The fight against violent extremism has become one of the key objectives of the EU's external action, in particular in the area of its (enlarged) neighborhood. What is the European Union actually doing to preventing and countering violent extremism in the Maghreb and the Sahel? This question is at the heart of the Horizon2020 PREVEX research project Preventing Violent Extremism in the Balkans and the Mena: Strengthening Resilience in Enabling Environments. Thanks to the collaboration of researchers from Europe, the Sahel, and the Maghreb, a new Policy Briefs takes stock of the strategies, actions and underlying narratives through which the EU is implementing its commitment to prevent and counter violent extremism in practice. Drawing on extensive data collection, the Policy Brief includes in-depth case studies from the regions as well as analysis of national strategies and regional and interregional trends.

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