

Fact Sheet on TNTD Activities to Counter the Phenomenon of Foreign Terrorist Fighters

The OSCE is well equipped to contribute to countering the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) with its comprehensive approach to security, its dedicated Action against Terrorism Unit with the Transnational Threats Department (TNTD/ATU), its network of 16 field operations in South-Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and in Central Asia closely engaged with their respective host authorities, its experience in co-operating with civil society, and its specialized institutions, namely the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM), and the High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM).

OSCE Mandate

Recognizing the complex challenge of countering the phenomenon of FTFs, OSCE participating States (pS) adopted *Ministerial Declaration No.5/14 (MC.DOC/5/14)*, committing themselves to take resolute action to counter the threat posed by FTFs in full implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 2170 (2014) and 2178 (2014), in line with all obligations under international law (available at <http://www.osce.org/cio/130546>).

TNTD/ATU Focus Areas

In accordance with UNSCRs (2170 and 2178) and to implement the OSCE Ministerial Declaration No. 5/14, TNTD/ATU builds upon its existing programmes, which correspond to strategic focus areas identified in the OSCE Consolidated Framework for the Fight against Terrorism (Permanent Council Decision No. 1063):

- countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, following a multi-dimensional approach;
- countering the use of the internet for terrorist purposes;
- strengthening travel document security;
- promoting the implementation of the international legal framework against terrorism and enhancing international legal co-operation in criminal matters related to terrorism.

Reference Documents

- OSCE Consolidated Framework for the Fight against Terrorism
<http://www.osce.org/pc/98008>
- Overview of OSCE Counter-Terrorism Related Commitments
<http://www.osce.org/node/26365>
- Policy Guidebook on VERLT and Community-Policing:
<http://www.osce.org/secretariat/111438>
- Human Rights in Counter-Terrorism Investigations: A Practical Manual for Law Enforcement Officers:
<http://www.osce.org/odihr/108930>



