

**PREVENTING AND COUNTERING SEPARATIST EXTREMISM
AT THE LEVEL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE
ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN
EUROPE**

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Abstract: Although the problem of persons belonging to minorities has its global dimension, it has a specific meaning for Europe. Consequently, it has been the subject of concerns of some European institutions, such as the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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Introduction

The autonomist-separatist extremism of an ethnic, religious and linguistic nature, represents a phenomenon that, through its implications, threatens not only the internal order and stability of some states, but even the international order and stability, having deep and long-term consequences and implications on the legitimate aspirations of the peoples and of humanity in general.

States were not content only with the elaboration, adoption and promotion of international mechanisms and regulations to prevent and combat separatist extremism with a universal character, but taking inspiration from the legal and institutional system created by the United Nations, they created and developed legal instruments and regional and national mechanisms to prevent and counter ethnic, religious and linguistic extremism.

The worldwide efforts of the United Nations (UN) Organization in the matter of the rights of national minorities and implicitly the prevention and countering of their separatist extremism, have been supported by various regional institutions, both by supporting the legal implementation

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