BRaVE –
Mapping of CVE projects

- Over **700 CVE** approaches recorded in ten European case studies between 2014 and 2019 (policies, institutions and national studies)
- Interactive map available online, for exploring projects by country, focus and keyword.
- Measuring patterns of **polarization and resilience** in ten case study countries.
- Online workshops carried out for secondary school teachers on roots of polarization and violent extremism + resilience building methods to use in the classroom > media literacy, **misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy**.

GREASE - Comparative insights

A 'thick description' of religious diversity – what the GREASE project found in Europe:
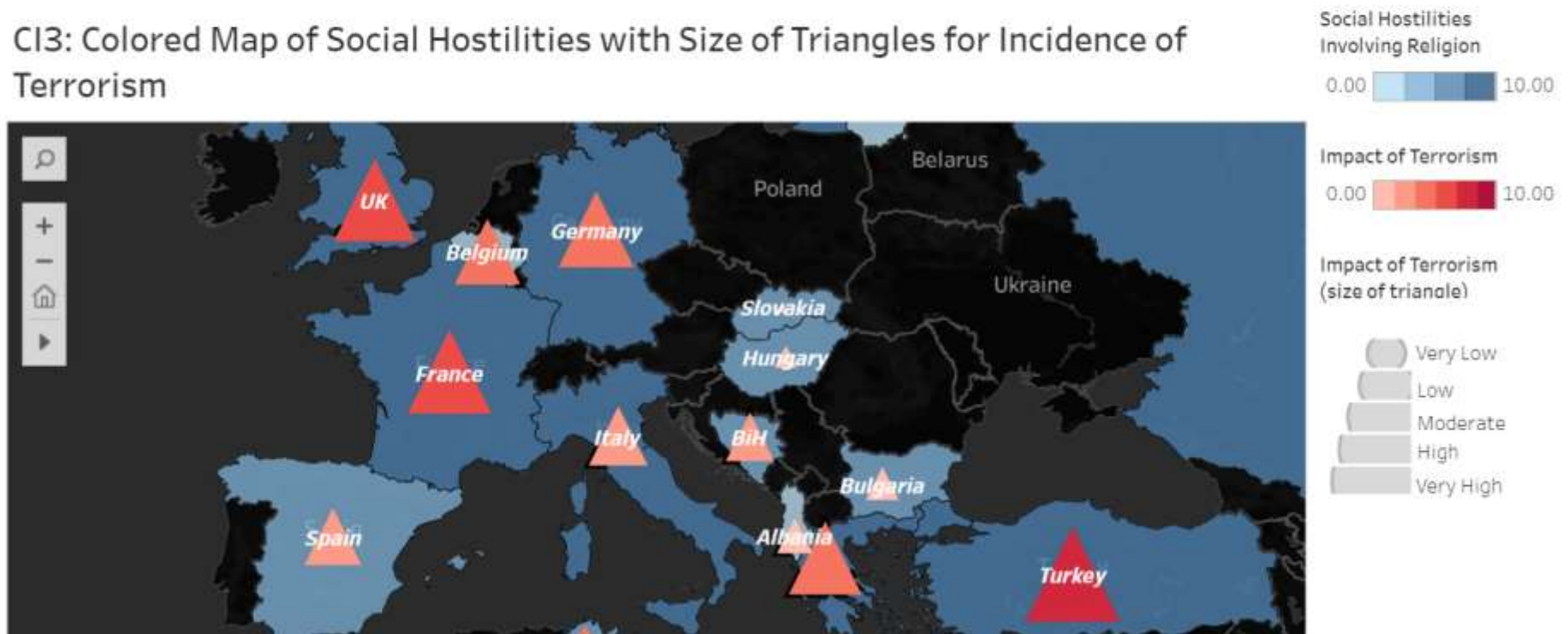
Ongoing processes related to state-religion relations against a background of **secularization + migration**:

- **Politicization** of religion/ Religionization of politics **>** increasing influence of religion on political life
- **Institutionalization >** creation of religious councils and organisms that need to be officially recognized by the state, with benefits hinging upon such recognition
- **Securitization >** of those groups perceived as at odds with 'national values', and particularly of Muslim faith communities (i.e. PREVENT policy in the UK)

- Beyond political secularism – what can we learn from different experiences?

- Relations between the nation and religion > strength of linkages + demographic composition

= No clear causal relationship between individual factors: more than any single characteristic, relevance of to what degree categories of inclusion/ exclusion are based on religious identities

- The level of religious homogeneity is **not** a good indicator of whether there is a strong identification or not between the nation and the religious majority community.

Even in those countries in which state-religion linkages are weak and religion is mostly relegated to the private sphere (ex. France), the governance of religion still represents a heated and contentious issue

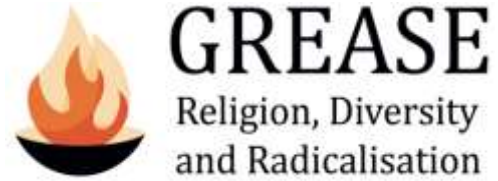# GREASE – Understanding non radicalisation

No single causal mechanism :

Macro: demography argument, absence of marked ghettoization of migrants, long history of counter-terrorist operations

Meso: Southern EU status as 'transit countries', fragmentation of Muslim communities, role of religious leaders

Micro: individuals too preoccupied with making a living in exploitative jobs to be 'socialized' into radicalisation? Comparatively low expectations towards the state + fragmentation/arbitrariness within institutions

Risks: conflating 'radical ideology' with 'violence', criminalizing groups which are not violent but might be deemed 'radical' in their ideology; human rights abuses in CVE policies (repatriation of non nationals); 'Projectification' of PVE/CVE activities

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Thank you for your attention!

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