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Message from
**Beyond the
Horizon ISSG**

Dear Readers,
As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, we are proud to present the annual activity report of **Beyond the Horizon**.

Our mission remains steadfast to promote glocal (global and local) peace and security by empowering decision and policy makers with data driven & evidence based research and analysis to provide deep insight and knowledge; and developing and advocating paths to build a better world for living safe and peacefully together.

At Beyond the Horizon, we understand that the complexities of modern conflicts require a deep integration of theory and practice.

That is why we have enlisted a diverse group of experts, combining seasoned practitioners with leading theorists in the field of peace and security.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our mission. The challenges to today's global and local peace and security are ever-evolving and intertwined, but with our dedicated team and the continued support of our partners, we are confident in our ability to navigate these complexities and drive positive change.

Thank you for your continued support and for sharing in our vision of a more peaceful and secure world.

Sincerely,

Beyond the Horizon
Team



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Who **We are**



Beyond the Horizon International Strategic Studies Group (BtH) is an **independent next-generation think & do tank** in Belgium.

BtH aims to **promote glocal** (global & local) **peace and security** by its strong in-house capacity and extensive network of partners throughout the world.

Achievements in 2024



9

Events

We organised workshops, conferences, webinars, panel discussions, hybrid events with more than 900 participants



8

Projects

We implemented projects at European, national and regional levels reaching out to more than 3000 people.



55

Publications

We published researches, policy briefs, commentaries, book reviews and journal issues.

What we do

Our activities



⇒ Think



- Research & Analysis
- Monitor
- Forum

⇒ Do



- Training & Consultancy
- Projects & Partnerships
- Digital Enabling

Activities

Research & Analysis

We empower decision and policymakers and practitioners with data-driven & evidence-based research and analysis including our quarterly journal 'Horizon Insights'.

Monitor

We keep a watchful eye on the globe and crisis zones to bring emerging critical issues to the attention of professionals and the general public.

Forum

We serve as a forum for debate on our focus areas by organising different kinds of events and our annual landmark event 'New Horizons Summit'.

Training & Consultancy

We provide world-class training and consultancy services based on our focus areas through our Horizon Global Academy.

Projects & Partnerships

We develop and employ innovative and sustainable solutions by making a combination of research, innovation and action projects in collaboration with selected partners.

Digital enabling

With our in-house capacity Horizon Lab, we transform our deliverables into data-driven products and enable our activities with digital tools and solutions.

Departments



Meet our team



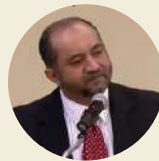
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Our Focus

Focusing on challenges to our peace & security and their solutions from policy- and society-based perspectives, BtH covers the following topics in its activities:

01

Societal Challenges

- Diversity & Inclusion
- Gender & Equalities
- Migration & Integration
- Democracy & Rule of Law
- Radicalisation & Polarisation

02

Global Challenges

- Geopolitics & Great Power Politics
- Energy Security
- Environment & Climate change

03

Digitalisation

- Disruptive Technologies
- Cyber security
- Artificial Intelligence



04

Peace & Conflict

- Peace & Conflict Management
- Defence & Security
- Political & Hybrid Warfare
- Maritime & Naval Security
- Fighting Organised Crime and Terrorism

Our Sustainability goals



Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Gender Equality

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



Reduced Inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries.



Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.



Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

BtH believes that its strength lies in **diversity** and it is committed to nurturing an **inclusive culture** within the organisation and the community.

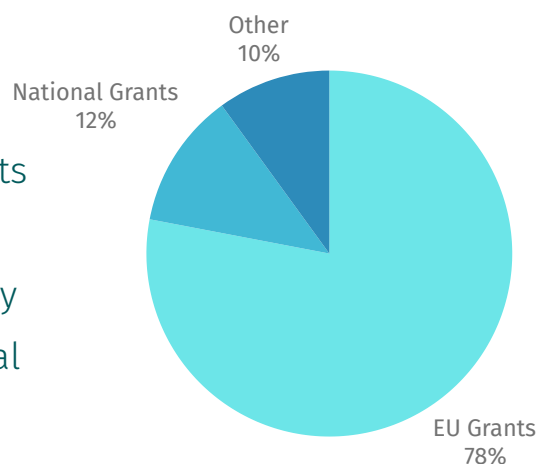
BtH is committed to promoting **gender equality** in its activities through its [Gender Equality Plan](#).



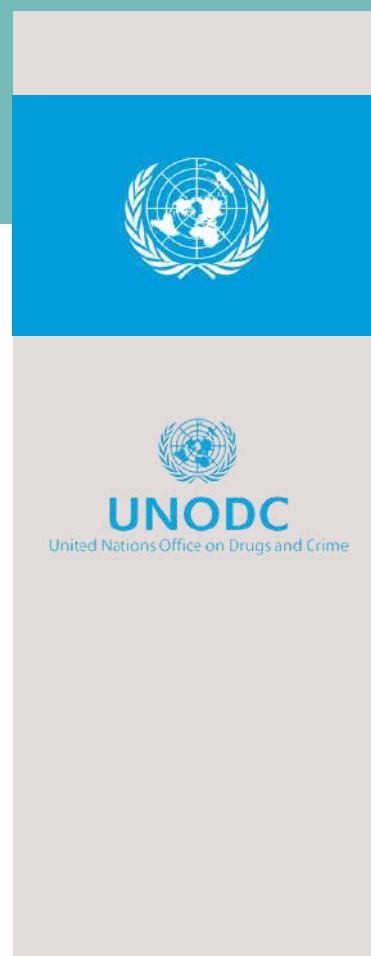
Financing

Chart & Funders

To maintain independence and objectivity of its publications and activities, BtH mainly derives its resources from projects funded primarily by the EU grants, and other national/international organisations. Besides, a small part of its revenue is generated by fees and donations.



Our Funders



Our quality

Beyond the Horizon ISSG received BC 9022 quality label from Brand Compliance, and Work and Social Economy quality label from the Flemish Government which prove the quality of its organisational structure and activities.



WSE Quality
registration

WSE
Kwaliteits
registratie

Work and Social Economy
Quality Registration Number:
[KDB000000933](#)



BC 9022
Quality label

BC **BC 9022**
Kwaliteitslabel
Hét label voor WSE
Gecertificeerd door Brand Compliance

BC 9022 Quality Label
BE005/V1 - Certify number:
[BE 057.11](#)



EU Transparency
registration



European Union Transparency
Register Identification Number:
[832553048975-48](#)



Organisation registration number:
[0688.914.586](#)

Partners & networks

Think-tanks & NGOs

↑ **37**

Leading international and national think-tanks and NGOs at European, national or local levels.

We formed more than **100 partnerships** in 2024 with organisations throughout all Europe and beyond to realise different projects, research activities and events.



Universities & Research Centres

↑ **27**

Higher education institutions and various private research centres throughout all Europe and beyond.

Public Institutions

↑ **25**

Municipalities from Europe, government agencies for employment, law enforcement, asylum, etc.

Companies

↑ **18**

Companies contributing to innovative and sustainable solutions for societal challenges

Networks

↑ **6**

Membership of networks at European level and beyond.



Research & analysis activities



We empower decision and policymakers and practitioners with data-driven & evidence-based research and analysis. Our research and analysis activities are carried out by our department “Horizon Research”.



BEYOND THE HORIZON

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC STUDIES
GROUP

Independent next-generation think & do tank in Belgium

Publications

Policy briefs, commentaries..



January



After COP 28 Climate Summit: Is it a victory for the future of the EU Green Deal?

by Ilyas Gülenç | Jan 3, 2024 | Commentary, Environment & Climate Change



The role of AI in response to climate-related security problems and the European Green Deal

by Ilyas Gülenç | Jan 4, 2024 | Commentary,



The Admiral's New Role: Analysing the Geopolitical Implications of China's Defense Ministry Shift

by Asia Pacific Task Force | Jan 5, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power Politics

August



The Beijing Declaration and Beyond: China's Strategic Role in the Israel-Palestine Issue

by Asia Pacific Task Force | Aug 19, 2024 |

February



Between Ballots and Battleships: Dissecting Taiwan's 2024 Electoral Aftermath

by Ji-han Lim | Feb 16, 2024 | Commentary, Democracy & Rule of Law



The growing importance of artificial intelligence in corporate sustainability reporting

by Ilyas Gülenç | Feb 16, 2024 | Commentary, Environment & Climate Change

September



China-Africa Relations in Transition: The 2024 FOCAC Summit and Its Implications

by Asia Pacific Task Force | Sep 18, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power Politics



Israel-Hezbollah Conflict: A Fragile Balance on the Brink of Regional War

by MENA Task Force | Sep 30, 2024 | Policy Brief, Terrorism, Conflict and War

March



Governance, Growth, and Geopolitics: Insights from China's Two Sessions

by Asia Pacific Task Force | Mar 13, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power



Culture's Role in Navigating Technological Change: The KT4D perspective on recent developments in European AI policy

by BEYOND THE HORIZON | Mar 8, 2024 |



Facing the Future: Navigating Egypt's Deepening Socio-Economic Challenges

by Laura Scotto di Clemente | Mar 18, 2024 |



Beyond the Carnage: Implications of the ISIL-Claimed Attack in Moscow

by Laura Scotto di Clemente | Mar 27, 2024 | Commentary, Fighting Organised Crime and



Strategic Show of Strength: Unpacking the Largest NATO Exercise since the End of Cold War

by Ilana Gallo | Mar 18, 2024 | Commentary

All publications on: <https://behorizon.org>

Publications

Policy briefs, commentaries..



April



Unveiling the Chessboard: Macron's Gambit, NATO's Dilemma, and Putin's Warning Amidst the Ukraine Crisis

by Laura Scotto di Clemente | Apr 8, 2024 |



Embracing a New Horizon: Youth Will Say the Last Word In The European Elections 2024

by BEYOND THE HORIZON | Apr 10, 2024 |



Crossroads of Power: Navigating the 2024 US Election's Impact on Transatlantic Relations

by Elania Gallo | Apr 9, 2024 | Commentary,



The Role of CSRD and CS3D In Tackling with Climate Crisis

by Ilvas Gulenc | Apr 11, 2024 | Commentary,



May



Een nieuwe horizon omarmen: De Jeugd zal het laatste woord hebben bij de Europese verkiezingen van 2024

by BEYOND THE HORIZON | May 7, 2024 | Commentary, Democracy & Rule of Law



Xi Jinping in Europe: Strategic Autonomy and the Shifting Alliances in EU-China Relations

by Asia Pacific Task Force | May 14, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power



Beyond Grey: Kenya and Namibia's Roadmap Against Financial Crime Challenges

by Laura Scotto di Clemente | May 28, 2024 | Commentary

October



Assessment of China's Rise and Great Power Competition: A Review of Global Strategic Trends Out to 2055 Report

by Asia Pacific Task Force | Oct 9, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power Politics



BRICS in Transition: Aspirations and Challenges from the Kazan Summit

by Asia Pacific Task Force | Oct 25, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power Politics

June



The 2024 Shangri-La Dialogue: Strategic Rivalries and Cooperative Futures

by Ji-han Lim | Jun 11, 2024 | Commentary



Un nouvel horizon : les jeunes auront le dernier mot lors des Élections Européennes de 2024

by BEYOND THE HORIZON | Jun 6, 2024 | Commentary, Democracy & Rule of Law

November



America First, Again: How Trump's Return Could Reshape U.S.-Asia Relations

by Asia Pacific Task Force | Nov 6, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power Politics



Trump's Hardline Cabinet: Implications for America's Future with China



ADMM and ADMM-Plus 2024: ASEAN's Blueprint for a Secure and Resilient Region

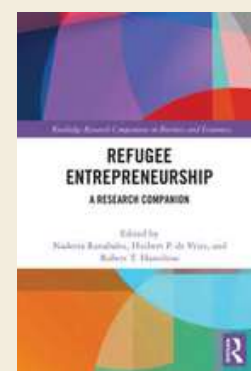
by Asia Pacific Task Force | Nov 23, 2024 | Geopolitics & Great Power Politics, Policy Brief

July



How do the results of the EU Elections affect the European Green Deal?

by Ilvas Gulenc | Jul 3, 2024 | Commentary, Environment & Climate Change



December



A New Chapter for Syria: Analyzing the Collapse of Assad's Regime

by Middle East Task Force | Dec 10, 2024 | Commentary, Geopolitics & Great Power Politics, MENA, War and Conflict

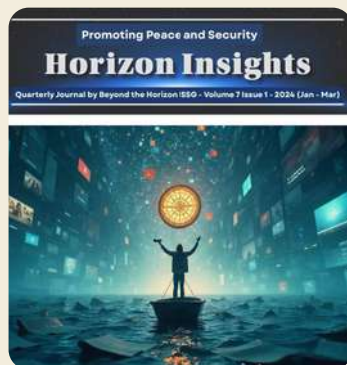
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Publications



Horizon Insights

Horizon Insights is BtH's quarterly open-access journal that features most insightful research articles and policy briefs to cover some of the most important issues, mostly ending with policy recommendations for policy makers and those in the field. Each issue also discusses a book, visiting a debate around a recent conspicuous subject. We published **Volume 7** of the journal in 2024 with **4 issues**.



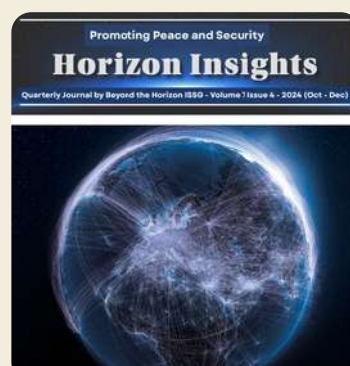
➤ **VOL 7 / ISSUE 1**
Jan-Mar 2024



➤ **VOL 7 / ISSUE 2**
Apr-Jun 2024



➤ **VOL 7 / ISSUE 3**
Jul-Sep 2024



➤ **VOL 7 / ISSUE 4**
Oct-Dec 2024

All issues on: <https://behorizon.org/horizon-insights/>



We monitor Asia on the Horizon

In 2024, we monitored crises and conflicts in the Indo-Pacific region, periodically publishing 12 "Asia on the Horizon" reports (China 5, North Korea 4, South China Sea 3) supported by data, maps and infographics.



In addition to our reports, we organized expert discussions and policy briefings to assess emerging security challenges in Asia. By leveraging regional partnerships and advanced analytical tools, we provided timely assessments on geopolitical shifts, military developments, and economic trends shaping the Indo-Pacific landscape.





Our Training activities

We developed new trainings and e-learning modules in 2024.

We organised online and in-person training activities based on our focus areas through our [Horizon Global Academy](#).

Our training activities received BC 9022 Quality Label.

📌 Trainings for professionals



📌 Digital Transformation Training

Aim: Raise awareness of non-technical staff about the opportunities and challenges of cybersecurity and AI

2 blended modules:

- AI-Centric Transformation
- Cybersecurity Risk Management

Advantages

- 32 hours
- Modular
- EN, NL
- Certification
- Registered to Flemish database

Participation

Training leave or training cheques can be used. ([Link](#))

[Link](#)

📌 Trainings for public (FREE)



📌 Immune 2 Infodemic e-learning

Unlock your ability to analyze and evaluate information in today's digital landscape. Develop essential critical thinking and media literacy skills. You will be guided by our local heroes Truth Seeker, Fact Hacker and Super Curious.

6 e-learning modules

- **Vaccine 1** - Critical Thinking
- **Vaccine 2** - Media Literacy
- **Vaccine 3** - Digital Literacy
- **Booster 1** - Migration
- **Booster 2** - Health
- **Booster 3** - Elections

Advantages

- FREE access to 31 tools
- Available on mobile application

Participants in 2024

- CLT Leuven
- JEF Europe: Young European Federalists
- International House Leuven
- KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts
- MijnLeuven

[Link](#)

Our Training activities in 2024



Get immune to fake news!

With this online course, you will recognize manipulation attempts and be equipped to counter them.

You will find nice tools and specific cases on MIGRATION, ELECTIONS, HEALTH, etc.

MEET OUR GUIDES!

FREE E-LEARNING →

Critical thinking **Media Information Literacy** **Digital information Literacy**

ENROLL HERE

Visit Our Website: immune2infodemic.eu

Funded by the European Union

IMMUNE INFODEMIC

➤ Trainings for public (FREE e-learning)



➤ Supermentor blended learning for supporting jobseekers

Super-mentor is a [blended certified online training](#) for mentors and mentoring organisations who support jobseekers with migrant background to find a job in Belgium.

4 blended / e-learning modules

- What's Mentoring?
- Mentoring process
- Mentoring skills.
- Flemish Labour market

Advantages

- Modular
- Certification
- Free e-learning.
- Community messaging
- EN, NL
- Application for mobile use

Participants in 2024

- FEDASIL
- CAI Namur
- FMDO
- More than 200 mentors

Trainings can be organised for mentor groups.

[Link](#)



➤ Mentor+ e-learning for youth mentors

Mentor+ offers an e-learning for mentors of justice involved youth. It also offers a rich source for youth organisations dealing with justice involved juvenile.

4 e-learning modules

- The Basics of Mentoring
- Justice-involved youth
- Enabling Change

Advantages

- In 6 languages (EN,NL,FR,PT,IT,GR)
- Free e-learning
- Application available for mobile use

Participants in 2024

- More than 10 youth organisations across Europe

[Link](#)



Our projects in 2024

We develop and employ innovative and sustainable solutions on societal challenges by making a combination of research, innovation and action projects in collaboration with selected partners.



➤ MENTOR+

Funded by the EU (ERASMUS+)

Mentor+ is focused on designing an intervention of non-formal education, offering the mentoring methodology to engage, connect and empower young people in conflict with the law. The main idea is to use law-abiding adults to support juveniles in the process of developing positive attitudes and behaviours.

Focus Area: *Fighting Organised Crime & Terrorism*

<https://www.mentorplus-euproject.org/>



➤ Ignite Votes of Youth Project (IVY)

Funded by EU (European Parliament)

The Ignite Votes of Youth Project aims to mobilize young Belgium and European citizens, particularly secondary school and university students, to participate in the European Elections of 2024 and the European Parliament.

Focus Area: *Democracy & Rule of Law*

<https://behorizon.org/projects/ignite-votes-of-youth-project-ivy/>

➤ Mentoring in Asylum Reception

Funded by FEDASIL (AMIF)

The project aims to test mentoring to work for highly educated asylum seekers residing at the reception centres and facilitate their labour market integration process.

Focus Area: *Migration & Integration*

<https://www.fedasil.be>



➤ Immune 2 Infodemic

Funded by the EU (CERV)

IMMUNE 2 INFODEMIC aims to immunise EU citizens against the disinformation and misinformation on selected themes by empowering and equipping them with several methods using eye-catching material and easy-to-use tools.

Focus Area: *Democracy & Rule of law*

<https://immune2infodemic.eu/>



Our projects in 2024



Immune 2 Infodemic 2

Funded by the EU (CERV)

IMMUNE 2 INFODEMIC 2 aims to immunise EU citizens against the disinformation and misinformation on selected themes by empowering and equipping them with several methods using eye-catching material and easy-to-use tools.

Focus Area: *Democracy & Rule of law*

<https://immune2infodemic.eu/>



KT4D

Funded by the EU (Horizon Europe)

Knowledge Technologies for Democracy (KT4D) will foster civic participation in democracy by capitalising on the benefits of developments in AI & Big Data Technologies. To do this project develops and validates tools, guidelines and a Digital Democracy Lab Demonstrators platform.

Focus Area: *Democracy & Rule of law*

<https://kt4democracy.eu>



NOTIONES

Funded by the EU (Horizon 2020)

NOTIONES aims to build and maintain a pan-European ecosystem of security and intelligence practitioners in order to (1) monitor technologic opportunities and advancements and best practices and (2) define and refine requirements and standardisation needs.

Focus Area: *Fighting Organised Crime & Terrorism*

<https://www.notiones.eu/>



EuroHub4Sino

Funded by the EU (Horizon Europe)

Led by Beyond the Horizon, EuroHub4Sino brings together some of the best researchers in Europe to foster independent European knowledge on China as well as high-level experts on AI and Big Data to develop an enhanced digital platform to support researchers and other stakeholders.

Focus Area: *Geopolitics & Great Power Politics*

<https://eh4s.eu>

Forum Events in 2024



7/02

Annual Neighbourhoods Conference

Conference,
Brussels



19/02

Immune against mis/disinformation Workshop (DIL - Migration)

Workshop,
Leuven



22/02

Immunise against mis/disinformation Workshop (CT - Migration)

Workshop,
Leuven



15-17/05/2024

Immunising First Time Voters against Mis/Disinformation before Elections

Workshop,
Leuven



23/05

European Elections, Democracy and Youth

Conference,
Brussels



21/06

Immunise against mis/disinformation Workshop (CT - Elections)

Workshop,
Leuven



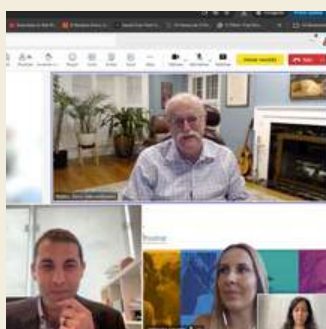
Forum Events in 2024



04/06

Navigating cultural diversity in mentoring dynamics

Webinar,
Europe



05/11

Mentoring to work for asylum seekers: challenges and opportunities

Conference,
Brussels



05/12

Immune 2 Infodemic (I2I) Final Conference

Webinar,
Europe



More than 900 participants



online

on site

BtH, alongside creating impact through its publications, became a forum where emerging issues were discussed before public and important project results were shared with the interested parties.

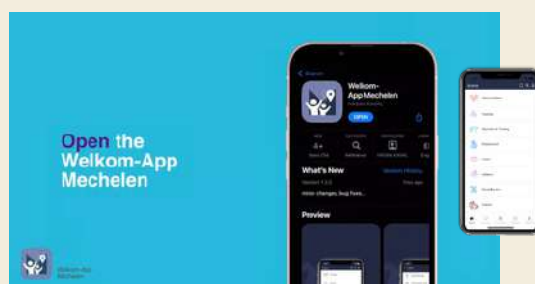


Our digital solutions



Our department “Horizon Lab” serves as the general purpose digital enabler of BtH both in its research and action areas. Core task of the lab is to transform group deliverables into data-driven products and contribute to the research by providing interdisciplinary insight using data and other digital tools.

➤ Welkom-App (Mechelen)



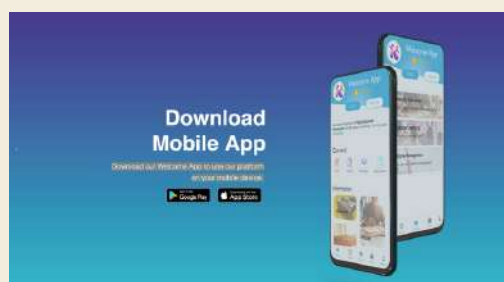
Applications for newcomers to three European cities are developed. The Welkom-App Mechelen is currently available on IOS and Android for users.
<https://www.mechelen.be/welkom-app#NL>

➤ EH4S Platform



With exclusive features designed to foster collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange, the platform empowers members to excel in their fields.
<https://eh4s.eu/eh4s-platform>

➤ HER Welcome App



An application for informing and connecting highly educated refugees. Currently available on IOS and Android in 3 languages.
<https://all-in-one4her.eu>

➤ EDUC8 App

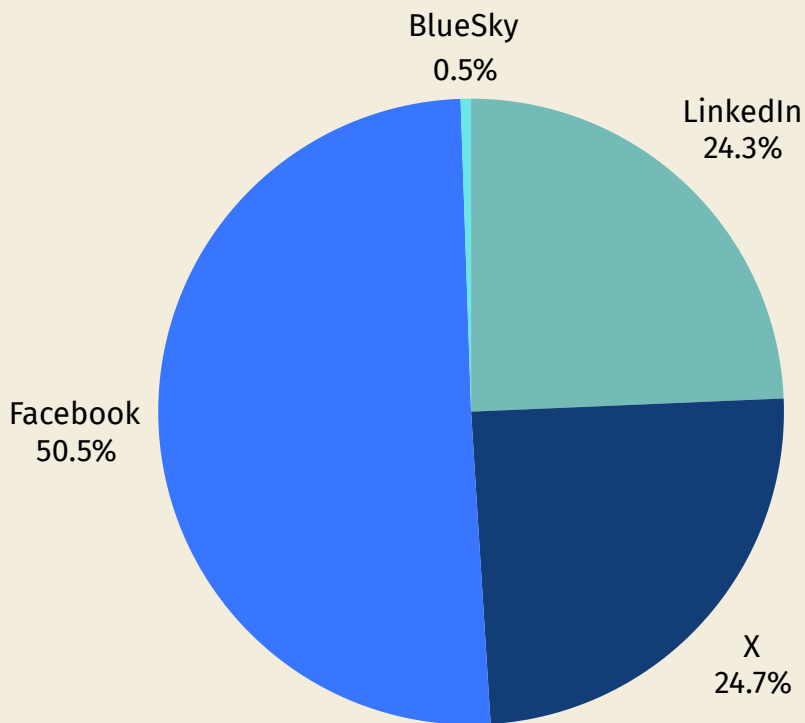


EDUC8 is a free app that helps to build resilience against radicalisation and polarisation through religious education. Available on IOS and Android.
<https://orient8.eu/SmartMatchingTool.html>

Our outreach

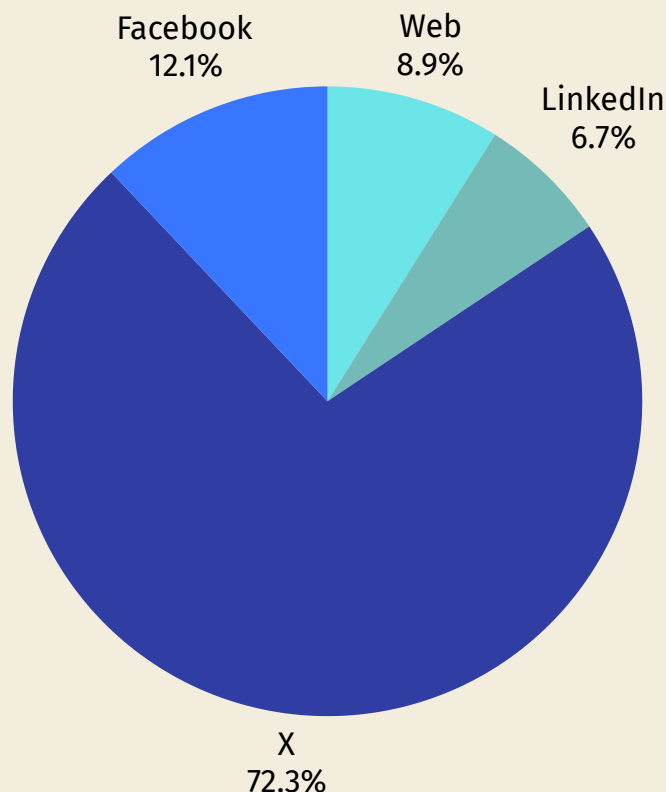
digital marketing in 2024

Integrations Included: Facebook,
Google, LinkedIn, X and BlueSky



~15.000
Followers

 **37%**



~1,4 million
Impressions



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Zaventem, Belgium
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2024

