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Technical assistance provided by UNOCT to South-East European States on CT/PCVE

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UNOCT Mandate

- The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) was established on 15 June 2017 through the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution 71/291.
- The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288) and its biennial General Assembly Review resolutions provide the substance of UNOCT's mandate.
- ***UNOCT's five main functions:***
 1. Provide leadership on the General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the United Nations system
 2. Enhance coordination and coherence across the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
 3. Strengthen the delivery of United Nations counter-terrorism capacity-building assistance to Member States
 4. Improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for United Nations counter-terrorism efforts
 5. Ensure that due priority is given to counterterrorism across the United Nations system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy



UNCCT and SPIB Priorities for Capacity Building

- **Specialization**
- **Strengthening State institutions**
- **Fostering community resilience**
- **Strengthening delivery closer to our beneficiaries**

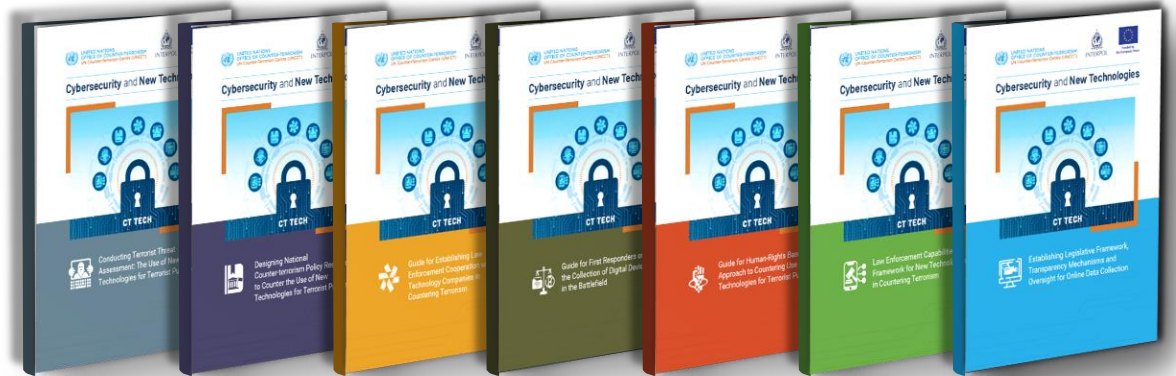


UNCCT: Cybersecurity and New Technologies Programme



Cybersecurity and New Technologies

- **Supporting Member States in South-East Europe in strengthening responses to challenges of new technologies.**
- **Funded by the EU, the Programme provides capacity building assistance to Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the 5 CT TECH Partner States which UNOCT will provide tailored capacity building assistance**
- **Cyber Programme contributed to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**



UNCCT: Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons Programme

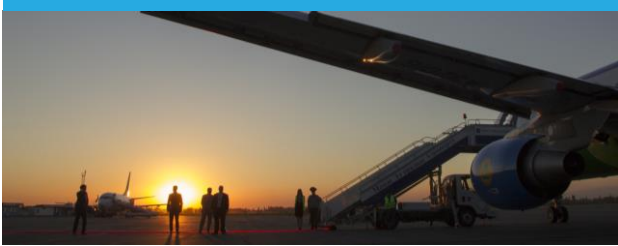


Countering Terrorist Use of Weapons

- The Programme joined forces to promote adherence to ICSANT with Albanian Parliament and national institutions, to prevent nuclear terrorism.
- Co-organized the Med Trident tabletop exercise on nuclear detection and forensics with participants from South East Europe
- Organized a workshop for European countries on the UNSCR 2370 Technical Guidelines to prevent terrorists from acquiring SALW, IEDs, UAS



SPIB: Countering Terrorist Travel Programme



Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

- The UNOCT's CT Travel Programme is very active in South-East Europe.
- The Programme has facilitated the establishment of the UNOCT-led Eastern Europe Informal Working Group (EEIWG) on Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) implementation.
- The EEIWG operates with OSCE as its Secretariat.



- The mechanism is primarily driven by its Members, notably Albania as Chair

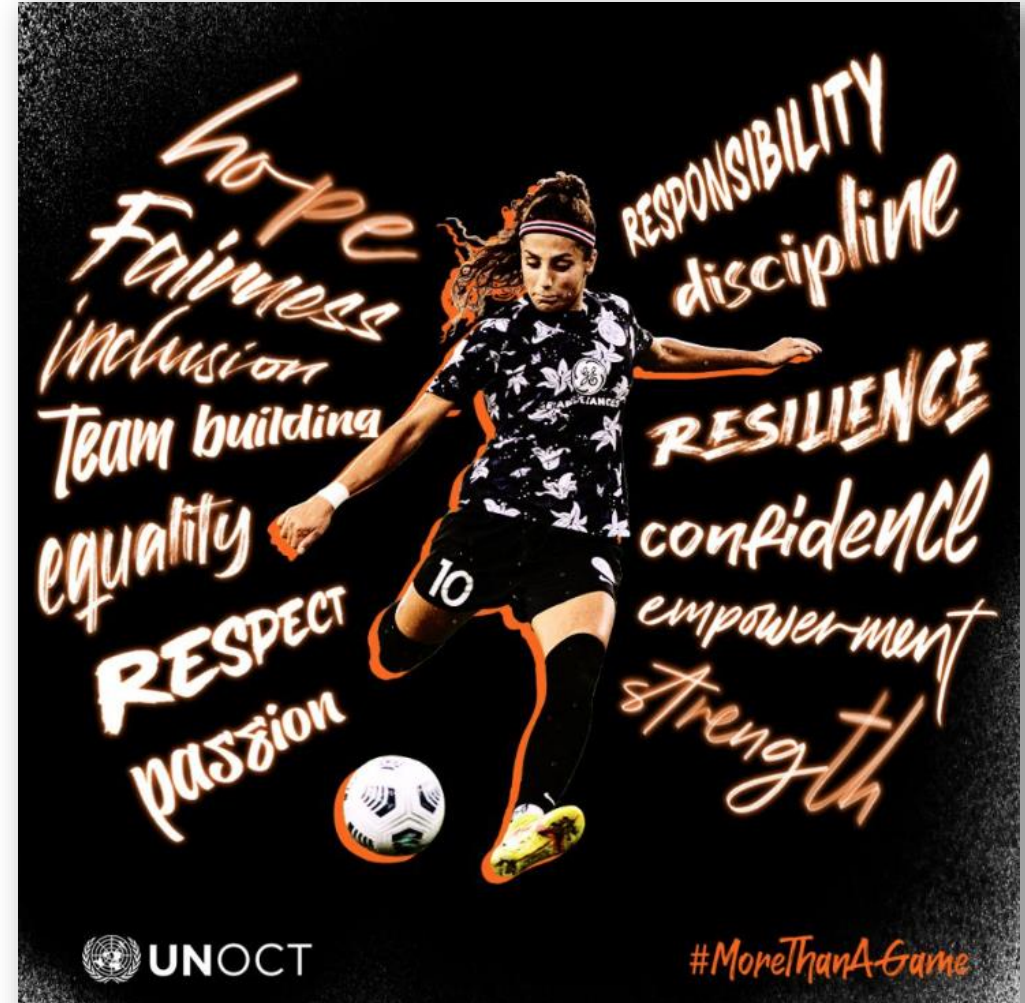


SPIB: Sports Programme



Security of Major Sporting Events and Sport for PCVE

- As part of the Global Sports Programme's Civil Society Grant Scheme, the Albanian Organization Center for Youth Progress executed a Project on '*A step Towards Sport, Step Away from Extremism*'.
- The Global Sports Programme has established a National Focal Points (NFPs) which represents over 130 Member States, *including NFPs from Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro and Romania*



Areas of Concern in South-East Europe

- **Increase of hate of speech, spread of disinformation, which could be conducive to violent extremism and terrorism**
- **Undetected return of foreign terrorist fighters from conflict zones**
- **Increase of far-right extremism and radicalization, including a concerning rise of violent extremist exploitation of gaming and gaming adjacent platforms**
- **Exploitation of new technologies and AI by terrorists**





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