





# NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL NOTE

We are delighted to share with you our July 2023 Newsletter!

This issue of the Newsletter showcases the women's safety and security training event in Antwerp, Belgium that the SOAR project carried out in July. This issue also includes information on events and publications relevant to the field of SOAR work.

As per our monthly tradition, the SOAR team identified 127 media-documented attacks against places of worship and related incidents during the month of July 2023.



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Religious and  
Traditional  
Peacemakers



# Women's Safety & Security Training

WHEN: 09 JULY

WHERE: ANTWERP

On the 9th of July 2023, the SOAR project delivered a Women's Safety & Security Training in Antwerp, Belgium. The information and engagement were centred around the women's experience within their place of worship and opened up a dialogue on their experiences, any concerns or safety issues and the role they want to take on to lead and help strengthen the security within their institution.



## 10 SECURITY TIPS FOR WOMEN WALKING TO AND FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP



## 10 Security Tips for Women

WHEN: JULY

In July 2023, the SOAR Project published 10 Security Tips for Women Walking to and from a place of worship. The new resource document aims to aid women in increasing their security in the vicinity of their place of worship.

The document can be found [here](#).

# EFI 2nd Quarterly Report

**WHEN: JULY**

Enhancing Faith Institutions published the 2nd Quarterly Report 2023.

The report includes information regarding EFI's work during the months of April, May, and June 2023. The issue discusses the delivery of SOAR Women's Safety and Security Training, Muslim European Empowerment Conference, and the EFI report on incidents against places of worship.

The report can be found [here](#).



**In this issue:**

- Delivery of SOAR Women's Safety and Security Training
- Muslim European Empowerment Conference 2023
- UN Workshop on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets
- Addressing the security needs of Muslim communities in South Eastern Europe Event
- Engagement events with partner projects & policy makers
- Development of EFI Report into Attacks Against Places of Worship in Europe



## Austrian Police Hate Crime Report

**WHEN: 2022**

**WHERE: AUSTRIA**

The Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior published the annual Hate Crime Report 2022. According to the report, in 2022, the Austrian police recorded 5,865 hate crimes. Out of the 5,865 hate crimes, 630 cases are based on religion, 373 cases based on skin colour, 1,968 cases based on national/ethnic origin, and 2,466 cases based on belief.

The report can be found [here](#).

# Research paper on antisemitism

WHEN: JULY

The Humanities and Social Sciences Communications journal published a paper that looks at whether antisemitism is more common among left or right-wing individuals. The study shows that antisemitism is "associated with a conspiracist view of the world, a desire to overturn the social order, and a preference for authoritarian forms of government. The paper is authored by Daniel Allington, David Hirsh, and Louise Katz.

The research paper can be found [here](#).

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## MONITOR

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### Antisemitische Einstellungen in Deutschland

Repräsentative Umfrage zur Verbreitung von antisemitischen  
Einstellungen in der deutschen Bevölkerung

Dominik Hirndorf

- › Eine große Mehrheit der deutschen Bevölkerung lehnt antisemitische Aussagen entschieden ab. Die Zustimmung fällt mit Werten von 2 bis 6 Prozent zu einzelnen antisemitischen Aussagen gering aus.
- › Personen mit links- und rechtsextremistischen Einstellungen weisen signifikant häufiger antisemitische Einstellungen auf. Der Effekt fällt allerdings stärker bei einer Neigung zu rechts-extremistischen Einstellungen aus.
- › Erhöhte Zustimmung findet sich unter Personen mit niedrigerem formalen Bildungsabschluss, unter Menschen mit muslimischem Glauben und/oder Migrationshintergrund sowie innerhalb der AfD-Anhängerschaft.
- › Verschwörungsglaube und klassischer Antisemitismus sind verknüpft. Personen, die an die Existenz geheimer Mächte glauben, stimmen überdurchschnittlich dem antisemitischen Vorurteil zu, dass „reiche Juden die eigentlichen Herrscher der Welt sind“.

## Anti-Semitic attitudes in Germany

WHEN: JULY

WHERE: GERMANY

In July, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation published the "Antisemitic Attitudes in Germany" paper. According to the paper a "large majority of the German population firmly rejects anti-Semitic statements." However, the paper also uncovered that "people with left-wing and right-wing extremist attitudes exhibit significantly more anti-Semitic attitudes."

The research paper can be found [here](#).

# Anti-Semitic incidents in Lower Saxony

**WHEN: 2022**  
**WHERE: GERMANY**

RIAS has published the Anti-Semitic incidents in Lower Saxony 2022 report. The report documents 100 anti-Semitic incidents. 86 incidents were clarified as abusive behaviour, 2 mass letters, 2 attacks, 2 extreme violence cases, 6 damages to property, and 2 threats.

If you would like to access the report please do so [here](#).

## Antisemitische Vorfälle in Niedersachsen 2022

Ein Bericht der Recherche- und Informationsstelle  
Antisemitismus (RIAS) Niedersachsen



## PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AT RISK

EU ENTRY, STAY AND SUPPORT

REPORT



## Protecting human rights defenders at risk

**WHERE: EUROPE**

On the 11th of July 2023, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights published the "Protecting human rights defenders at risk: EU entry, stay and support" report. The report "outlines how human rights defenders can enter and stay in the EU when they need protection."

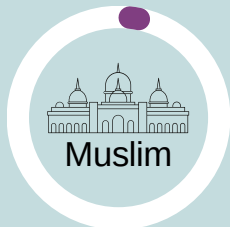
If you would like to access the report please do so [here](#).

# Media Documented Attacks Against Places of Worship and Related Incidents

**JULY 2023**

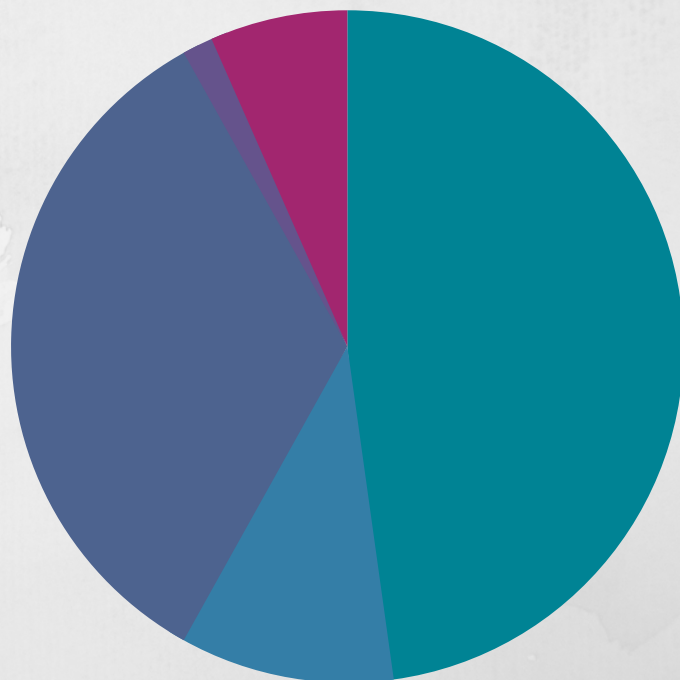
The following numbers do not represent the true extent of attacks against religious sites within the given timeframe. Rather, it is a representation of some incidents presented in and covered by the media.

## Place of Worship



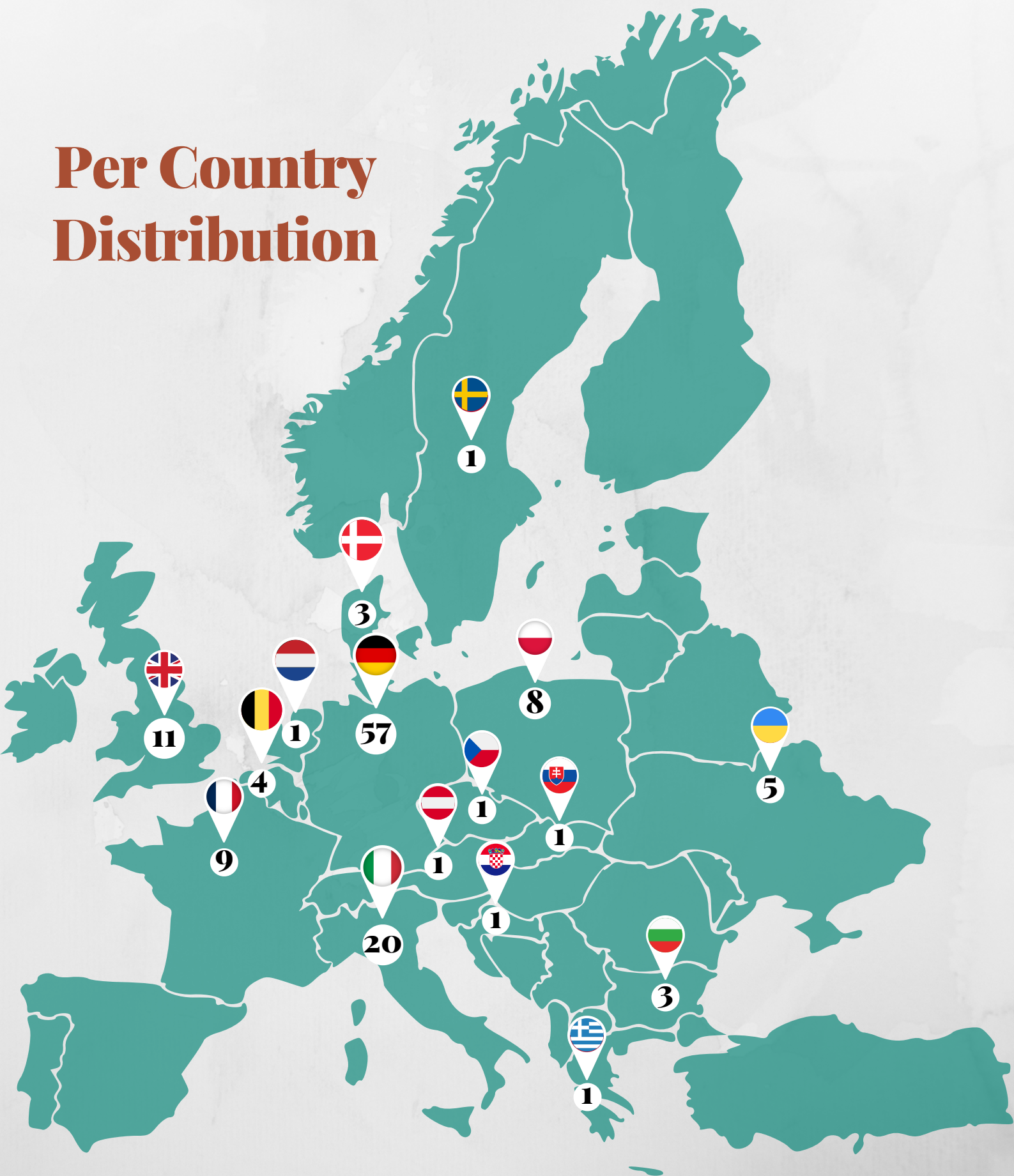
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**Attacks & Related  
Incidents**



- (Attempted) Theft/Break-in
- Arson/Fire
- Damage/vandalism/smearing
- Threat Letters
- Other (Disturbance of mass, Destruction of religious objects, Indecent behaviour, Racist abuse, Russian aggression in Ukraine)

# Per Country Distribution



\*We would like to commend the German authorities for excellent reporting of crimes on the [PressePortal](#).

# Women & Youth Safety & Security Training

The SOAR Project is committed to help keep communities safe. As part of our project we deliver women and youth safety and security training.

If you would like to request a SOAR training please do so [Here](#).

Registration for upcoming events: [Here](#).



## WOMEN & YOUTH SAFETY & SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

[Register Now](#)



## SOAR RESOURCES

## SOAR Resources

SOAR is delighted to present to you the most important publications in the field of security of places of worship.

Our Resources page contains SOAR and other publications that are designed to aid you in keeping your place of worship safe.

The Resources page is available [Here](#).



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