



The American Center For Combating Extremism And Terrorism

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About Us

The ACCET Difference

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) is a U.S.-based non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating the global threat of malignant actors.

Leveraging the extensive experience and expertise of its team, which includes senior diplomats, former politicians, seasoned civil servants, and international experts, ACCET is uniquely positioned to address the complex challenges posed by violent extremism and terrorism worldwide.

Tailored Solutions

Proven Experience

With decades of experience in managing counter-extremism and counter-terrorism programs, conducting international assessments, and delivering specialized training, ACCET's team of experts offer a comprehensive approach to tackling these critical issues.

Through cutting-edge research, innovative programs, and strategic partnerships, ACCET works to advance international strategies, strengthen global responses, and build resilience against the ever-evolving threats posed by extremist and terrorist groups.

Our Vision

**A safer, more
secure world
for all.**



Our Mission

To empower governments, organizations, and communities with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to effectively prevent, counter, and combat extremism and terrorism. We do this by:

- 1** Fostering international cooperation
- 2** Promoting best practices
- 3** Developing tailored solutions

Worldwide Expertise



With a proven track record, our team has successfully designed and executed projects in dozens of countries across Europe, Eurasia, and Africa, demonstrating expertise in

- Promoting social cohesion,
- Building trust in democratic institutions,
- Countering violent extremism among vulnerable populations,
- Developing national strategies,
- Drafting legislation,
- Cybersecurity solutions,
- Empowering women and youth

Our Reach and Impact

Ukraine: Empowered civil society to combat corruption and resist Russian influence, fostering democratic values and freedoms. Conducted a Gap Analysis of the National Cybersecurity Strategy.

Kosovo: Developed post-war legal framework for democratic governance and ensured inclusive representation of Serb and ethnic minorities. Drafted the first National Cybersecurity Strategy

Albania: Fostered EU integration by managing international assessment and election observation missions, promoting political accountability and transparency.

North Macedonia: Strengthened local governance, civil society, and education, promoting social justice and economic opportunities.

West Africa: Integrated countering violent extremism and resilience programming across five USAID missions to reduce terrorist influence.

Georgia: GAP Analyses for the National Cybersecurity Strategy and Information Security Law, aligning with the EU NIS Directive, and strengthened National and Sectorial CERTs.

Kazakhstan: Strengthened civil society's role in promoting democratic governance, combating corruption, and fostering social peace between Kazakh and Russian ethnic groups.

Syria: Reintegrated Al-Hol camp returnees, fostering social cohesion among returnees, IDPs, and host communities; combated ISIS recruitment.

Jordan: Countered extremism and terrorism, undermining Al Qaeda and ISIS outreach; promoted civic education and social cohesion. Designed and led an international team in developing the National Water Information System

Somalia: Supported the drafting of Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Legislation/Bill.

Kenya: Gap Analysis of the National Cybersecurity Strategy and developed comprehensive frameworks for CIIP, cooperation, cybercrime management, NPKI, and capacity building. Supported conflict mitigation, civic participation, and job creation

360-Degree Approach

Comprehensive Solutions and Holistic Impact

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) recognizes that the complex and ever-evolving nature of extremism and terrorism requires a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach. By leveraging the diverse expertise of its team and collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders, ACCET adopts a holistic strategy that addresses the root causes, immediate threats, and long-term consequences of extremism and terrorism.

ACCET's holistic approach encompasses a spectrum of interconnected initiatives, including advancing international strategies, strengthening global responses, conducting cutting-edge research, fostering youth resilience, countering extremist ideologies, promoting rehabilitation and reintegration, and fortifying digital defenses. By synergizing these core areas of engagement, ACCET creates a powerful, all-encompassing framework for combating extremism and terrorism.

At the heart of ACCET's approach is a commitment to capacity building, empowerment, and collaboration. By working closely with governments, security agencies, civil society organizations, and communities, ACCET ensures that its efforts are tailored to the unique needs and contexts of each partner. This collaborative approach enables ACCET to develop sustainable, locally-driven solutions that address the specific challenges faced by different regions and populations.

ACCET's comprehensive approach to addressing the root causes of extremism and terrorism creates a ripple effect that gradually spreads throughout communities, inspiring wider societal shifts towards tolerance, understanding, and unity.



Areas of Excellence

The ACCET Advantage

- Strategy
- Expertise
- Research
- Resilience
- Communication
- De-radicalization
- Cooperation
- Cybersecurity

Communication De-radicalization Cooperation Cybersecurity

1 Strategy

Advancing International Strategies to Combat Terrorism and Extremism

Over the past two decades, terrorist groups have become adept at diversifying their tactics, networking across borders, and moving operatives and assets with fluidity. The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) supports governments and lawful security agencies in building their capacities to understand, mitigate, and counter these advancements in terrorist tactics.

ACCET recognizes that traditional standard operating procedures of security agencies alone are insufficient to counter the complex nature of modern extremism and terrorism. By leveraging the combined power of intelligence and security agencies, ACCET can help reaffirm the resolve of partner nations and enhance their capabilities to identify and combat

terrorist and extremist groups. Through comprehensive threat assessments, strategic planning, and capacity building programs, ACCET provides tailored solutions that address the unique challenges faced by each partner nation, focusing on proactive measures to build resilience and prevent the spread of extremist ideologies.

ADVANCING KOSOVO'S CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY

ACCET experts spearheaded the development of the nation's first National Cybersecurity Strategy and played a pivotal role in shaping the Cybersecurity Law.



2 Expertise

Strengthening Global Responses to Terrorism Through Shared Expertise

Effective counter-terrorism efforts require a coordinated, multi-agency approach with strong international cooperation. The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) addresses this need by providing a platform for lawful security agencies to share experiences, knowledge, skills, and successful strategies.

ACCET's training programs focus on enhancing operational capabilities and fostering inter-agency and international coordination. By facilitating the exchange of best practices and lessons learned, particularly among countries in Europe and the Middle East, ACCET helps to build the capacity of partner nations to better address terror threats.

Through these efforts, ACCET strengthens partnerships and supports foreign partners in improving their national preparedness and prevention capabilities, ultimately contributing to a more effective global response to extremism and terrorism.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND EXPERTISE HELPS DRIVE ALBANIA'S EU PATH

ACCET experts conducted international assessment and election observation missions that contributed to Albania's progress towards EU integration and the adoption of EU standards on political accountability and transparency.

3 Research

Advancing Research to Counter Extremist and Terrorist Recruitment Strategies

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) conducts comprehensive research to understand the evolving methods and tactics employed by extremist and terrorist groups to attract new recruits. By analyzing organizational structures, hierarchies, communication channels, and the exploitation of cyberspace, ACCET gains valuable insights into the inner workings of these groups.

RESEARCH-DRIVEN ROADMAP: STRENGTHENING KENYA'S CYBERSECURITY POSTURE

ACCET experts conducted a comprehensive Gap Analysis of Kenya's National Cybersecurity Strategy and developed a set of robust frameworks for Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP), cooperation, cybercrime management, National Public Key Infrastructure (NPKI), and capacity building. This research provided a solid foundation for Kenya to strengthen its cybersecurity posture, enhance multi-stakeholder collaboration, and effectively combat cybercrime, ultimately contributing to a more secure digital environment for the nation.



This research forms the foundation for developing effective training programs and counter-messaging strategies that aim to prevent extremist and terrorist organizations from leveraging advanced technological tools and platforms for online recruitment and mobilization.

Through its research efforts, ACCET provides governments, lawful security agencies, and international organizations with actionable intelligence and strategic guidance, empowering them to proactively address the ever-changing landscape of extremist and terrorist recruitment tactics.



4 Resilience

Fostering Youth Resilience Through Trust-Building and Civic Engagement



FOSTERING YOUTH RESILIENCE IN JORDAN

ACCET's technical experts designed USAID's flagship youth activity through an integrated, cross-sectoral approach, aligning with USAID's Youth in Development Policy to improve career guidance, economic opportunities, and civic engagement for approximately 800,000 youth.

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) addresses the root causes of youth radicalization by focusing on the lack of trust in democratic institutions and governing systems. ACCET's flagship program empowers youth who are vulnerable to radicalization by providing avenues for meaningful civic participation and political engagement. By creating strategic public engagement plans, ACCET fosters youth's confidence and trust in democratically elected institutions.

These initiatives involve collaboration with media, civil society, the private sector, youth groups, modern clerics, and at-risk youth, creating a multi-stakeholder approach to preventing and countering terrorism and extremism. The program's primary goal is to instill a sense of self-worth and relevance among youth through active involvement in democratic processes. By empowering youth and building social cohesion, ACCET's efforts contribute to the development of resilient communities that are less susceptible to extremist ideologies.

5 Communication

Countering Extremist and Terrorist Ideologies Through Global Strategic Communication

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) works with governments, lawful security agencies, and international organizations to counter the successful recruitment strategies employed by extremist and terrorist groups across the internet and social media. ACCET's expertise lies in developing and executing comprehensive, worldwide counter-messaging strategies and engaging in robust online media campaigns.

These initiatives aim to undermine terrorist ideologies by discrediting their narratives and exposing the vicious, inhumane, and morbid nature of their actions. ACCET's collaborative approach involves partnering with European and Middle Eastern governments to educate schoolchildren, working with clergy and religious leaders to create

educational platforms for believers, and cooperating with security agencies to develop specialized training programs. Through these multi-faceted efforts, ACCET builds resilience against extremist and terrorist narratives at all levels of society, effectively diminishing the appeal and influence of these ideologies.



STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN IN KOSOVO

ACCET experts developed and implemented a comprehensive, nationwide strategic communication campaign that effectively educated youth about the dangers of extremism and terrorism, while also promoting democratic values, civic engagement, and social cohesion. The campaign utilized innovative media platforms and collaborated with local partners, significantly reducing the appeal of extremist ideologies among vulnerable youth populations.

6

De-radicalization

Promoting Rehabilitation and Reintegration Through De-radicalization Programs

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) recognizes the ongoing threat posed by captured and incarcerated members of extremist groups who continue to radicalize and recruit from within correctional facilities and their surrounding communities. To address this critical issue, ACCET develops effective programs aimed at de-radicalizing, reeducating,

and monitoring imprisoned terrorist fighters and those influenced by extremist ideologies. These programs prioritize the inclusion of familial and community support networks to ensure the sustainability of the de-radicalization process, while also empowering de-radicalized youth to become active agents in countering extremist and terrorist ideologies.

By focusing on the successful reeducation and de-radicalization of youth, ACCET plays a crucial role in disrupting, diminishing, and ultimately destroying the ability of extremist and terrorist groups to recruit and mobilize.

REINTEGRATION AND DE-RADICALIZATION PROGRAMS FOSTER COHESION IN SYRIA

ACCET experts successfully designed and implemented comprehensive programs that facilitated the reintegration of Al-Hol camp returnees, fostering social cohesion among returnees, IDPs, and host communities through close collaboration with local tribal leaders, CSOs, activists, and community leaders.



7 Cooperation

Fostering International Cooperation and Unified Strategies to Combat Extremism and Terrorism

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) provides expertise in developing unified and comprehensive capacities to combat extremism and terrorism. While many countries, as well as inter-governmental agencies such as the United Nations, EU, and OSCE, have developed individual strategies and allocated resources to address these threats, there remains a significant discrepancy in approaches and methods.

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY IN KYRGYZSTAN: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOSTERS SOCIAL COHESION

ACCET experts led an international assessment mission on political demand for greater accountability at national and local levels, while also successfully supporting efforts for social cohesion among various ethnic groups, contributing to a more stable and inclusive society.



ACCET recognizes that the ability of extremist and terrorist groups to organize uniformly necessitates far better coordination and cooperation at the international level. ACCET's expertise lies in its ability to engage various countries, their policy-makers, and relevant stakeholders in a process aimed at ensuring proper, meaningful, and effective sharing of concepts, goals, and objectives. By facilitating dialogue and collabor-

ation, ACCET works to overcome political agendas and develop a more unified, comprehensive platform to combat extremism and terrorism at the international level. By fostering a willful and forceful approach, ACCET aims to undermine the unified goals and objectives of terrorist organizations, recognizing that only through concerted international cooperation can these threats be effectively defeated.

8 Cybersecurity

Fortifying Digital Defenses Through Comprehensive Cybersecurity Solutions

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) offers cutting-edge solutions to protect organizations from the ever-evolving cybersecurity threat landscape. With a team of seasoned professionals and state-of-the-art technology, ACCET delivers comprehensive services, including threat detection, incident response, vulnerability assessments, and security training, all tailored to counter the unique challenges presented by malicious actors.

ACCET's proactive approach and commitment to staying at the forefront of the cybersecurity landscape ensure that clients receive robust, tailored solutions that effectively mitigate risks and strengthen digital defenses. By partnering with ACCET, organizations can navigate the digital realm with confidence, knowing their sensitive data, infrastructure, and operations are protected by a proven leader in the fight against cyber threats.



MOLDOVA FORTIFIES CYBERSECURITY: BOLSTERING DEFENSES AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

ACCET experts conducted a comprehensive Gap Analysis of the National Cybersecurity Strategy, drafted a cutting-edge Cybersecurity Law based on the EU NIS Directive, and significantly enhanced the capabilities of CERT-GOV-MD, bolstering the country's digital defenses against cyber threats.





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