

European Conference "From fighting against radicalization to the prevention of violent radicalisms: What are the challenges for social cohesion?"

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Rond-point Schuman, 14 - 1040 Brussels

9:00 — Welcome coffee

9:30 — Opening speeches

Isabelle Martinez, Project Leader Rad2Citizen - Toulouse Métropole

Mathieu Orsi, Policy Officer, DG HOME - Prevention of Radicalisation - European Commission

10:00 — Session 1: Theoretical and strategic issues of the evolution of radicalization's definition and the relationship to social cohesion.

The debates on terrorism and radicalisation that have been taking place in our societies since 2001 have raised many concerns about security, living together and social cohesion. The acts of radical violence that affect many cities, in Europe and beyond, reinforce these concerns. We will therefore seek to explore different definitions that have been proposed to understand these phenomena in order to strengthen our understanding and to propose an approach that encompasses the whole continuum of prevention, from the prevention of violent acts to the strengthening of social cohesion.

Speakers:

- Triantafyllos Haratrantos – Policy advisor, Kentro Meleton Asfaleias (KEMEA)
- Milla Perukangas - co-chair of the working group Families, Communities & Social Care Radicalization Awareness Network (RAN)

11:00 — Coffee Break

11:15 — Session 2: The practical challenges of changing the definition of radicalization.

The approach explored in the first part is based on concrete prevention practices. In fact, it was through contacts with various professionals in the field that we were able to develop such a proposal. We will therefore explore the practical implications of this prevention continuum in terms of the changes of approaches and concepts, tools developments and preventive practices in order to make it operational and efficient.

Speakers:

- Heiko Berner - Researcher, University of Applied Sciences of Salzburg (FHS)
- Julia Rettig - Programme manager, European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS) - Icarus

12:15 — Conclusion

Juan Fernando López Aguilar - Chairman of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament

12:30 — Lunch + Networking session