

Animal Rights Extremism (ARE): A crime trend affecting MS differently

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ARE is not a new crime phenomenon

ARE crimes target on various levels

ARE perspective:

**to gain attention on unethical behaviour towards the animal by punishing those engaged via “direct action” activities
a composition of legal and criminal forms of protest
the later ranges from graffiti to arson**

targeting the public and commercial research facilities

ARE trends:

**increasing campaign aggressivity and use of violence
increasing transnational targeting and target spectrum
Continuous speed of criminal activity and victimisation**

- The “conditions” of Routine-Activity-Theory (RAT):
3 factors occur at the same time and in the same place

- The “math” of RAT:
$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \text{motivated offender} & \\ + & \text{suitable target} & \\ + & \underline{\text{inefficient guardianship}} & \\ = & \text{crime setting} & \end{array}$$

Homogeneous body very dedicated to the cause

Rely on a sophisticated (international) infrastructure

High degree of organisation and financial support

Legally trained and legal back-up on short notice

Covert communication and counter intelligence measures

Internet is communication and propaganda platform

Training sessions are held on ARE gatherings

Victimisation is an accepted "tool of the ARE trade"

Primary targeting... "Corporate victimisation" by attacking the physical and financial infrastructure

Secondary targeting... "Business victimisation" to cut commercial relationships between to the prime targets

Tertiary targeting... "Individual victimisation" to force into withdrawal from employment at primary/secondary target

As such, ARE has a massive impact on a legal economy

Individuals become victims due to legitimate employment

Expectations to prevent victimisation are high

- **Awareness on an increasing crime phenomenon**
- **Development of more sensitivity on victimisation**
- **Recognition of European ARE - interrelationships**
- **Improvement of communication between the MS**
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- **Centralisation of policing ARE through one body**
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**Thank you
for your attention!**