

# MULTI-AGENCY VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT SUPPORT TOOL (MAVAST)



## Tool objectives:

This tool helps to assess the risk of radicalisation and the choice of approach that can be taken. It combines different types of indicators, such as behaviours, expressed emotions, mental health issues, habits, and social contacts in order to assess vulnerability of an individual to (further) radicalise.

## Overview of approach to development/methodology:

MAVAST (Multi-Agency Vulnerability Assessment Support Tool) supports a multidisciplinary team in assessing the vulnerability of identified individuals to violent radicalisation, and in identifying cross-sectional interventions if necessary. Intended users of the MAVAST are professionals in a multidisciplinary, regional / municipal / border region team, for example law enforcement authorities (police and criminal investigation), a regional multi-agency team that works on prevention and de-radicalisation, social workers and district police. The digital tool can also support cross-border cooperation in case studies between countries and can be used for all ideological manifestations.

MAVAST is based on observable indicators of the vulnerability of an individual to show violent radical behaviour. In specific combinations, these indicators can be an indication that an individual exceeds or will exceed a threshold between tolerated (radical) behaviour and illegal extremist (terrorist) acts. 80 indicators include, among other things, behaviours, expressed emotions, mental health issues, habits, and social contacts in order to assess vulnerability of an individual to (further) radicalise. The tool uses knowledge underlying PERICLES tools Skills and Competencies Tool and Family Information Portal as well as expertise from other projects such as FP7 projects SAFIRE and TERRA. In addition, MAVAST builds on existing assessment tools for violent radicalisation.