

Who is it **FOR**?

- Sports coaches & managers
- Young people active in sports & their families
- Sports clubs & umbrella organizations
- Social workers & youth educators
- Law enforcement & justice practitioners
- Local authorities

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Empowering
coaches and trainers in
sports to prevent youth
radicalization and violent
extremism

What is **SAFE** ZONE?

Who **WE** ARE?

Why **SAFE** ZONE?

It is a team-based effort to prevent youth radicalization and violent extremism

- engages and trains **COACHES** as prevention agents in fighting youth radicalization and violent extremism
- **creates an E-LEARNING TOOLKIT** and training methodology for use throughout the EU
- establishes an early warning **MONITORING** and reporting system for use within youth sports
- **develops prevention strategies** for local and national **ACTION**
- promotes EU and national policy development via **EXCHANGES** and the development of EU guidelines

The **SAFE ZONE** team represents a mix of research centers, universities and sports organizations in Italy, Germany, Portugal, and Slovenia.



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Education providers are facing new and demanding challenges due to the increasing complexity of modern society as radicalization and extreme violence rank high amongst the concerns shared by international bodies and public opinion. Addressing these challenges requires effective **coordinated efforts involving all actors that play a role in the education of youth**. Despite the universal recognition of the centrality of sports in guaranteeing the well-balanced psycho-sociological development of youth, coaches and trainers are not necessarily aware either of their role and functions, or how they can contribute to the educational needs of young people. In response to this lack of awareness, **Safe Zone** intends to address the need to **empower coaches and educators in sports** in order to strengthen their educational relationship with young people and contribute to the prevention of violence and youth radicalization.