

PRE-RIGHTS



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The PRE-RIGHTS project: results



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1. INTRODUCTION/FIGURES



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Assessing impact and performance of preventive measures on EU Directives and Framework Decisions

PRE-RIGHTS addresses the issue of prevention of radicalisation. “Prevention” is one of the four pillars of the EU Counter-terrorism strategy (2005) - the other three being “protection”, “pursue” and “response” - as well as a decisive component of both the UN Strategy against Terrorism and Organized Crime and the EU Agenda on Security 2015-2020.

DURATION

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BUDGET

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Preventive measures raise a number of concerns (of legal, administrative and social nature) that call for strengthened international cooperation, to achieve:

- **Better coordination between Member States EU institutions/agencies, Council of Europe and UN** to promote judicial cooperation concerning the legal prevention of crime and reach a more efficient application of EU mutual recognition instruments in criminal matters.
- Higher level of "**juridicalisation**" of **preventive measures** to ensure coherence between the need for security, the rehabilitative mission of the prison institutions and the respect of fundamental and civil rights.
- **Clear role definition among security and judicial agencies** in prevention policies, with the aim to avoid conflicts of attribution among the various actors involved.



1. INTRODUCTION/EXPECTED RESULTS



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- **An increased capacity of national legal practitioners and authorities to address issues related to judicial prevention in criminal investigations through a better implementation of the EIO and EAW.**
- **Increased competences and knowledge of prison judges and prison police to address prevention from a legal and procedural point of view, by better balancing security needs with rehabilitation purposes.**
- **Better cooperation between Member States and Third Countries judicial authorities towards a more coherent use of Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) and International judiciary instruments to address management of suspects and radicals from a preventive perspective.**





PRE-RIGHTS implemented a set of combined activities along three main streams

- **Research:** collecting solid data on legal first-line-practitioners Concerning their practical experience in addressing different constraints and issues related to the implementation of the EIO, EAW and other EU Framework Decisions in relation to the topic of prevention.
- **Living Labs:** “co-creative” laboratories where multi-agencies and multidisciplinary experts met in guided panels, then elaborated creative solutions and proposals on a given topic.
- **Training:** Training courses were organised in Italy, Portugal, Bulgaria, Malta, Germany, Romania and Greece, and their materials made available on an open platform created within the project www.supertoolkit.eu





PRE-RIGHTS FUSION AND CONSOLIDATION RESEARCH

Work Package 3 of the Pre-Rights initiative features research activities that build upon the findings of the EU wide survey (comprising an online questionnaire and focus groups), developed under Work Package 2, and provide background material for the follow-up dissemination of the training content developed under this project. In terms of scope, the research activities cover preventive measures that are being adopted in the context of countering violent radicalisation and terrorism, including preventive policies that are implemented in correctional settings. Attention is also given to the ways in which EU-UK cooperation in the area of criminal justice has been affected as a result of Brexit.

All publications are available here <https://www.pre-rights.eu/publications/>



2. RESEARCH/2



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The “**Report on prevention practices in pre-and post-trials: preventive measures in the context of counter-radicalization**” provides an overview of different types of approaches and measures that are intended to address and tackle radicalisation risks, focusing on prevention.

The “**Report on hybrid investigations and intelligence data gathering**” examines the issue of hybrid investigations and data gathering in the context of counter-terrorism. The concept of a hybrid investigation is understood as a two-fold complex of measures that aim to (1) facilitate the early identification of the risk of violent radicalisation and (2) directly support counter-terrorism. The report reviews existing preventive strategies and tactics for addressing specific aspects of terror-related activities and the ways in which stakeholders outside law enforcement and security services could contribute to the prevention of violent radicalisation.

The “**Report on Data Sharing and The Evolution of the EU Prevention within MLAs before and after the Brexit**” provides overview on the evolution of the Mutual Legal Assistance instruments and practices after the Brexit.





Focus Groups and JLLs, having a national and transnational focus, depending on the cases, represented valid occasions to gather inputs from first-line practitioners and to draw a detailed picture of the set of preventive measures and their application in different EU countries.

Focus Groups organised within PRE-RIGHTS in February 2021 were composed of representatives of Ministries, Judges and Courts, Prosecutors, practitioner-organisations, and law enforcement agencies, confronted with the implementation of the EU Directives and Framework Decisions to exchange and provide additional information on the challenges and obstacles arising during the implementation process. The experts had the opportunity to exchange experiences on agency legitimacy and power, preventive measures in prison and civil society prevention responsibility. The outcomes served as a fundament for developing the juridical research. This was also an opportunity to gather a first impression on the survey designed to gather a deeper insight into practitioner's perspectives, regarding the enforcement of preventive measures in cases of radicalisation and violent extremism, leading to terrorism.



3. FOCUS GROUPS & LIVING LABS/2



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From April to May 2021, four **Judicial Living Labs (JLLs)** were organized with the aim to address contradictions and constraints stemming from the existing preventive measures and related EU legislation on prevention. During JLLs experts had the chance to meet and discuss specific cases, in order to extract recommendations to improve the current legislation and practices.

MAIN TOPICS: in Greece the main problem identified was the lack of prison staff representation, while in Malta the issue was that there is no regime of preventive measures against radicalisation, monitoring and counselling predominantly being used and the EIO being the main instrument of cooperation on criminal matters. As for Romania, the major debate was cooperation between judicial police, prosecutors, and intelligence services. In Italy, the JLL focused on three different cases on preventive measures on radicalization and their repercussion on fundamental rights.

The outcomes of the JLLs have been captured in single-country reports and contributed to the two final project publications, namely the “[Practical Manual on Preventive Measures in Europe and Beyond: Promising Practices and Guidance](#)” and the “[Report on the scope of application of EOI/EAW in terrorism-related cases](#)”.

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4. TRAINING



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Six training courses (in presence and online) were organised in Italy, Portugal, Bulgaria, Malta, Romania and Greece on preventive measures. Magistrates, prosecutors, judges, and other key figures considered relevant, represented the main target group. More specifically, the partner countries focused on the following topics:

- contradictions and constraints to the **fundamental Rights of the detainee** arising from Special Means of Security applied in the context of **pre-trial detention** and the use of the EAW for the purpose of judicial cooperation,
- challenges and best practices of the **implementation of the EIO and EAW in facilitating cross-border police and judicial cooperation** on criminal justice matters,
- Exploring **national models and policies for the prevention of radicalisation and violent extremism**,
- Joint Investigation teams and legal Assistance** in the context of **cross-border judicial cooperation**.



5. THE SUPERTOOLKIT/1



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What is the Super TOOLKIT?

Moved by the common vision and commitment to justice, respect of human rights and security, the partners of the two EU projects PRE-RIGHTS and JPCOOPS have finally launched the SUPER TOOLKIT. This innovative platform has been developed in order to offer a compelling experience that will allow users to grow as professionals and to improve their daily work. The main aim is to make users life easier by creating a search engine dedicated to their industry by delivering a comprehensive training catalog covering different topics on radicalization, judicial and police cooperation through the e-learning platform HERMES. PRE-RIGHTS and JPCOOPS have meant to maximise the available resources, putting together also materials from other EU projects such as SAT-LAW, J-SAFE, FAIRNESS, to avoid duplications and overlaps.

This platform is conceived as a one-stop-shop to keep practitioners updated on what is going on in the field of law and security with relevant case studies in the wider European contest and the chance to exchange reliable knowledge.



5. THE SUPERTOOLKIT/2



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Who is it for?

If you are a judge, a lawyer, a prosecutor, you are part of a Law Enforcement Agency or you work in the judicial field, you are in the right place.

How can the Super TOOLKIT help you?

This toolkit has been designed as a search engine in order to allow you to have a one-stop solution to look for relevant documents that will help you with your daily work.

<https://www.supertoolkit.eu/super/subscribe/>



5. THE SUPERTOOLKIT/3



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Step 1: Click on the “Sign Up” on the Toolkit home page:

<https://www.supertoolkit.eu/super/subscribe/>

Step 2: Insert a Username, valid email and a password of minimum 12 characters long.

Subscribe

An easy way for practitioners and professionals to access training contents, best practices and advice from relevant experts on countering radicalization and judicial and police cooperation.

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5. THE SUPERTOOLKIT/4



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Step 3: Once the registration is complete, you will receive an email with the link to the login page of the super toolkit. Note: Check your Junk or Spam box as it may be redirected automatically there.

Step 4: Control and modify your profile if you wish and then discover the different categories and functionalities of the toolkit; the toolbar will appear as below:



5. THE SUPERTOOLKIT/5

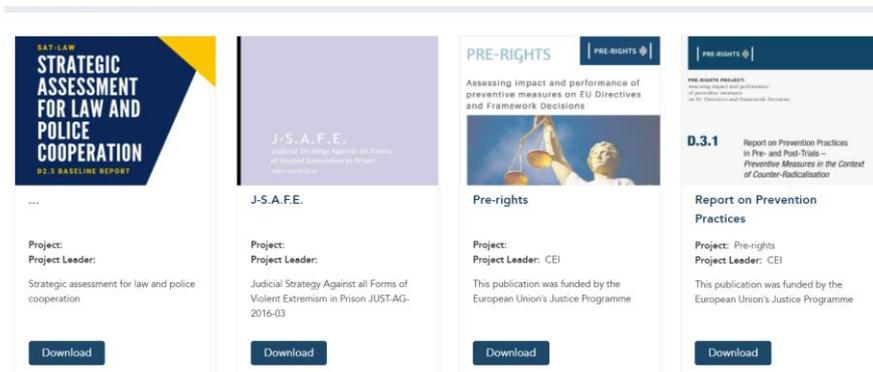


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ACCESS THE RESOURCES!

1. Go to **TRAINING** and look for courses on radicalization, data protection, digital forensic and more. Insert your keyword and see the results available. The toolkit will search for the training courses available inside the HERMES platform. Click on the result you like and explore on the HERMES platform how to register to the course.
2. Search for relevant, innovative and important **publications** on research in the field of radicalisation such as handbooks, articles, sources, best practices regarding psychology of radicalization , the use of mobile & drones in prisons, information exchange in a correctional setting; rehabilitation & reintegration.
3. Access **Case Laws** and download publications from a database of selected project websites. Find also useful information on **financing opportunities** in the mentioned fields.

FACTSHEETS



The screenshot displays a grid of four factsheet cards, each with a 'Download' button. The cards are:

- STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT FOR LAW AND POLICE COOPERATION** (D.3 BASELINE REPORT): Project: Strategic assessment for law and police cooperation.
- J.S.A.F.E.** (Judicial Strategy Against all Forms of Violent Extremism in Prison): Project: JUST-AG-2016-03.
- Pre-rights** (Assessing impact and performance of preventive measures on EU Directives and Framework Decisions): Project: Pre-rights; Project Leader: CEI.
- Report on Prevention Practices** (in Pre- and Post-Trials – Preventive Measures in the Context of Counter-Radicalisation): Project: Pre-rights; Project Leader: CEI.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

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