

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EUROPEAN UNION
TERRORISM SITUATION
AND TREND REPORT
(EU TE-SAT) 2026



Terrorism and violent extremism in the EU continue to evolve in scale and complexity, driven by ideological diversity, technological developments and geopolitical instability. In this increasingly dynamic threat environment, the EU must continue to adapt and strengthen its collective response. As it marks its tenth anniversary, the European Counter Terrorism Centre remains firmly committed to serve as a cornerstone of EU counter-terrorism cooperation, innovation and operational support to Member States.”

Jürgen Ebner
Acting Executive Director
of Europol

KEY FINDINGS



In 2025, 45 terrorist attacks were reported by 10 Member States, while 486 suspects were arrested for terrorism-related offences across 21 Member States. Jihadism accounted for 24 of the reported attacks and 347 of the reported arrests.



The terrorism threat remains high. Established terrorist and violent extremist ideologies (jihadism, right-wing, left-wing and anarchist, and ethno-nationalist terrorism) persisted, while the threat landscape was further complicated by destabilising ideological currents, blurred ideological boundaries, and other forms of violence.



Most terrorist attacks and plots involved lone actors or small, self-initiated cells, using relatively simple attack methods. However, terrorist and violent extremist actors were able to exploit a range of operational opportunities. This further complicated the nature and possible manifestation of the threat.

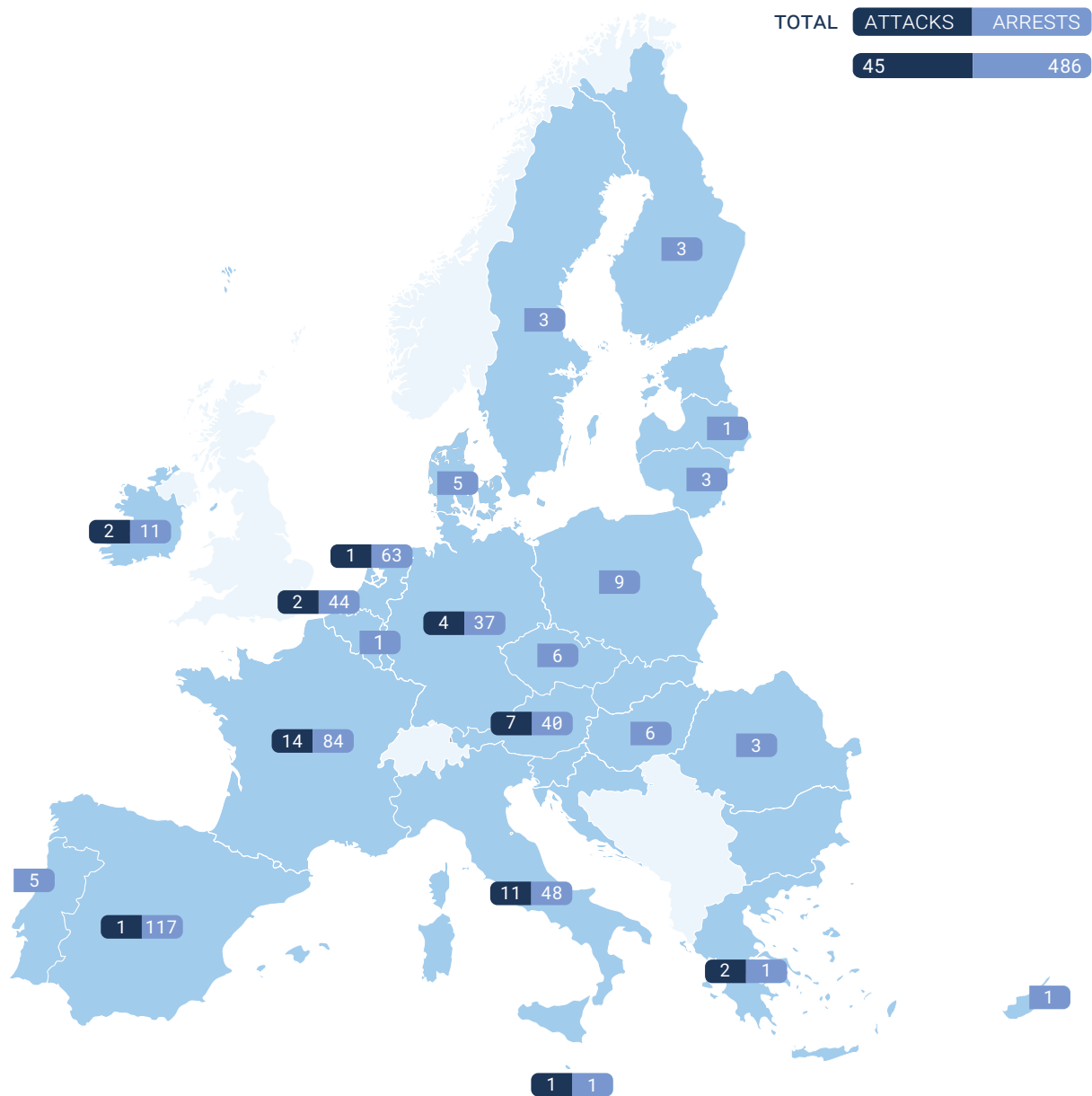


A complex and shifting geopolitical context continued to fuel extremist narratives, thereby acting as drivers of radicalisation and recruitment across ideologies. This contributed to threats directed at specific communities (e.g. Jewish or Muslim) within the EU, while ongoing conflicts also increased uncertainty regarding the movements and intentions of radicalised individuals.

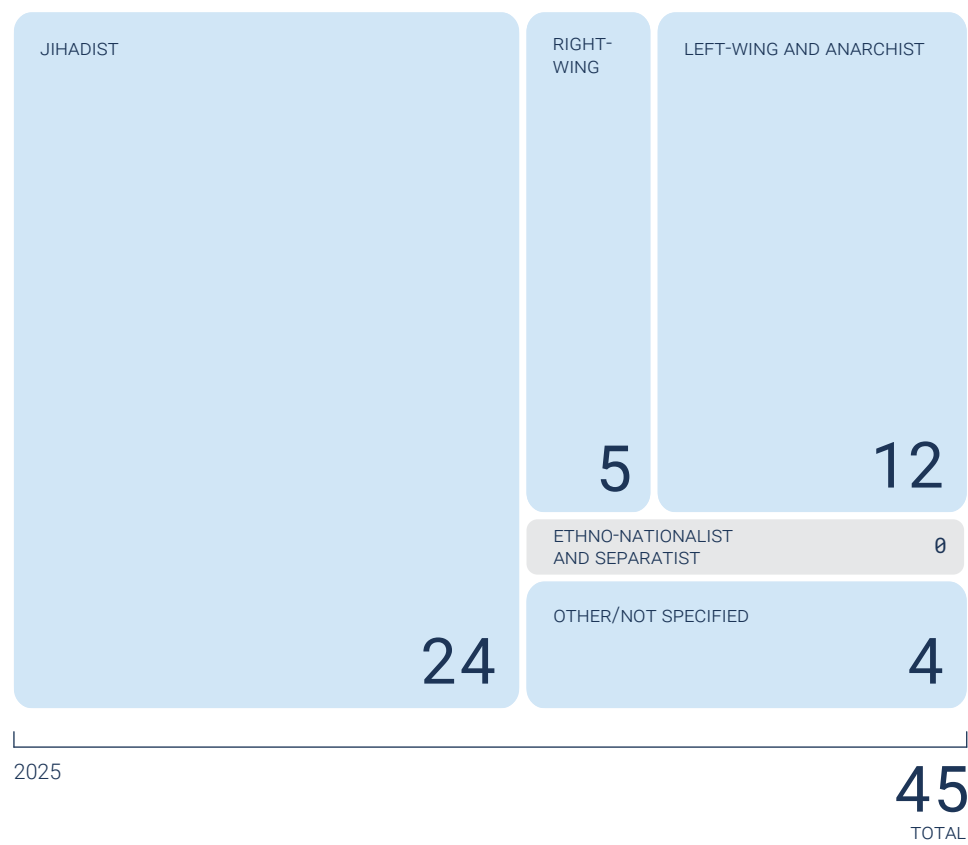


The online environment enabled rapid, widespread, and often secure access to a wide range of terrorist and extremist beliefs and actors. This accelerated exposure to terrorist and violent extremist content and facilitated radicalisation processes, but also allowed for enhanced operational coordination.

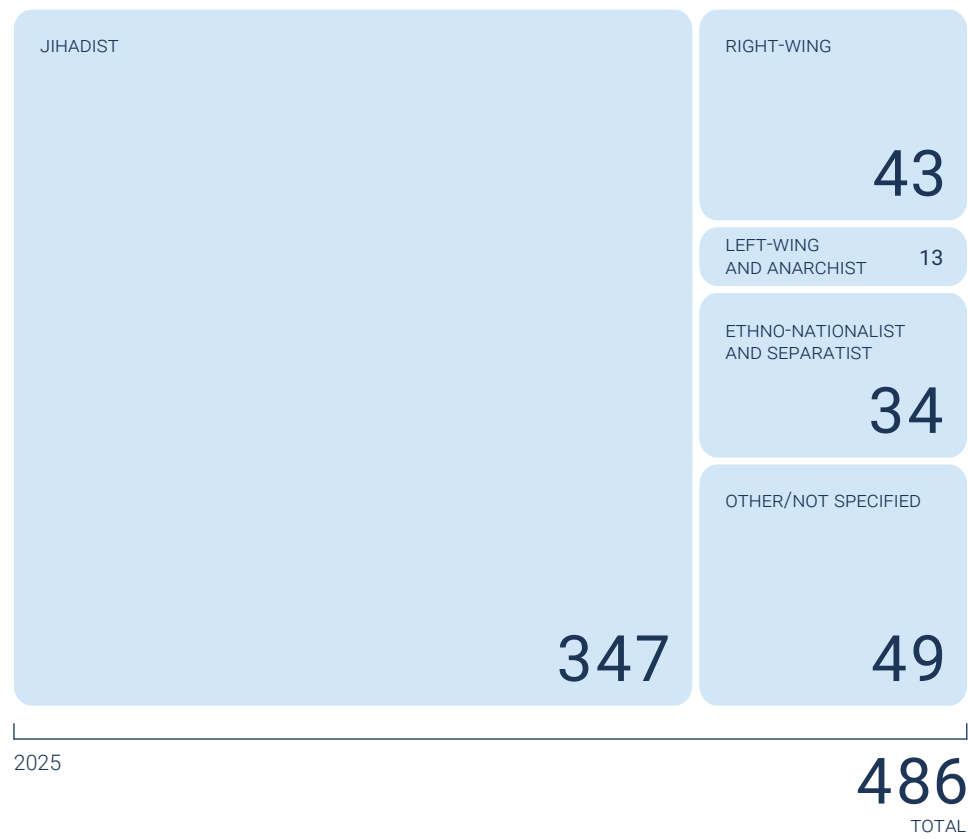
Terrorist attacks
and arrests in
EU Member
States in 2025



Terrorist attacks
(completed,
failed and
foiled) per type
of terrorism,
as reported to
Europol by EU
Member States
in 2025



Arrests for
terrorist
offences
per type of
terrorism, as
reported to
Europol by EU
Member States
in 2025



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The European Union (EU) Terrorism Situation and Trend Report (TE-SAT) is a situational overview, presenting key figures and developments within the terrorism landscape in the EU. The TE-SAT report is published on a yearly basis, with the purpose of informing policymakers, law enforcement and the wider public. It includes statistical data on terrorist attacks, arrests, convictions and penalties in Member States. The report distinguishes between and elaborates in-depth on the following types of terrorism, based on ideological preferences: jihadist terrorism, right-wing terrorism, left-wing and anarchist terrorism, ethno-nationalist and separatist terrorism and other types of terrorism.



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