

Introduction to the GREASE Indicators Toolkit

Created by the EU-funded research project GREASE (<http://grease.eu.eu>), the GREASE Indicators Toolkit is intended as an instrument to help scholars, policymakers and other stakeholders identify trends and monitor developments in state-religion relations, secularism, governance of religious diversity and violent radicalisation.

Applied properly, the GREASE Toolkit allows experts to transform complex data and academic knowledge into a logically structured informative report. It was created with diverse national contexts in mind, drawing on the experience of an international team of scholars.

In functional terms, the GREASE Toolkit captures information and knowledge in four categories referred to collectively as "Composite Indicators". These Composite Indicators are derived from multiple sub-indicators (simply "Indicators") which are delineated in the Toolkit itself and summarized in the accompanying "[GREASE Indicators Metrics](#)" file. In most cases the data and information required to produce assessments using the GREASE Toolkit can be drawn from publicly available sources.

The GREASE consortium has used the launch version of the [Toolkit \(v1.0 released June 2020\)](#) to produce pilot assessments for 23 countries on four continents. These assessments can be downloaded from the [publications](#) section of the GREASE website.

One notable challenge that may arise in applying the Toolkit concerns non-unitary states which have different policies and practices in their various regions/administrative units. To help address this heterogeneity, the Toolkit offers a special provision for calculating scores for non-unitary states. While scores regarding practices in unitary states measure the situation of the entire state as a whole, scores regarding indicators in non-unitary states provide an added analytical layer capturing distinctions in practice between different administrative units. The details of this provision are provided in the Guidelines found on page two of the Toolkit.

Conceived as a long-term monitoring instrument, the GREASE Toolkit is designed to be applied at five-year intervals.

The GREASE Indicators Toolkit is subject to modification and further development by the GREASE project consortium. Suggestions for its improvement are welcome.