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We are here today for an important topic. Radicalisation, the rise of extremism is a problem we face today. We never forget the attacks in Brussels and Paris. Europe has more than 4000 foreign fighters in Syria, but also a number of EU nationals are fighting in the Ukrainian conflict and potentially represent a threat once they return back home. These foreign fighters do not share our European values and a lot of them are 2nd or 3rd generation immigrants who never adapted to the European cultures. There is a fertile basis for radicalisation because of the unsuccessful integration, which we see in many European cities. The migration crisis can be solved if refugees are willing to share the European values. We have to learn from the past. We have to set up smart and individual asylum support.