

Current Director: Erwin Muller (Dean), Joachim Koops (Scientific Director)

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: [@ISGA_Hague](#)

Description: “The Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) focuses on multidisciplinary research and education within the international scientific field of security studies. The Institute analyses and studies issues in a coherent way from their local transnational, and global impact. ISGA operates from The Hague, the third major city of the Netherlands, center of national governance and International City of Peace, Justice and Security”.

1.27. Institute for Security Policy and Law

Location: Syracuse (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: Syracuse University

Current Director: James E. Baker

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@SU_ISPL](#)

Description: “Through [...] educational programs, interdisciplinary scholarly research, and extensive public service, the Syracuse University Institute for Security Policy and Law examines laws and policies pertaining to national and international security, counterterrorism, international law, humanitarian law, human rights, defense policy, veterans affairs, cybersecurity, post conflict reconstruction, critical infrastructure, [and] emerging technologies”.

1.28. International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)

Location: Singapore, Singapore

Affiliated organizations: Nanyang Technological University

Current Director: Kumar Ramakrishna

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@rsis_ntu](#)

Description: “The International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) is a specialist center within the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. ICPVTR conducts research, training, and outreach programs aimed at reducing the threat of politically motivated violence and at mitigating its effects on the international system. The Center seeks to integrate academic theory with practical knowledge, which is essential for a complete and comprehensive understanding of threats from politically-motivated groups. The Center is staffed by academic specialists, religious scholars, and others. The Center is culturally and linguistically diverse, comprising of functional and regional analysts as well as Muslim religious scholars from Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and North America.”

1.29. International Center for the Study of Radicalization (ICSR)

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: King’s College London

Current Director: Shiraz Maher

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ICSR_Center](#)

Description: “Working across a number of different academic disciplines and in several languages, ICSR conducts thematic research on some of the world’s most pressing issues. Our researchers [...] have harnessed the capacity of ‘big data’ to bring an empirical understanding to the study of international security and terrorism issues.”

1.30. Italian Team for Security, Terroristic Issues & Managing Emergencies (ITSTIME)

Location: Milan, Italy

Affiliated organizations: Sacred Heart University Department of Sociology

Current Director: Marco Lombardi

Website: [visit](#) **Twitter:** [@ITSTIME_UC](#)

Description: “ITSTIME collaborated with public and private subjects interested in monitoring different types

of threats, elaborating potential risk scenarios, planning prevention strategies, developing plans responding to emergency situations, including natural disaster and anthropic events. Their approach allows them to develop and conduct research focused on security issues from different perspectives. ITSTIME addresses both theoretically and empirically the new challenges in the new hybrid war domain. Studies, prevention activities and detailed analyses of security threats, the group addresses different issues from a new perspective in order to manage crisis situations in a proactive way.”

1.31. National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)

Location: College Park (MD), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Maryland

Current Director: William Braniff

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@START_umd](#)

Description: “The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism [...] is a university-based research and education center comprised of an international network of scholars committed to the scientific study of the causes and human consequences of terrorism in the United States and around the world.”

1.32. National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE)

Location: Omaha (NE), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Nebraska, Omaha, US Department of Homeland Security

Current Director: Gina Ligon

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@unomaha](#)

Description: “NCITE is America’s latest terrorism and targeted violence-fighting tool. Our work is counterterrorism research: 50+ academics from 18 universities focused on 10 pressing areas of study. Our goal is to innovate, educate, and create new prevention strategies while building a workforce pipeline where it’s desperately needed: in STEM and Homeland Security fields.”

1.33. Nelson Institute

Location: Harrisonburg (VA), United States

Affiliated organizations: James Madison University

Current Director: Peggy Plass

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@JMU](#)

Description: “The center is currently under the direction of Dr. Peggy Plass, whose research interests are in the areas of criminal victimization of children, property crime victimization, domestic violence, and evaluation of offender rehabilitation programs. Under the direction of Dr. Plass, the work of the Nelson Institute centers around engaging with global and local communities around issues of justice.”

1.34. Osservatorio sulla Sicurezza Internazionale (OSI; Observatory on International Security)

Location: Rome, Italy

Affiliated Organization: Luiss University of Rome

Current Director: Alessandro Orsini

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@sicurezzaint](#)

Description: “The Observatory on International Security (OSI) promotes researches, public events, and advisory on international security, with a focus on countries that are strategic for the Italian national interest. Radicalization and migration are two of the main OSI research topics. Our mission is to create bridges between the academia and the public, aiming at enabling informed decision making and reasoning about international security issues.”

1.35. Reiss Center on Law and Security

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: New York University School of Law

Current Director: Rachel Goldbrenner

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@RCLS_NYU](#)

Description: “The Reiss Center works to address emerging national security challenges of our era, while also drawing on its rich history of study arising from the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. The Center engages in research that elevates and advances the public dialogue about national security law and policy issues and informs the policy-making process by engaging key stakeholders. Across all areas of its work the Center seeks to understand and illuminate the relationship between national security law and national security strategy, and examine the U.S. approach in a global context. Through its publications, conferences, and events, the Center endeavors to make our national security policies more effective, legitimate, and sustainable.”

1.36. Safety and Violence Initiative

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Affiliated organizations: University of Cape Town

Current Director: Guy Lamb

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@UCTSaVI](#)

Description: “The Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI) facilitates debate, research and interventions across the university with a focus on understanding and responding to violence, and promoting safety.”

1.37. Terrorism and Disaster Center

Location: Oklahoma City (OK), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Oklahoma

Current Director: Betty Pfefferbaum

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “The Terrorism and Disaster Center (TDC) was established in 2005 to provide national leadership in the area of terrorism and disasters. TDC is a partner in the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, a national network funded by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration to improve the standard of care for traumatized children and to increase their access to care.”

1.38. Terrorism and Political Violence Association

Location: Leeds, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: University of Leeds

Current Director: Gordon Clubb

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TAPVA](#)

Description: “The Terrorism and Political Violence Association (TAPVA) is an academic network based at the University of Leeds since 2011 and is a part of the Terrorism Research Initiative [TRI]. We seek to facilitate academic research in the field of Terrorism and Political Violence which can have an impact on society, both at the level of government policy and within communities. To meet this goal, TAPVA’s events have been held in conjunction with a number of ... think tank organizations and have attracted ... experts in the field of terrorism.”

1.39. Terrorism & Preparedness Data Resource Center (TPDRC)

Location: Ann Arbor (MI), Michigan

Affiliated organizations: University of Michigan’s Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Current Director: Tim Bynum

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@nackjaydee](#)

Description: “The Terrorism & Preparedness Data Resource Center (TPDRC) is housed at the University of Michigan’s Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). TPDRC archives and distributes data collected by government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and researchers about the nature of intra- (domestic) and international terrorism incidents, organizations, perpetrators, and victims; governmental and nongovernmental responses to terror, including primary, secondary, and tertiary interventions; and citizen’s attitudes towards terrorism, terror incidents, and the response to terror. It also organizes and streamlines access to extant research and administrative data from across the world that are relevant to the study of terrorism and the response to terrorism for descriptive and scientific analysis by academics and researchers.”

1.40. Terrorism Research Center (TRC)

Location: Fayetteville (AR), United States

Affiliated organizations: University of Arkansas

Current Director: Brent L. Smith

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@uark_trc](#)

Description: “The Terrorism Research Center in Fulbright College was founded by Dr. Brent L. Smith in 2003 to facilitate research on terrorism, extremist violence, and effectiveness of anti-terrorism policies and programs. The TRC honors J.W. Fulbright’s legacy of “Peace Through Education” by conducting research that informs the work of those who seek to counter terrorism and other forms of extreme violence.”

1.41. Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCC)

Location: Arlington (VA), United States

Affiliated organizations: George Mason University

Current Director: Louise I. Shelley

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TraCCatGMU](#)

Description: “The Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCC) is the first center in the United States devoted to understanding the links among terrorism, transnational crime and corruption, and to teach, research, train and help formulate policy on these critical issues.”

1.42. Transcultural Conflict and Violence Initiative (TCV)

Location: Atlanta (GA), United States

Affiliated organizations: Georgia State University

Current Director: Carol Winkler

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@georgiastateu](#)

Description: “The TCV seeks to bring together the work of several different groups of academics carrying out ... research. Scholars in Political Science, Computer Science, Communications, and Global Studies are learning more about the seeds and solutions to ethnic, religious, and other transcultural conflicts.”

1.43. Transnational Configurations, Conflict and Governance (TCGG)

Location: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Affiliated organizations: University of Amsterdam

Current Director: John Grin, Marieke de Goede

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@UvA_AISSR](#)

Description: “The program group Transnational Configurations, Conflict and Governance (TCCG) analyses politics as transnational processes in which a multitude of actors are involved. The group critically examines the identities, categories and boundaries at work in these processes, beyond state-based concepts and explanations.”

1.44. Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security (TCTHS)

Location: Durham (NC), United States

Affiliated organizations: Duke University

Current Director: David Schanzer

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “The mission of the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security (TCTHS) is to enhance the understanding of terrorism and the means to combat it through education, research and the development of partnerships between universities, industry and government. Founded in 2005, the TCTHS faculty conduct research, comment on current events and policy debates, and run executive education programs. The center sponsors multiple events each year providing an opportunity for students to interact with... practitioners and scholars.”

2. *Think Tanks*

2.1. African Center for the Study and Research of Terrorism (ACSRT)

Location: Algiers, Algeria

Affiliated organizations: Algerian government; African Union

Current Director: Larry Gbevlo-Lartey Esq.

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@AU_ACSRT](#)

Description: “The mission of the ACSRT is to conduct research and study on Terrorism and develop strategic policy, operational and training mechanisms within the context of International and Continental legal instruments to strengthen the capacity of the African Union and its Member States to prevent and combat terrorism in Africa.”

2.2. Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies (ACPSS)

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Affiliated organizations: European Union and European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Current Director: Senen Florensa

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@euromesco](#)

Description: “Founded in 1996, EuroMeSCo (the Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission) is [a] network of research centers on politics and security in the Mediterranean, striving at building a community of research institutes and think tanks committed to strengthening Euro-Mediterranean relations.”

2.3. Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Jonathan Greenblatt

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ADL](#)

Description: “ADL is a[n] anti-hate organization. Founded in 1913 in response to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry, its timeless mission is to protect the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment for all. Today, ADL continues to fight all forms of hate with the same vigor and passion. ADL [exposes] extremism and delivering anti-bias education, and is a[n] organization in training law enforcement. [...] ADL’s ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination or hate.”

2.4. Aspen Institute

Location: Washington, D.C. (For more locations, see <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/about/#locations>)

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Daniel R. Porterfield

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@AspenInstitute](#)

Description: “[The Aspen Institute provides] a bipartisan forum to explore policy strategies for homeland

security, foreign policy, and global communities”

2.5. Atlantic Council

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Amjad Ahmad

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@AtlanticCouncil](#)

Description: “Driven by a mission of “shaping the global future together,” the Atlantic Council is a nonpartisan organization that galvanizes US leadership and engagement in the world, in partnership with allies and partners, to shape solutions to global challenges.”

2.6. Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA)

Location: Canberra, Australia

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Bryce Wakefield

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ausoutlook](#)

Description: “The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) seeks to promote interest in and understanding of international affairs in Australia. The institute provides a forum for discussion and debate, but does not seek to formulate its own institutional views. Formed in 1924, the AIIA was originally associated with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House). Close contact is maintained with Chatham House and with similarly minded organizations around the world. Precluded by its constitution from expressing any opinion of its own on international affairs, the AIIA provides a national forum for the presentation and discussion of a wide range of views.”

2.7. Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)

Location: Canberra, Australia

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Peter Jennings PSM

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ASPI_org](#)

Description: “The program undertakes research across the spectrum of counter-terrorism topics, facilitates dialogue and discussion amongst stakeholders, and provides advice to government, community and industry stakeholders, with a particular focus on what can be done to counter terrorism.”

2.8. Bangladesh Center for Terrorism Research

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Affiliated organizations: Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies

Current Director: A.N.M. Muniruzzaman

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@bipss](#)

Description: “An [...] institution in Bangladesh for informed analysis on all aspects of a broad spectrum of peace and security studies in the region and beyond. It is a non-party, non-profit organization and independent think tank which provides a platform for the leading strategic thinkers, academics, former members of the civil, foreign and armed services and media persons to chalk out a comprehensive framework for peace and security issues.”

2.9. The Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA)

Location: Ramat Gan, Israel

Affiliated organizations: Bar-Ilan University

Current Director: Thomas O. Hecht

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@BESA_Center](#)

Description: “The Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies is an independent, non-partisan think tank conducting policy-relevant research on Middle Eastern and global strategic affairs, particularly as they relate to the national security and foreign policy of Israel and regional peace and stability.”

2.10. Brookings Institute

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Stephanie Aaronson

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@BrookingsInst](#)

Description: “The Brookings Institution is a nonprofit public policy organization based in Washington, D.C.. [...] The research agenda and recommendations of Brookings’s experts are rooted in open-minded inquiry and our 300+ scholars represent diverse points of view. Research topics cover foreign policy, economics, development, governance and metropolitan policy.”

2.11. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Location: Washington, D.C., United States (head office); New Delhi, India; Moscow, Russia; Brussels, Belgium; Beirut, Lebanon; Beijing, China

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: William J. Burns

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CarnegieEndow](#)

Description: “In an increasingly crowded, chaotic, and contested world and marketplace of ideas, the Carnegie Endowment offers decisionmakers global, independent, and strategic insight and innovative ideas that advance international peace.”

2.12. Center for Analysis of Radical Right (CARR)

Location: London, UK

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Matthew Feldman

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@C4ARR](#)

Description: “The Center for Analysis of the Radical Right (CARR) is [an] information aggregator and knowledge repository on the radical right, past and present. Above all, CARR intends to lead discussion on the development of radical right extremism around the world.”

2.13. Center for a New American Security (CNAS)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Richard Fontaine (CEO)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CNASdc](#)

Description: “The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) is an independent, bipartisan, nonprofit organization that develops strong, pragmatic, and principled national security and defense policies. CNAS engages policymakers, experts, and the public with innovative, fact-based research, ideas, and analysis to shape and elevate the national security debate.”

2.14. Center for Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS)

Location: Kabul, Afghanistan

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Unspecified

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Insightconflict](#)

Description: “The organization’s primary goals are: (1) to build local capacity and expertise; (2) to facilitate the Afghan government in promoting better governance and state building measures; and (3) to assist the international community in collaborating and coordinating perspectives on issues affecting Afghanistan.”

2.15. Center for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)

Location: New Delhi, India

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Lt Gen (Dr) Vijay Kumar Ahluwalia, PVSM, AVSM**, YSM, VSM (Ret.)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@OfficialCLAWSIN](#)

Description: “The vision of CLAWS is “to be a leading International Think Tank in development and promotion of strategic culture and futuristic thinking on security issues across the continuum of conflict affecting Land Warfare.”

2.16. Center for Research & Security Studies

Location: Islamabad, Pakistan

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Imtiaz Gul

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CRSSpak](#)

Description: “Pakistan’s first think-tank of its kind founded by civil society activists, committed to the cause of independent research and nonpartisan analysis to help people in and outside Pakistan better understand this nation of 180 million.”

2.17. Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: John J. Hamre

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CSIS](#)

Description: “The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is a bipartisan, nonprofit policy research organization dedicated to advancing practical ideas to address the world’s greatest challenges. [...] CSIS’ terrorism research is led by the Transnational Threats Project, the International Security Program, and the Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy”, held by Anthony H. Cordesman.

2.18. Center for the Analysis of Terrorism (CAT)

Location: Paris, France

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Jean Charles Brisard

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CAT_Center](#)

Description: “A research center aiming at becoming a European leading think tank on the analysis of terrorism.”

2.19. Center for the Prevention of Radicalization leading to Violence (CPRLV)

Location: Montréal, Canada

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Roselyne Mavungu

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@info_radical](#)

Description: “The Center for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) [...] is the first independent non-profit organization aimed at preventing violent radicalization and providing support to individuals affected by the phenomenon, be they individuals who are radicalized or undergoing radicalization, family or friends of such individuals, teachers, professionals or field workers. The CPRLV is a provincially mandated organization whose work also includes the prevention of hate crimes and incidents as well as the provision of support and counselling for victims of such acts”.

2.20. Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM)

Location: Podgorica, Montenegro

Affiliated organizations: ESCR-Net

Current Director: Fernanda Hopenhaym

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ESCRNet](#)

Description: “The Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM) works to advance and spread conscience on the importance of proper and successful democratic transition and contribute to strengthening civil society and human rights protection. CEDEM works to promote human rights in Montenegro by means of capacity building for people working in public administration, the media and the NGO sector; policy work and research in the field of human rights as well as advocacy actions aimed at policymakers at the national and regional level. The organization works on five main program areas: (1) European integration, (2) Rule of law, (3) Human rights, (4) Security and defense, and (5) social inclusion.”

2.21. Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Daniel Gross (Director), Sergio Carrera (Head Justice & Home Affairs Unit)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CEPS_thinktank](#)

Description: “At CEPS, researchers perform policy research on a wide range of policy areas: from the economy and finance to better regulation, the digital economy and trade, as well as energy and climate, education and innovation, foreign policy and the European integration process, or justice and home affairs.”

2.22. Center for Military Studies

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Affiliated organizations: University of Copenhagen

Current Director: Henrik Ø. Breitenbauch

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@uni_copenhagen](#)

Description: “The Center for Military Studies is a university research center focusing on policy-relevant research and research-based information and innovation that identify options for Denmark’s defence and security policy in a globalised world. Research at the Center is thus a means to identify policy options in a complex, interconnected security environment. [The Center works] closely with the Danish Ministry of Defence, the Danish Armed Forces and the political level to investigate issues and develop ideas and options.”

2.23. Center on Asia and Globalization (CAG)

Location: Singapore

Affiliated organizations: Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Current Director: Kanti Prasad Bajpai

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “The Center on Asia and Globalization (CAG) was established at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, in 2006. The Center is dedicated to conducting in-depth research on developments in the Asia-Pacific and beyond. CAG’s mission is to provide accurate, independent, and high-quality analysis on issues of regional and global significance for academia, decision-makers, commentators, and the general public.”

2.24. Center on Radicalization & Terrorism

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: Henry Jackson Society

Current Director: Alan Mendoza

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@HJS_Org](#)

Description: “By coupling [...] in-depth research with targeted and impactful policy recommendations, [The Henry Jackson Society aims] to combat the threat of radicalization and terrorism in our society.”

2.25. Chatham House

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Robin Niblett

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ChathamHouse](#)

Description: “[Chatham House carries] out independent and rigorous analysis of critical global, regional and country-specific challenges and opportunities - offering new ideas and proposals from the near- to the long-term.”

2.26. Civitas: Institute for the Study of Civil Society

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: David Green

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Civitas_UK](#)

Description: “[Civitas strives] to benefit public debate through independent research, reasoned argument, lucid explanation and open discussion. We stand apart from party politics and transitory intellectual fashions. We make our work available in books, pamphlets, online, and in electronic formats and encourage authors to make their arguments accessible to non-specialists. Some publications are designed for use in schools and universities. Most recently, we have published a knowledge-rich primary school curriculum designed to enable children of all abilities to share in the intellectual heritage of Western civilization. Uniquely among think tanks, we play an active, practical part in rebuilding civil society by running schools on Saturdays and after-school hours so that children who are falling behind at school can achieve their full potential.”

2.27. Clingendael Institute/Conflict Research Unit (CRU)

Location: The Hague, the Netherlands

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Monika Sie Dhian Ho (Director)/Mariska van Beijnum (Head of Conflict Research Unit)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@clingendaelorg](#)

Description: “The Conflict Research Unit conducts research on the political economy of 21st century conflict and fragility dynamics. By offering insights and innovative approaches as to how to reduce the occurrence, intensity and impact of violence, we aim to achieve that policy makers and practitioners feel urged and enabled to take informed action against the human suffering caused by violent conflict today.”

2.28. Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

Location: New York (NY), United States (head office); Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Richard N. Haass

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CFR_org](#)

Description: “The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher dedicated to being a resource for its members, government officials, business executives, journalists, educators and students, civic and religious leaders, and other interested citizens in order to help them better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries. Founded in 1921, CFR takes no institutional positions on matters of policy. Our goal is to start a conversation in this country about the need for Americans to better understand the world.”

2.29. Counter Extremism Project (CEP)

Location: New York (NY), United States (head office); London, United Kingdom; Berlin, Germany

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Mark Wallace

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@FightExtremism](#)

Description: “The Counter Extremism Project (CEP) is a not-for-profit, non-partisan, international policy organization formed to combat the growing threat from extremist ideologies. Led by a [...] group of former world leaders and diplomats it combats extremism by pressuring financial and material support networks; countering the narrative of extremists and their online recruitment; and advocating for smart laws, policies, and regulations.”

2.30. Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Kristian Fischer

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@diisdsk](#)

Description: “DIIS is an independent public research institution for international studies. [It conducts] and communicate multidisciplinary research and aim[s] to be agenda-setting in research, policy and public debate. DIIS researches foreign, security and development policy. The institute carries out basic research, policy analysis and commissioned research.”

2.31. Eastern Mediterranean Academic Research Center (DAKAM)

Location: Beyoğlu, İstanbul

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Unspecified

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@dakamtr](#)

Description: “In cooperation with universities and scholars, DAKAM aims to organise international

conferences, workshops and events.”

2.32. Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Hughes Chantry

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@EgmontInstitute](#)

Description: “The Royal Institute for International Relations is an independent think-tank based in Brussels. Its interdisciplinary research is conducted in a spirit of total academic freedom. Drawing on the expertise of its own research fellows, as well as that of external specialists, both Belgian and foreign, it provides analysis and policy options that are meant to be as operational as possible.”

2.33. Elcano Royal Institute

Location: Madrid, Spain

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Charles Powell

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@rielcano](#)

Description: “The Elcano Royal Institute is a think tank specialised in international and strategic studies conducted from a Spanish, European and global perspective. Its goal is to promote knowledge of the current international situation and of Spain’s foreign relations, as well as to provide a focal point for debating and generating ideas that may prove useful in the decision-making processes of political office-holders, the leaders of private enterprises and public institutions, social actors and academics. The overall concern is to be a meeting point for the exchange of ideas and the search for consensus in a spirit dominated by the defence of democracy, multilateralism, the social market economy, freedom and human rights.”

2.34. European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Locations: London, United Kingdom (head office); Berlin, Germany; Madrid, Spain; Paris, France; Rome, Italy; Sofia, Bulgaria; Warsaw, Poland

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Mark Leonard

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ecfr](#)

Description: “The European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) is an [...] international think-tank that aims to conduct cutting-edge independent research on European foreign and security policy and to provide a safe meeting space for decision-makers, activists and influencers to share ideas.”

2.35. European Foundation for Democracy (EFD)

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Roberta Bonazzi

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: [@EFDBrussels](#)

Description: “The European Foundation for Democracy is a policy institute that has been working with civil society, academic, government and other stakeholders on the prevention of radicalization for more than a decade. We address all forms of radicalization which can lead to violent extremism regardless of the political or religious ideology that may drive this. Specifically, we support initiatives to strengthen resilience of communities in different countries by empowering credible pro-democratic voices to prevent radicalization from gaining a foothold.”

2.36. European Institute for Counter-Terrorism and Conflict Prevention (EICTP)

Location: Vienna, Austria

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Herbert Scheibner (President)

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: *n/a*

Description: “[The European Institute for Counter-Terrorism and Conflict Preventions deals] with the central security policy challenges for Europe. A worldwide network of internationally active terrorism and hybrid conflicts are a growing threat. [EICTP] devote[s] itself to in-depth analyses and studies of such uncertainty scenarios and want[s] to actively contribute well-founded strategies and solution scenarios or make the effects of prevention and intervention assessable.”

2.37. Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)

Location: Philadelphia (PA), United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Jacques deLisle

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: [@FPRI](#)

Description: “The Foreign Policy Research Institute is dedicated to producing the highest quality scholarship and nonpartisan policy analysis focused on crucial foreign policy and national security challenges facing the United States. We educate those who make and influence policy, as well as the public at large, through the lens of history, geography, and culture.”

2.38. Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Mark Dubowitz

Website: [visit](#) | Twitter: [@FDD](#)

Description: “A research institute focusing on national security and foreign policy. FDD conducts in-depth research, produces accurate and timely analyses, identifies illicit activities, and provides policy options – all with the aim of strengthening U.S. national security and reducing or eliminating threats posed by adversaries and enemies of the United States and other free nations.”

2.39. l'Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI; French Institute of International Affairs)

Location: Paris, France

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Thomas Gomart

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@IFRI](#)

Description: “[L’Institut Français des Relations Internationales] brings together a multi-national team of fifty collaborators including about thirty permanent professional researchers divided into 10 research units with a regional focus: Europe, Russia / NIS, Asia, North America (United States and Canada), Sub-Saharan Africa, Turkey / Middle East and focusing on cross-cutting issues: Security and Strategic Affairs, Energy and Climate, Space, Migration and Citizenship. IFRI’s policy-oriented research strives to shed light on international events and put them in perspective. It is primarily useful for political and economic decision-makers as well as academics, opinion leaders, and civil society representatives.”

2.40. Geneva Center for Security Policy

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Christian Dussey

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@theGCSP](#)

Description: “[The Geneva Center for Security Policy is] an international foundation serving a global community of individuals and organizations. [Its] mission is to advance peace, security and international cooperation. [It] provides the knowledge, skills and network for effective and inclusive decision-making.”

2.41. Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Thomas Guerber

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@DCAF_Geneva](#)

Description: “We see security sector governance and reform as an essential contributor to peace and sustainable development. Our Strategy 2020-2024 demonstrates how, over the next five years, we will help make states and people safer by supporting efforts of national stakeholders and international actors to enhance the democratic governance of security sectors around the world.”

2.42. George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Location: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Keith W. Dayton

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Marshal_Center](#)

Description: “The George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies is one of five U.S. Department

of Defense Regional Centers and the only bilateral Center. The mission of the Marshall Center is to enable solutions to regional and transnational security challenges through capacity building, access, and a globally connected network. An instrument of German-American cooperation, the center addresses regional and transnational security issues for the U.S. Department of Defense and the German Federal Ministry of Defense, and maintains contact with a vast alumni network of security professionals.”

2.43. Georgian Center for Strategy and Development (GCSD)

Location: Tbilisi, Georgia

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Giorgi Gogvadze

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GCSDorg](#)

Description: “Georgian Center for Strategy and Development (GCSD) is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organization, which intends to support Georgia’s national security, to strengthen principles of effective and democratic governance of the country and to create conditions for Georgia’s sustainable development. Based on the goals of the center, its work involves research, monitoring, advocacy and implementation of educational projects.”

2.44. German Institute on Radicalization and De-Radicalization Studies (GIRDS)

Location: Stuttgart, Germany

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Daniel Koehler

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GIRD_S](#)

Description: “The first German research and network initiative focusing solely on the theory and practice of de-radicalization and counter-radicalization, GIRDS is completely non-profit and independent. We are not institutionally bound and do not follow any partisan politics. GIRDS can be seen as a transparent network of experts both from practical backgrounds and academia aiming to foster the theoretical and practical development of de-radicalization methods, evaluation tools, training manuals, and concepts.”

2.45. Global Center on Cooperative Security

Location: New York, United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Eelco Kessels

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GlobalCtr](#)

Description: “The Global Center works to achieve lasting security by advancing inclusive, human rights-based policies, partnerships, and practices to address the root causes of violent extremism. We focus on four mutually reinforcing objectives: (1) Supporting communities in addressing the drivers of conflict and violent extremism; (2) Advancing human rights and the rule of law to prevent and respond to violent extremism; (3) Combating illicit finance that enables criminal and violent extremist organizations; and (4) Promoting multilateral cooperation and rights-based standards in counterterrorism.”

2.46. Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GITOC)

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Mark Shaw

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GI_TOC](#)

Description: “Founded in 2013 ... The Global Initiative comprises a network of over 500 independent global and regional experts working on human rights, democracy, governance, and development issues where organized crime has become increasingly pertinent. The Global Initiative provides a platform to promote greater debate and innovative approaches as the building blocks to an inclusive global strategy against organized crime. It commissions and shares research globally; curates a [...] resource library of 2,000 reports and tools specific to organized crime; and uses its [...] convening power to unite both the private and public sectors against organized crime.”

2.47. Global Policy Institute (GPI)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: Bay Atlantic University

Current Director: Paolo von Schirach (President), Deniz Karatas (Executive Director)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GPIInstitute](#)

Description: “The Global Policy Institute (GPI) is an independent, non-partisan research institution headquartered in Washington, D.C. focusing on global affairs, economics, energy and education. GPI works closely with Bay Atlantic University (BAU). Through its international network of affiliated scholars, GPI conducts research and analysis, develops realistic policy solutions, organizes events and endeavors to unite political and business leaders in an ongoing effort aimed at addressing global issues in a constructive way.”

2.48. GLOBSEC

Location: Bratislava, Slovakia

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Henrieta Kunova

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GLOBSEC](#)

Description: “GLOBSEC is a global think-tank based in Bratislava committed to enhancing security, prosperity and sustainability in Europe and throughout the world. Its mission is to influence the future by generating new ideas and solutions for a better and safer world. We believe we can change the world by putting together the right stakeholders at the right time for a free exchange of ideas.”

2.49. Hedayah

Location: Abu Dhabi, UAE

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: H.E. Ahmed Al Qasimi

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Hedayah_CVE](#)

Description: “Hedayah is [an] international organization dedicated to using its expertise and experiences to countering violent extremism (CVE) in all of its forms and manifestations through dialogue, communications, capacity building programs, research and analysis. [W]e work to enhance understanding and share good practices to effectively build the capacity of CVE actors across the globe to promote tolerance, stability, and security.”

2.50. Henry L. Stimson Center

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Brian Eyster

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@StimsonCenter](#)

Description: “Promotes international security, shared prosperity & justice through applied research and independent analysis, deep engagement, and policy innovation.”

2.51. Hoover Institution

Location: Stanford (CA) and Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: Stanford University

Current Director: Thomas F. Stephenson

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@HooverInst](#)

Description: “With its ... scholars and ... Library and Archives, the Hoover Institution seeks to improve the human condition by advancing ideas that promote economic opportunity and prosperity, while securing and safeguarding peace for America and all mankind.”

2.52. Hudson Institute

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Kenneth R. Weinstein

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@HudsonInstitute](#)

Description: “The Hudson Institute challenges conventional thinking and helps manage strategic transitions to the future through interdisciplinary studies in defense, international relations, economics, health care, technology, culture, and law. Hudson guides public policy makers and global leaders in government and business through a ... program of publications, conferences, policy briefings, and recommendations.”

2.53. Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS; French Institute for International Relations and Strategic Affairs)

Location: Paris, France

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Pascal Boniface

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@InstitutIRIS](#)

Description: “The origin of the creation of IRIS stems from the desire to meet three main objectives: (1) contribute to research and debate on international and strategic issues, offering a different and original reading of national and international issues; (2) create a truly independent center of expertise; and (3) create a place of dialogue and reflection between all those who make up the strategic community specialists.”

2.54. Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)

Location: New Delhi, India

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@IDSAIndia](#)

Description: “The Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), is a non-partisan, autonomous body dedicated to objective research and policy relevant studies on all aspects of defence and security. Its mission is to promote national and international security through the generation and dissemination of knowledge on defence and security-related issues.”

2.55. Institute for Islamic World Future Studies (IIWFS)

Location: Tehran, Iran

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Unspecified

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@IIWFS2](#)

Description: “Introducing and promoting empowering teachings and models to create convergence and augmentation among Islamic societies counteracting the distortion of the image of Islam and undermining the... capabilities of the Islamic world.”

2.56. Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

Location: Tel Aviv, Israel

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Amos Yadlin

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@INSSIIsrael](#)

Description: “The Institute for National Security Studies launches and engages in innovative, relevant, high-quality research that shapes the public discourse of issues on Israel’s national security agenda, and provides policy analysis and recommendations to decision makers, public leaders, and the strategic community, both in Israel and abroad. As part of its mission, it is committed to encourage new ways of thinking and expand the traditional contours of establishment analysis.”

2.57. International Center for Counter-Terrorism - The Hague (ICCT)

Location: The Hague, The Netherlands

Affiliated organizations: Clingendael Netherlands’ Institute for International Relations, TMC Asser Institute, Institute for Security & Global Affairs, Leiden University, Campus The Hague.

Current (Interim) Director: Alexander von Rosenbach

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ICCT_TheHague](#)

Description: “[Founded in 2010, the ICCT is] an independent think and do tank providing multidisciplinary policy advice and practical, solution-oriented implementation support on prevention and the rule of law, two vital pillars of effective counter-terrorism. ICCT’s work focuses on themes at the intersection of countering violent extremism and criminal justice sector responses, as well as human rights related aspects of counter-terrorism. The major project areas concern countering violent extremism, rule of law, foreign fighters, country and regional analysis, rehabilitation, civil society engagement and victims’ voices.”

2.58. Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

Location: Milan, Italy

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Giampiero Massolo

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ISPIonline](#)

Description: “Founded in 1934, the Institute for International Political Studies is now recognized as one of the most prestigious think tanks dedicated to the study of international dynamics. It is the only Italian institute – and among the very few in Europe – to support research with a significant commitment to training, conferences and analysis and guidance on risks and opportunities worldwide for companies and institutions. The whole activity is characterized by an approach that combines socio-political and economic analysis and by an extensive collaboration with the main think tanks around the world.”

2.59. Institute for Security Studies (ISS)

Location: Pretoria, South Africa (head office); also offices in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Dakar, Senegal.

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Anton Du Plessis

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@issafrica](#)

Description: “The ISS is an African non-profit organization Our work covers transnational crimes, migration, maritime security and development, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, crime prevention and criminal justice, and the analysis of conflict and governance”.

2.60. Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)

Location: London, United Kingdom (head office); Beirut, Lebanon; Berlin, Germany; Paris, France; Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Sasha Havlicek

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ISDGlobal](#)

Description: “ISD is [a] ‘think and do’ tank dedicated to understanding and innovating real-world responses to the rising tide of polarization, hate and extremism of all forms. We combine anthropological research, expertise in international extremist movements and an advanced digital analysis capability that tracks hate, disinformation and extremism online, with policy advisory support and training to governments and cities around the world.”

2.61. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)

Location: Singapore

Affiliated organizations: Yusof Ishak Institute

Current Director: Choi Shing Kwok

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ISEAS](#)

Description: “ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute (formerly Institute of Southeast Asian Studies) is dedicated to the study of socio-political, security, and economic trends and developments in Southeast Asia and its wider geostrategic and economic environment. The Institute aims to stimulate research and debate within scholarly circles, enhance public awareness of the region, and facilitate the search for viable solutions to the varied problems confronting the region. It also strives to nurture a community of scholars interested in the region and to engage in research on the multi-faceted dimensions and issues of stability and security, economic development, and political, social, and cultural change.”

2.62. International Center for Terrorism Studies (ICTS)

Location: Arlington (VA) United States

Affiliated organizations: Potomac Institute for Policy Studies

Current Director: Mike Swetnam

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@PotomacInst](#)

Description: “The Potomac Institute for Policy Studies is an independent, nonpartisan, not-for-profit, science and technology (S&T) policy research institute. The Institute identifies and leads discussions on key S&T and national security issues facing our society, providing an academic forum for the study of related policy issues. Based on data and evidence, we develop meaningful policy recommendations and ensure their implementation at the intersection of business and government.”

2.63. International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism (ICSVE)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Anne Speckhard

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@icsve](#)

Description: “The International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism (ICSVE) is an action based, interdisciplinary, research center working on psychosocial, cultural, political, economic, ideological, and technological topics impacting global peace and security. ICSVE ... provides research, training, and strategic advice to government leaders, intelligence, defense, international organizations, and civilian communities, worldwide, to prevent and deter the threat of violent extremism in the core areas such as capacity building and programmatic support, countering extremist narrative, developing community resilience, managing intervention activities, understanding pathways into and back out of terrorism and countering violent extremism training.”

2.64. International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law

Location: Valletta, Malta

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Thomas Wuchte

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@iijmalta](#)

Description: “The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) provides rule of law-based training to lawmakers, police, prosecutors, judges, corrections officials, and other justice sector stakeholders on how to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework. More broadly, it works to strengthen criminal justice systems and build regional judicial, police and other criminal justice practitioner networks to promote justice, security, and human rights. The IIJ places a particular focus on countries seeking to develop rule of law-based approaches to addressing security challenges such as terrorism and other transnational criminal activities. Although the IIJ’s mandate will be global in nature, initial focus is on countries in North, West, and East Africa, and the Middle East, paying particular attention to supporting countries in transition.”

2.65. The Institute of International & European Affairs (IIEA)

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Brendan Halligan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@iiea](#)

Description: “The Institute of International and European Affairs is [an Irish] international affairs think tank. We are an independent, not-for-profit organization with charitable status. Our aim is to provide a forum for all those interested in EU and International affairs to engage in debate and discussion, and to evaluate and share policy options.”

2.66. Institute for International & Strategic Studies (IISS)

Location: London, United Kingdom (head office); Washington, D.C., United States; Singapore, Singapore, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: John Chipman

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@IISS_org](#)

Description: “The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) has helped to shape the strategic agenda for governments, businesses, the media and experts across the world. We earn our revenue from the sale of our databases and publications, host-nation support for conferences, corporate sponsorship, research work, consultancy, and donations from private individuals and foundations.”

2.67. International Crisis Group

Location: Brussels, Belgium (head office); Washington, D.C., United States; New York (NY), United States; London, United Kingdom.

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Robert Malley

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CrisisGroup](#)

Description: “The International Crisis Group is an independent organization working to prevent wars and shape policies that will build a more peaceful world. Crisis Group sounds the alarm to prevent deadly conflict. We build support for the good governance and inclusive politics that enable societies to flourish. We engage directly with a range of conflict actors to seek and share information, and to encourage intelligent action for peace.”

2.68. International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)

Location: Herzliya, Israel

Affiliated organizations: Interdisciplinary Center (IDC)

Current Director: Boaz Ganor

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ICT_org](#)

Description: “The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is [an] academic institute for counter-terrorism, facilitating international cooperation in the global struggle against terrorism. ICT is an independent think tank providing expertise in terrorism, counter-terrorism, homeland security, threat vulnerability, risk assessment, intelligence analysis, national security and defense policy.”

2.69. International Peace Institute (IPI)

Location: New York (NY), United States (head office); Vienna, Austria; Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Terje Rød-Larsen

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ipinst](#)

Description: “The International Peace Institute (IPI) is an independent, international not-for-profit think tank dedicated to managing risk and building resilience to promote peace, security, and sustainable development. To achieve its purpose, IPI employs a mix of policy research, strategic analysis, publishing, and convening. With staff from more than twenty countries and a broad range of academic fields, IPI has offices facing United Nations headquarters in New York and offices in Vienna and Manama.”

2.70. Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Steven Emerson

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TheIPT](#)

Description: “The Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) is a non-profit research group founded by Steven Emerson in 1995. It [maintains a] comprehensive data center on radical Islamic terrorist groups. For more than two decades, the IPT has investigated the operations, funding, activities and front groups of Islamic terrorist and extremist groups in the United States and around the world.”

2.71. Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI; Institute for International Affairs)

Location: Rome, Italy

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Nathalie Tocci

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “We are a private, independent non-profit think tank, founded in 1965 on the initiative of Altiero Spinelli. We seek to promote awareness of international politics and contribute to the advancement of European integration and multilateral cooperation. We are part of a vast international network, and interact and cooperate with the government and its ministries, European and international institutions, universities, major national economic actors, the media and the most authoritative international think tanks.”

2.72. The Jamestown Foundation

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Glen Howard

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@JamestownTweets](#)

Description: “The Jamestown Foundation’s mission is to inform and educate policy makers and the broader community about events and trends in those societies which are strategically or tactically important to the United States and which frequently restrict access to such information. Utilizing indigenous and primary sources, Jamestown’s material is delivered without political bias, filter or agenda. It is often the only source of information which should be, but is not always, available through official or intelligence channels, especially in regard to Eurasia and terrorism.”

2.73. Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies (KAZISS)

Location: Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Shaukenova Zarema Kaukenovna

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@KAZ_ISS](#)

Description: “KAZISS holds strategic research on foreign and domestic policy topics, Kazakhstan’s social and economic development, provides the leadership of the state with perspectives and recommendations”.

2.74. Latin American Security and Defence Network (RESDAL)

Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Marcela Donadio (Executive Secretary)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@RESDAL](#)

Description: “A network that creates, strengthens and links the capacities and efforts of decision-makers, academics and members of civil society within the field of security and defence, collaborating in the construction of a peaceful democratic environment in Latin America and the Caribbean where democratic institutions exist that generate policies, experiences and initiatives that at the same time impact the hemispheric and international security environment.”

2.75. Lowy Institute

Location: Sydney, Australia

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Michael Fullilove

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@LowyInstitute](#)

Description: “The Lowy Institute is an Australian think tank with a global outlook. Our research interests are as broad as Australia’s interests, and we host distinguished speakers from around the globe on foreign policy, defence, politics, aid and development, journalism, science and the arts. The Lowy Institute is at the center of Australia’s foreign policy and national security debates.”

2.76. The MacKenzie Institute

Location: Toronto, Canada

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Lou Milrad (chair)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TheMackenzieIn1](#)

Description: “The Mackenzie Institute, an independent think tank, brings a strategic and pragmatic approach to security matters that affect both domestic and global audiences. The Mackenzie Institute brings together external independent thinking for policymakers, governments, private sector entities, and educational institutions. We propose an open forum for global conversations on the threats and security vulnerabilities we face in order to best advise these various entities.”

2.77. Manhattan Institute

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Reihan Salam

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ManhattanInst](#)

Description: “The mission of the Manhattan Institute is to develop and disseminate new ideas that foster greater economic choice and individual responsibility.”

2.78. Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC)

Location: Ramat Hasharon, Israel

Affiliated organizations: Israeli Intelligence Heritage and Commemoration Center

Current Director: Reuven Erlich

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@terrorisminfo](#)

Description: “The Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) issues information bulletins and studies about terrorist organizations. Its research fields include Palestinian terrorist organizations, Lebanese terrorist organizations, and organizations affiliated with global jihad. The ITIC researchers monitor the various aspects of the activities of the terrorist organizations in the Middle East and elsewhere, countries sponsoring terrorism, terrorist attacks, terrorist infrastructure, weapons, funding terrorist organizations,

terrorist organizations' media outlets and more.”

2.79. National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS)

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Affiliated organizations: Japanese Ministry of Defence

Current Director: Tanaka Satoshi

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “The National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) is the Ministry of Defense’s core policy research arm, conducting research and studies with a policy orientation primarily on security and military history, while also serving as a strategic college-level educational institution for the training of high-level officers of the Self-Defense Forces. In addition, NIDS engages in such activities as the administration of military and naval documents, records and publications, and is considered to be the nation’s foremost military history research center.”

2.80. National Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS)

Location: Seoul, South Korea

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Jun Bong-Geun

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “The Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS) is Korea’s top foreign policy and security think tank. IFANS is primarily responsible for: 1. Conducting research on and analysis of the government’s mid to long-term foreign policy and diplomatic strategy, and 2. Developing policy recommendations on pending diplomatic issues. In addition, IFANS continues to build a wide-ranging policy research network with the academia and research institutions in Korea and abroad, share Korea’s diplomatic agenda with domestic and foreign audiences, and promote public understanding on foreign policy through “open diplomacy together with people.”

2.81. Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Location: Oslo, Norway

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Ulf Sverdrup

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@nupinytt](#)

Description: “[NUPI studies] military strategy and geopolitics, EU foreign and security policy, terrorism and organized crime, and the privatization of security, with an emphasis on new security actors. The geographical focus in this research area ranges from the USA, Asia and the Pacific, to North Africa and Europe. Issues related to military concepts and doctrines, irregular and hybrid warfare, civilian–military relations, maritime security, cyber security and technology, security governance, and reform of intelligence and security services are also addressed.”

2.82. The Orient-Institute Beirut (OIB)

Location: Beirut, Lebanon

Affiliated organizations: Max Weber Stiftung

Current Director: Birgit Schäßler

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “The Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB) is an independent academic research institute, belonging to the Max Weber Foundation. It is mainly funded through the Federal Ministry of Education and Research in Germany. It conducts interdisciplinary research on the Arab world and the region of West Asia and North Africa at large. Its research community comprises long-term research associates from Germany and short-term [visiting](#) fellows from all over the world, who represent the major disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, including Islamic and Arab studies, history and anthropology of the Middle East, as well as sociology and political sciences.”

2.83. Ortadoğu Araştırmaları Merkezi (ORSAM; Center for Middle Eastern Studies)

Location: Ankara, Turkey

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Ahmet Uysal

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@orsamorgtr](#)

Description: “The Center for Middle Eastern Studies (ORSAM) was established in January 2009 to inform the general public and the foreign policy community on the Middle East. ORSAM is a nonpartisan and non-profit research center based in Ankara. ORSAM provides information on Middle Eastern affairs and exposes the Turkish academia and political circles to the perspectives of researchers from the region. ORSAM, by facilitating the [visits](#) of Middle Eastern statesmen, bureaucrats, academics, strategists, businessmen, journalists, and NGO representatives to Turkey, seeks to ensure their knowledge and ideas are shared with the Turkish and international community”.

2.84. Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Marta Foresti

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ODIdev](#)

Description: “ODI is an independent, global think tank, working for a sustainable and peaceful world in which every person thrives. We harness the power of evidence and ideas through research and partnership to confront challenges, develop solutions and create change.”

2.85. Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Location: Oslo, Norway

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Henrik Urdal

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) conducts research on the conditions for peaceful relations between states, groups and people. Researchers at PRIO seek to understand the processes that bring

societies together or split them apart. We explore how conflicts erupt and how they can be resolved; we investigate how different kinds of violence affect people; and we examine how societies tackle crises – and the threat of crisis. We document general trends, seek to understand processes, and inform concrete responses. PRIO is committed to academic excellence. We aim to develop theoretical insights, refine research methodologies, and communicate our findings widely. We see this academic excellence as paramount to having a meaningful impact on society. The institute is an independent foundation, international in its orientation, with an extensive network of collaborators worldwide.”

2.86. Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research (PIPVTR)

Location: Quezon City, Philippines

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Albert Ignatius D. Ferro (President)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “PIPVTR is an independent academic research institute and a non-government, non-profit, and non-partisan think-tank. [Its objective is to] promote the principle of non-violence and to uphold the culture of peace by conducting rigorous investigative studies, intelligence analysis, and peace research to understand the pathologies of terrorism in the Philippines.”

2.87. Polski Instytut Spraw Międzynarodowych (PISM; Polish Institute of International Affairs)

Location: Warsaw, Poland

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Sławomir Dębski

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@PISM_Poland](#)

Description: “The Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM) is a leading Central European think tank that positions itself between the world of politics and independent analysis. PISM provides analytical support to decisionmakers and diplomats, initiates public debate and disseminates expert knowledge about contemporary international relations. The work of PISM is guided by the conviction that the decision-making process in international relations should be based on knowledge that comes from reliable and valid research.”

2.88. Prague Security Studies Institute (PIIS)

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Jana Robinson

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@pssi_prague](#)

Description: “The mission of the Prague Security Studies Institute is to help safeguard and strengthen the individual freedoms and democratic institutions of the countries in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. The Institute also seeks to illuminate select unconventional threats emanating from authoritarian governments that challenge the transatlantic alliance and other partners globally, especially in the economic & financial and space domains. PSSI is dedicated to the education and training of new generations of security-minded students and young professionals, including through its programmatic activities and growing academic network in the

Czech Republic and abroad.”

2.89. Quilliam Foundation

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Haras Rafiq

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@QuilliamF](#)

Description: “Quilliam is [a] counter-extremism organization. We have a full spectrum and values-based approach to counter-extremism which means promoting pluralism and inspiring change. Quilliam seeks to challenge what we think, and the way we think. We aim to generate creative, informed and inclusive discussions to counter the ideological underpinnings of terrorism, while simultaneously providing evidence-based policy recommendations to governments, and building civil society networks and programs to lead the change towards a more positive future”.

2.90. RAND Corporation

Location: Santa Monica (CA), United States (head office); Washington, D.C., United States; Pittsburgh (PA), United States, New Orleans (LA), United States; Boston (MA), United States; Manuka, Australia (RAND Australia); Cambridge, United Kingdom; Brussels, Belgium (RAND Europe).

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Michael D. Rich (President & CEO), Terrence Kelly (Vice President & Director, Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center), K. Jack Riley (Vice President, RAND National Security Research Division, Director, RAND National Defense Research Institute)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@RANDCorporation](#)

Description: “The RAND Corporation is a research organization that develops solutions to public policy challenges to help make communities throughout the world safer and more secure, healthier and more prosperous. RAND is nonprofit, nonpartisan, and committed to the public interest.”

2.91. Rasanah: International Institute for Iranian Studies

Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Adel Z. Al-Toraifi

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@rasanhiis](#)

Description: “As an independent non-profit NGO, Rasanah is keen to deal objectively, impartially, professionally in accordance with the highest standards of international proficiency to produce intellectual knowledge and training content by attracting specialized cadres from around the world.”

2.92. Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS)

Location: Athens, Greece

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: John M. Nomikos

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@rieasgreece](#)

Description: “The Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS) is aimed to provide a better understanding of international affairs by creating a framework for creative thinking, honest discussions and nonpartisan dissemination of multidisciplinary reflections and innovative ideas.”

2.93. Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

Location: London, United Kingdom (head office); Brussels, Belgium

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Karin von Hippel (Director-General), Emily Winterbotham (Director RUSI Terrorism & Conflict)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@RUSI_org](#)

Description: “The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) is [a] defence and security think tank. Its mission is to inform, influence and enhance public debate on a safer and more stable world. RUSI is a research-led institute, producing independent, practical and innovative analysis to address today’s complex challenges.”

2.94. Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)

Location: Shanghai, China

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Chen Dongxiao

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** *n/a*

Description: “Founded in 1960, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) is a government-affiliated [...] think tank dedicated to informing government decision-making by conducting policy-oriented studies in world politics, economics, foreign policy, and international security. SIIS maintains intensive and extensive exchanges and cooperation with research institutions at home and abroad, bolstering China’s international influence and soft power.”

2.95. The Soufan Center (TSC)/The Soufan Group (TSG)

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Ali Soufan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@thesoufancenter](#)

Description: “The Soufan Center is a non-partisan strategy center dedicated to increasing awareness of global security issues in the United States and around the world. The Center fills a niche-role by producing independent, quality research and hosting proactive conversations in order to effectively equip thought leaders, policy makers, governments, bi- and multilateral institutions, media, and those in the non-profit and academic communities to engage in strategic security-related practices and dialogue about complex challenges. Our work focuses on a broad range of critical security issues including: international and domestic terrorism, humanitarian crisis analysis, great power competition, refugee and immigrant issues, and more.”

2.96. South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Elizabeth Sidiropoulos

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@SAIIA_info](#)

Description: “SAIIA is a non-governmental research institute focused on South Africa’s and Africa’s international relations. We provide analysis, promote dialogue and contribute to African policy making in a dynamic global context. Our vision is to be the pre-eminent think-tank on Africa and on global issues as they affect Africa.”

2.97. Southern Poverty Law Center (SPL Center)

Location: Montgomery (AL), United States; Atlanta (GA), United States; Miami (FL), United States; New Orleans (LA), United States; Jackson (MS)

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Margaret Huang

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@splcenter](#)

Description: “The SPLC is a catalyst for racial justice in the [US] South and beyond, working in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy, strengthen intersectional movements, and advance the human rights of all people.”

2.98. Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP; Science and Politics Foundation)

Location: Berlin, Germany

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Volker Perthes

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@SWPBerlin](#)

Description: “The Science and Politics Foundation (SWP) advises political decision-makers on questions of foreign and security policy and international politics. Their offers are primarily aimed at the Bundestag and the Federal Government as well as international organizations that are important for Germany, such as the EU, NATO and the United Nations.”

2.99. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Dan Smith

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@sipriorg](#)

Description: “SIPRI is an independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament. Established in 1966, SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public.”

2.100. T.M.C. Asser Institute

Location: The Hague, the Netherlands

Affiliated organizations: International Center for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague

Current Directors: Gert Grift, Janne Nijman

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TMCAsser](#)

Description: “The institute is a center of expertise in the fields of public international law, private international law, and European law. It fulfils [a] role in undertaking fundamental and independent policy-oriented research and providing a platform for international cooperation and partnering in fields of law at the cutting edge of academia and practice.”

2.101. Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM)

Location: Istanbul, Turkey; Ankara, Turkey

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Engin Selcuk

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TASAMorg](#)

Description: “On the foreign policy field, TASAM acts under 11 different titles. These fields are ... Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean and North America. The regional ones are Balkans, Middle East, Mediterranean and Black Sea - Caucasus which are - in every parameter- the security zone of these four continents in terms of Turkey. Also Turkic World and Islamic World are called as identical fields.”

2.102. UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE)

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organizations: *King’s College London - Policy Institute; ESRC*

Current Director: Thomas Mansfield

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@UKandEU](#)

Description: “The UK in a Changing Europe promotes rigorous, high-quality and independent research into the complex and ever-changing relationship between the UK and the European Union (EU). It provides an authoritative, non-partisan and impartial reference point for those looking for information, insights and analysis about UK - EU relations that stands aside from the politics surrounding the debate. The Initiative’s work is tailored to be easily accessible to policy makers, businesses, journalists, civil society organizations, educational institutions and the general public who are interested in the UK’s relationship with the EU.”

2.103. United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Joe Lataille (Acting President), Leanne Erdberg Steadman (Director Countering Violent Extremism)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@USIP](#)

Description: “The United States Institute of Peace is a national, nonpartisan, independent institute, founded

by Congress and dedicated to the proposition that a world without violent conflict is possible, practical, and essential for U.S. and global security. In conflict zones abroad, the Institute works with local partners to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict. To reduce future crises and the need for costly interventions, USIP works with governments and civil societies to build local capacities to manage conflict peacefully. The Institute pursues its mission by linking research, policy, training, analysis, and direct action to support those who are working to build a more peaceful, inclusive world.”

2.104. Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF)

Location: New Delhi, India

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: S Gurumurthy

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@vifindia](#)

Description: “The Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) is a New Delhi-based think tank set up with the collaborative efforts of India’s leading security experts, diplomats, industrialists and philanthropists under the aegis of the Vivekananda Kendra. The VIF’s objective is to become a center of excellence to kick start innovative ideas and thoughts that can lead to a stronger, secure and prosperous India playing its destined role in global affairs.”

2.105. Vlaams Vredesinstituut (Flemish Peace Institute)

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Nils Duquet

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Vredesinstituut](#)

Description: “In 2004, the Flemish Peace Institute was established as a para-parliamentary organization within the Flemish Parliament. On the initiative of the members of the Sub-commission on Arms Trade, the decree establishing the Flemish Institute for Peace and Prevention of Violence was adopted with a large majority of votes by the plenary session of Parliament on 5 May 2004. The decree determines the four tasks of the Institute. For its operation, the Peace Institute receives a working allowance from the Flemish Parliament.”

2.106. Washington Institute’s Jeanette and Eli Reinhard Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Robert Satloff

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@washinstitute](#)

Description: “The mission of The Washington Institute is to advance a balanced and realistic understanding of American interests in the Middle East and to promote the policies that secure them.”

2.107. West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)

Location: Tamale, Ghana

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Chukwuemeka B. Eze

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@WANEP_Ghana](#)

Description: “The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) is a leading Regional Peacebuilding organization founded in 1998 in response to civil wars that plagued West Africa in the 1990s. Over the years, WANEP has succeeded in establishing strong national networks in every Member State of ECOWAS with over 500 member organizations across West Africa. WANEP places special focus on collaborative approaches to conflict prevention, and peacebuilding, working with diverse actors from civil society, governments, intergovernmental bodies, women groups and other partners in a bid to establish a platform for dialogue, experience sharing and learning, thereby complementing efforts at ensuring sustainable peace and development in West Africa and beyond.”

2.108. The Wilson Center

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Jane Harman

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@thewilsoncenter](#)

Description: “The Wilson Center, chartered by Congress in 1968 as the official memorial to President Woodrow Wilson, is the nation’s key non-partisan policy forum for tackling global issues through independent research and open dialogue to inform actionable ideas for the policy community.”

3. Governmental and Inter-Governmental Organizations

3.1. Algemene Inlichtingen- en Veiligheidsdienst (AIVD; General Intelligence and Security Service)

Location: Zoetermeer, the Netherlands

Affiliated organizations: Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations

Current Director: Erik Akerboom

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@AIVD](#)

Description: “The AIVD has six core tasks: (1) investigating individuals and organizations, (2) conducting security screenings, (3) promoting the security of vital sectors, (4) gathering international intelligence, (5) drawing up risk and threat analyses, and (6) (upon request) reporting on data processed by the service on designated persons or bodies. The AIVD also has several areas of particular interest, including: terrorism, radicalism and Islamic fundamentalism; left-wing, right-wing extremism; covert interference by foreign powers; proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; foreign intelligence (country studies); promoting security through, for example: the national Safety and Security System; security screenings; the evaluation of information security products.”

3.2. **Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV; The Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution)**

Location: Köln, Germany

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Thomas Haldenwang

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@BfV_Bund](#)

Description: “The Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution collects information together with the state authorities for the protection of the constitution.”

3.3. **Bundeskriminalamt (BKA; Federal Criminal Police Office)**

Location: Wiesbaden, Germany

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Holger Münch (President)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@bka](#)

Description: “The Bundeskriminalamt dates back to March 1951. At that point in time, the ‘Law on the Establishment of a Federal Criminal Police Office’ came into force. A short time afterwards the ‘Criminal Police Office for the British Zone’ in Hamburg became the Bundeskriminalamt (Federal Criminal Police Office), abbreviated BKA. Legislators thus acted on the authority granted by the German Constitution to set up central agencies at Federal level for police information and communications as well as for criminal police work. Wiesbaden was designated as the headquarters for the new criminal police agency that same year.”

3.4. **Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism**

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: US State Department

Current Director: Nathan A. Sales

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@StateDeptCT](#)

Description: “The Bureau of Counterterrorism’s mission is to promote U.S. national security by taking a leading role in developing coordinated strategies and approaches to defeat terrorism abroad and securing the counterterrorism cooperation of international partners”.

3.5. **The Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS)**

Location: Ontario, Canada

Affiliated organization: Balsillie School of International Affairs

Current Director: Lorne Dawson

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TSASNetwork](#)

Description: “The Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS) was founded in 2012. It supports research, and the dissemination of research, related to the threat of terrorism, security responses to terrorism, and the impact of both terrorism and securitization on Canadian society. The organization has three primary objectives: (1) to foster communication and collaboration between academic researchers in

multiple disciplines on these topics; (2) to facilitate the interaction and collaboration of researchers and policy officials; and (3) to help cultivate a new and larger generation of scholars interested in these fields of study. TSAS is focused on developments in Canada, but with our multiple partners in other countries, we also encourage international collaborations. We are seeking to help create a uniquely Canadian response to terrorism and its social consequences.”

3.6. Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS)

Location: Ottawa, Ontario

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: David Vigneault

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@scrscanada](#)

Description: “The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) is at the forefront of Canada’s national security system. CSIS’ role is to investigate activities suspected of constituting threats to the security of Canada and to report on these to the Government of Canada. Vision: a safe, secure and prosperous Canada through trusted intelligence and advice.”

3.7. Center of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism (COE-DAT)

Location: Ankara, Turkey

Affiliated organizations: NATO

Current Director: Col. Barbaros Dagli

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n.a.

Description: “COE -DAT’s mission is to provide key decision-makers with a comprehensive understanding to terrorism and CT challenges, in order to transform NATO and Nations of interest to meet future security challenges. This transformation is embedded into NATO’s three declared core task[s] of collective defence, crisis management, and cooperative security.”

3.8. Center for Strategic Studies and Simulation

Location: New Delhi, India

Affiliated organization: United Services Institute of India (military academy)

Current Director: Rajiv Narayanan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@USI_1870](#)

Description: “The Armed Forces leadership of today demands a quality of professionalism that can only come with education and informed opinion on various aspects of national security, international relations, defence strategy, management of the economy of the country, social issues, internal security problems, and appropriate interaction with other sections of society in the country at various levels. The Charter builds on the initial founding aim of ‘furtherance of interest and knowledge in the art, science and literature of the defence services.’”

3.9. Center for Terror Analysis (CTA)

Location: Søborg, Denmark

Affiliated organizations: PET (Danish security and intelligence agency)

Current Director: Finch Borch Andersen (Head of PET)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “The Center for Terror Analysis (CTA) was established in PET on 1 January 2007. CTA was set up as part of the implementation of the Government’s Action Plan for the Fight against Terrorism. CTA analyses the threat of terrorism against Denmark and Danish interests abroad. The analyses aim to provide Danish authorities with a better basis for preventing and neutralising terrorist acts. The CTA comprises staff from the Danish authorities that play a key role in the fight against terrorism. These employees are analysts from the Danish Defence Intelligence Service (DDIS), the Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET), the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA).”

3.10. CEPOL

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Affiliated organizations: European Commission

Current Director: José Leitão

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@EU CEPOL](#)

Description: “CEPOL is an agency of the European Union dedicated to develop, implement and coordinate training for law enforcement officials. CEPOL brings together a network of training institutes for law enforcement officials in EU Member States and supports them in providing frontline training on security priorities, law enforcement cooperation and information exchange. CEPOL also works with EU bodies, international organizations, and third countries to ensure that the most serious security threats are tackled with a collective response.”

3.11. CIVIPOL

Location: Paris, France

Affiliated organizations: French Ministry of Interior

Current Director: Yann Jounot

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “CIVIPOL is the technical cooperation operator of the French Ministry of the Interior. Combining the efficiency of a private company with the power of its public service mission, and financed almost exclusively by international sponsors, CIVIPOL builds cooperative security projects with states on a fair return basis in internal security.”

3.12. Council of Europe Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT)

Location: Strasbourg, France

Affiliated organizations: Council of Europe (CoE)

Current Director: Marija Pejčinović Burić (President of CofE)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@CoE_HRightsRLaw](#)

Description: “The Council of Europe Committee on Counter-Terrorism ([CDCT](#)) (formerly called the [Committee of Experts on Terrorism \(CODEXTER\)](#)) is the key coordinating body for the Council of Europe activities to combat terrorism. Building on the pioneering work of the CODEXTER, the CDCT’s primary

objectives are to oversee and ensure the successful implementation of relevant Council of Europe legal instruments while also providing a means for international experts to analyse and respond to developments in the counter-terrorism area, including through international standard-setting.”

3.13. Eurojust

Location: The Hague, Netherlands

Affiliated organizations: European Union

Current Director: Ladislav Hamran (President)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Eurojust](#)

Description: “To reinforce the fight against serious organised crime, the European Council, in its Conclusion 46, agreed that a unit (Eurojust) should be set up, composed of national prosecutors, magistrates, or police officers of equivalent competence, detached from each Member State according to its own legal system. [...] Eurojust assists prosecutors and other investigators from EU Member States in cases of serious crime where that crime affects two or more Member States, or requires prosecution on common bases, on the basis of operations conducted and information supplied by the Member States’ authorities, by Europol, by the EPPO and by OLAF.”

3.14. Europol

Location: The Hague, the Netherlands

Affiliated organization: European Union, Police Organization of EU Member States

Current Director: Catherine de Bolle

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Europol](#)

Description: “Headquartered in The Hague, the Netherlands, we support the 27 EU Member States in their fight against terrorism, cybercrime and other serious and organised forms of crime. We also work with many non-EU partner states and international organizations. [...] Europol’s counter-terrorism efforts are coordinated by the European Counter Terrorism Center (ECTC) which officially started operations on 1 January 2016. The ECTC seeks to enhanced cross-border cooperation between relevant counter-terrorist authorities.”

3.15. Federal Intelligence Service (FIS)

Location: Bern, Switzerland

Affiliated organization: Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection, and Sport

Current Director: Viola Amherd

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@vbs_ddps](#)

Description: “The Federal Intelligence Service (FIS) is a Swiss security policy instrument with a mission that is clearly defined in legal terms. Its core tasks are prevention and situation assessment for the political leaders. The FIS is concerned with early perception and prevention of terrorism, violent extremism, espionage, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery system technology as well as cyberattacks against critical infrastructure. Furthermore, the FIS obtains information relevant to security policy from abroad and evaluates it.”

3.16. Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF)

Location: *Unspecified*

Affiliated organization: Asser Institute, GCERF, Hedayah, International Institute for Justice (IIJ)

Current Director: Miriam van Nie (Head of Administrative Unit, The Hague)

Website: | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “The Global Counterterrorism Forum is an international forum of 29 countries and the European Union with an overarching mission of reducing the vulnerability of people worldwide to terrorism by preventing, combating, and prosecuting terrorist acts and countering incitement and recruitment to terrorism. The forum brings together experts and practitioners from countries and regions around the world to share experiences and expertise, and develop tools and strategies on how to counter the evolving terrorist threat.”

3.17. Interpol

Location: Lyon, France

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Kim Jong Yang (Republic of Korea)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Interpol_HQ](#)

Description: “Our full name is the International Criminal Police Organization and we are an inter-governmental organization. We have 194 member countries, and we help police in all of them to work together to make the world a safer place. To do this, we enable them to share and access data on crimes and criminals, and we offer a range of technical and operational support.”

3.18. Nationaal Coördinator Terrorismebestrijding & Veiligheid (NCTV; National Coordinator for Security and Coordination)

Location: The Hague, the Netherlands

Affiliated organization: Netherlands’ Ministry of Justice and Security

Current Director: Pieter-Jaap Aalbersberg

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@NCTV_NL](#)

Description: “The National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism protects the Netherlands from threats that could disrupt Dutch society. Together with the partners within the government, the research community and the private sector, the NCTV ensures that the Netherlands’ critical infrastructure is safe and remains that way. Since the establishment of the NCTV, central government has had a single organization that deals with counterterrorism, cyber security, national security and crisis management. Together with our partners in the security sector, the NCTV is committed to making the Netherlands a safe and stable place. The focus is on preventing and minimising social disruption.”

3.19. NATO Defense College Foundation (NDCF)

Location: Rome, Italy

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Alessandro Politi

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@NATOFoundation](#)

Description: “The NATO Defense College grew from a common intuition of President Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo and the NATO Defense College top decision makers who understood the value of a non-profit NGO that could work beyond usual and institutional outreach, training, communication and scientific research activities. The NDCF strives to consider relevant issues not in a descriptive or prescriptive way, but by catching the sense of events and the essential vectors of future developments. In a word: charting ahead. The mission is to promote the culture of stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area and in NATO partner nations. The aim is to meet the highest standards in contributing to public debate and future deliberations on strategic, security and geopolitical issues.” NDCF fosters dialogue through education, research and outreach to the challenges that they are confronting.

3.20. Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Location: Vienna, Austria

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Helga Schmid (Administrative head)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@OSCE](#)

Description: “The OSCE works for stability, peace and democracy for more than a billion people, through political dialogue about shared values and through practical work that contributes to sustainable progress. The OSCE’s comprehensive concept of security covers the politico-military; the economic and environment; and the human dimensions.(...)The OSCE promotes a co-operative and co-ordinated approach to countering terrorism at all levels, including co-ordination among national authorities, co-operation among states, co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and, where appropriate, establishment of public-private partnerships between state authorities, the private sector (business community, industry), civil society and the media”.

3.21. Southeast Asia Regional Center for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT)

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Affiliated organization: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia

Current Director: Chuah Teong Ban

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@searcct2003](#)

Description: “SEARCCT has the vision of working towards a robust community in countering terrorism and violent extremism. The Center aims to achieve its vision based on the following Mission Statement: Enhance regional competence in countering terrorism through quality and comprehensive capacity-building programs; Conduct and publish in significant areas of terrorism and counter-terrorism; Implement effective soft approach initiatives in countering extremism via strategic communications; Promote public awareness and disseminate information on the threats of terrorism and measures taken to counter them; and Establish and strengthen strategic partnerships at the local and international level.”

3.22. United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNCTC)

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organization: United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Current Director: Michèle Coninx

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@UN_CTED](#)

Description: “The Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) was established by Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which was adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001 in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks in the United States. The Committee, comprising all 15 Security Council members, was tasked with monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), which requested countries to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal and institutional ability to counter terrorist activities at home, in their regions and around the world, including taking steps to: (1) Criminalize the financing of terrorism, (2) Freeze without delay any funds related to persons involved in acts of terrorism; (3) Deny all forms of financial support for terrorist groups, (4) Suppress the provision of safe haven, sustenance or support for terrorists, (5) Share information with other governments on any groups practicing or planning terrorist acts, (6) Cooperate with other governments in the investigation, detection, arrest, extradition and prosecution of those involved in such acts; and (7) Criminalize active and passive assistance for terrorism in domestic law and bring violators to justice.”

3.23. United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

Location: New York, New York (USA)

Affiliated Organizations: United Nations

Current Director: Under-Secretary General Vladimir I. Voronkov

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@UN_OCT](#)

Description: “The Office of Counter-Terrorism has five main functions: (1) Provide leadership on the General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary general from across the United Nations system, (2) Enhance coordination and coherence across the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, (3) Strengthen the delivery of the United Nations counter-terrorism capacity-building assistance to Member States, (4) Improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for the United Nations counter-terrorism efforts; and (5) Ensure that due priority is given to counterterrorism across the United Nations system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy.”

3.24. Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (TPB/UNODC)

Location: Vienna, Austria

Affiliated organization: United Nations

Current Director: Masood Karimipour

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@UNODC](#)

Description: “The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has been helping make the world safer from drugs, organized crime, corruption and terrorism. We are committed to achieving health, security and justice for all by tackling these threats and promoting peace and sustainable well-being as deterrents to them.” UNODC’s Terrorism Prevention Branch was established in 1999, “TPB has been the key United Nations entity providing legal counter-terrorism technical assistance to Member States. As mandated by the United Nations General Assembly, TPB works to assist Member States, upon request, with the ratification, legislative incorporation and implementation of the universal legal framework against terrorism”.

4. *Research Networks*

4.1. Global Research Network

Location: Canterbury, United Kingdom

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Yoriko Otomo

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GlobalResearchN](#)

Description: “The Global Research Network (GRN) formed in early 2019, and launched in October, responding to a need for genuine support for emerging scholars around the world. Recognising that academia has transitioned into a new era vastly different to that of the last century, we have created a space that is generous, collegial, and truly diverse.”

4.2. Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism

Location: *Unspecified*

Affiliated organizations: Tech Against Terrorism, International Center for the Study of Radicalization (ICSR), Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET), Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Brookings Institution, International Center for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT), Swansea University, Observer Research Foundation, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, Policy Center for the New South

Current Director: Nicholas Rasmussen

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@GIFCT_official](#)

Description: “The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT) was formally established in July 2017 as a group of companies, dedicated to disrupting terrorist abuse of members’ digital platforms. The original Forum was led by a rotating chair drawn from the founding four companies—Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter and YouTube—and managed a program of knowledge-sharing, technical collaboration and shared research.”

4.3. Intelligence and National Security Alliance

Location: Arlington (VA), United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Suzanne Wilson Heckenberg

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@INSAlliance](#)

Description: “INSA provides a nonpartisan forum for collaboration between the public, private, and academic sectors of the intelligence and national security communities that bring together committed experts in and out of government to identify, develop, and promote practical and creative solutions to national security problems.”

4.4. International Counter-Terrorism Youth Network (ICTYN)

Location: *Unspecified*

Affiliated organizations: NextGen 5.0

Current Director: Nicolo Scremin

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ICTYN](#)

Description: “The International Counter-Terrorism Youth Network [is] a global network specifically tailored to meet the needs of both employers and young researchers by providing the former with the opportunity to be connected to fresh talented candidates who match their job specifications, and the latter with the chance to connect with their peers, collaborate, and discover career opportunities.”

4.5. Radar Solutions

Location: Melbourne, Australia

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Shandon Harris-Hogan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “A consultancy specialising in understanding how people join violent extremist groups, and why individuals commit acts of political violence. They work with government officials and frontline service providers to counter the effects of violent extremism, and to assist individuals in disengaging from violent extremist networks. Their work covers three main areas: (1) research, (2) training, and (3) evaluation.”

4.6. Radicalization Awareness Network (RAN)

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Affiliated organization: European Union, European Commission

Current Director: Monique Pariat

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@RANEurope](#)

Description: “The Radicalization Awareness Network is a network of frontline practitioners who work daily with both those vulnerable to radicalization and those who have already been radicalised. As civil society representatives, social workers, youth workers, teachers, healthcare professionals, local authority representatives, police officers and prison officers, they are engaged in both preventing and countering violent extremism in all its forms and rehabilitation and reintegrating violent extremists.” Sponsored by the European Commission, the RAN network includes more than 3,000 practitioners, professionals and researchers from EU countries.

4.7. RESOLVE Network

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

Current Director: Alastair Reed

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@resolvenet](#)

Description: “The RESOLVE Network is a global consortium of researchers, research organizations, policymakers and practitioners committed to empirically-driven, locally-defined research on the drivers of violent extremism and sources of community resilience. International stakeholders established RESOLVE to generate, facilitate, aggregate, and synthesize methodologically sound, locally informed research on the dynamics of violent extremism. RESOLVE is a resource hub for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers in need of nuanced, multidisciplinary, empirical approaches to analyze the drivers of violent extremism and sources of community resilience. RESOLVE’s work provides key insights on violent extremism by establishing connections and asking critical questions to enhance and inform P/CVE research, policy, and practice.”

4.8. Society for Terrorism Research

Location: Newton (MA), United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Rachel Monaghan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@SocTerRes](#)

Description: “The Society for Terrorism Research is an international, multi-disciplinary organization of theoretical and empirical researchers whose mission is to enhance knowledge and understanding of terrorism and political violence”. It organises annual conferences.

4.9. Terrorism Research Initiative

Location: Vienna, Austria

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Directors: Alex P. Schmid, Edwin Bakker, and Robert Wesley (President)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** n/a

Description: “Founded in 2007, TRI’s mission is to enhance security through collaborative research. It does so by facilitating cooperative efforts among scholars and institutes from a broad range of disciplines and backgrounds. The Initiative brings together individual and institutional research efforts, enabling knowledge accumulation in order to suggest policy-relevant courses of action on security issues related to terrorism. TRI is best known for its online journal *Perspectives on Terrorism*.”

4.10. Vox Pol

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Affiliated organizations: European Union

Current Director: Maura Conway

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Vox_pol](#)

Description: “The VOX-Pol Network of Excellence (NoE) is a European Union Framework Program 7 (FP7)-funded academic research network focused on researching the prevalence, contours, functions, and impacts of Violent Online Political Extremism and responses to it.”

5. Commercial Entities

5.1. Control Risks

Location: London, UK (Head office) For a list of foreign offices, see <https://www.controlrisks.com/contact-us/office-search?q=&sort=1>

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Irene Dorner (chair of the Board of Directors)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Control_Risks](#)

Description: “A specialist risk consultancy that includes forensic and anti-kidnapping expertise.”

5.2. IntelCenter Database

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Ben Venzke (CEO)

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@IntelCenter1](#)

Description: “Private company providing counterterrorism intelligence support products and services.”

5.3. Jane’s Terrorism and Insurgency Center

Location: London, UK

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: James Green

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@JanesINTEL](#)

Description: “Janes delivers validated open-source defence intelligence that is aligned with workflows across the defence industry, national security and government. Focused across four core capability areas, threat intelligence, equipment intelligence, defence industry intelligence and country intelligence the processes, sources and expert judgement that make up Janes tradecraft enables them to offer the highest levels of assurance.”

5.4. SITE Intelligence Group

Location: Bethesda (MD), United States

Affiliated organizations: n/a

Current Director: Rita Katz

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@siteintelgroup](#)

Description: “Counterterrorism threat intelligence group specializing in tracking and analyzing global extremism.”

5.5. Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: Beacham Group

Current Director: Veryan Khan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@TRACterrorism](#)

Description: “For a list of topics that TRAC is collecting information on, see <https://www.trackingterrorism.org/about>.”

5.6. Valens Global

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organizations: *n/a*

Current Director: Daveed Gartenstein-Ross

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Valens_Global](#)

Description: “Valens was founded on the belief that the private sector was vital to advancing the national security interests of America and its allies, and to saving lives by protecting the public from terrorist attacks and other threats of sub-state violence. Also central to Valens Global’s founding mission was the belief that the national-security field needed to improve.”

6. *Other*

6.1. **Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)**

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organization: *n/a*

Current Director: Clionadh Raleigh

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@ACLEDINFO](#)

Description: “The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) is a disaggregated data collection, analysis, and crisis mapping project. ACLED collects the dates, actors, locations, fatalities, and types of all reported political violence and protest events across Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Southeastern and Eastern Europe and the Balkans. The ACLED team conducts analysis to describe, explore, and test conflict scenarios, and makes both data and analysis open for free use by the public.”

6.2. **Bellingcat**

Location: Leicester, United Kingdom

Affiliated organization: *n/a*

Current Director: Eliot Higgins

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Bellingcat](#)

Description: “International collective of researchers & open source investigators to advance justice and transparency.”

6.3. **European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)**

Location: Paris, France

Affiliated organization: *n/a*

Current Director: Elizabeth Johnston

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Efusnews](#)

Description: “It is the only European network of local and regional authorities dedicated to urban security. It aims to: (1) Promote a balanced vision of urban security, combining prevention, sanctions and social cohesion, (2) Support local and regional authorities in the conception, implementation and evaluation of their

local security policy, and (3) Help local elected officials get recognition for their role in the development and implementation of national and European policies.”

6.4. Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF)

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Khalid Koser

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@theGCERF](#)

Description: “The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) is the global fund dedicated to preventing violent extremism. We connect local communities to global resources, supporting grassroots initiatives that are typically out of reach for international donors and helping them thrive.”

6.5. Human Rights Watch (HRW)

Location: New York (NY), United States

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Stacy Sullivan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@hrw](#)

Description: “Human Rights Watch investigates and reports on abuses happening in all corners of the world. We are roughly 450 people of 70-plus nationalities who are country experts, lawyers, journalists, and others who work to protect the most at risk, from vulnerable minorities and civilians in wartime, to refugees and children in need. We direct our advocacy towards governments, armed groups and businesses, pushing them to change or enforce their laws, policies and practices. To ensure our independence, we refuse government funding and carefully review all donations to ensure that they are consistent with our policies, mission, and values. We partner with organizations large and small across the globe to protect embattled activists and to help hold abusers to account and bring justice to victims.”

6.6. Jihadology

Location: Washington, D.C., United States

Affiliated organization: n/a

Current Director: Aaron Zelin

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@Jihadology_Net](#)

Description: “A clearinghouse for jihadi primary source material, original analysis, and translation service.”

6.7. Radicalization Research

Location: Lancaster, United Kingdom

Affiliated organization: Center for Research and Evidence on Security Threats (CREST)

Current Director: Linda Woodhead

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@radicalization](#)

Description: “Our aim is to provide policymakers, journalists, and anyone whose work utilises concepts such as radicalization, fundamentalism or extremism, with easy access to high-quality academic research on these controversial issues. By taking a non-partisan approach and providing access to the best, including the latest, research we hope to challenge ungrounded assumptions that may obscure a clear understanding of violent extremism, especially where that is associated with ‘Islamicism.’”

6.8. Tech Against Terrorism

Location: London, United Kingdom

Affiliated organization: UN CTED and UN SC CTC

Current Director: Adam Hadley

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@techvsterrorism](#)

Description: “Tech Against Terrorism is an initiative launched and supported by the United Nations Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (UN CTED) working with the global tech industry to tackle terrorist use of the internet whilst respecting human rights. Our plan of action revolves around three pillars: outreach, knowledge-sharing, and practical support. As part of our outreach, we promote constructive working relationships between the tech and government sectors, and organise global workshops and e-learning sessions to conduct in-person training with tech companies.”

6.9. Victim Support Europe

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Affiliated organization: Justice Program of the European Union

Current Director: Levent Altan

Website: [visit](#) | **Twitter:** [@VictimSupportEU](#)

Description: “VSE works regularly with European and International Institutions to influence EU and international laws and policies on victims’ rights. We have formal consultative status with the UN’s ECOSOC Committee and work closely with the European Commission, the European Parliament and various EU Agencies such as the Fundamental Rights Agency. We inform organizations about future policy needs, gaps in rights and implementation etc. through consultation replies, bilateral meetings, attendance of expert groups and conferences. VSE is regularly invited to speak at conferences and seminars to share our expertise on victims’ rights and victim support.”

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