



## CONNEKT sets the academic backbone for its upcoming research

Euromed Cities Network is a partner of the European Union's Horizon 2020 funded research project CONNEKT. The project has just released the first article in a series of publications planned to be released by 2023.

In ***Concepts and Analytical Framework. Debating Notions and Approaches to Radicalisation and Violent Extremism***, the conceptual, theoretical and disciplinary issues concerning violent extremism and radicalization are critically reviewed and established.

This first working paper released in the framework of the CONNEKT project sets the academic backbone for studying in upcoming stages the radicalization processes in MENA and Balkan societies, with the aim of recommending tools and measures to prevent violent extremism among youth.

In this paper, **Corinne Torrekens** and **Daphné de le Vingne (Université Libre de Bruxelles)** offer a comprehensive review of definitions on issues such as terrorism, violent extremism and radicalisation, and put forward the analytical models of radicalisation processes developed by researchers. The paper also presents the current state of the art regarding the different drivers of violent radicalization processes identified in the scientific and academic literature, by exploring the different macro, meso and micro levels (transnational, community and individual) and their interplay.

The authors also offer a look into the literature produced on existing mechanisms of Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) and regarding the initiatives of de-radicalisation or disengagement, and the scope and results of the programmes of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) being put in place in MENA and Balkan societies.

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