

CONNEKT FINAL CONFERENCE

**LOCAL RESPONSES TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES:
A COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH TO PREVENTING
VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

Brussels, 25-26 January 2024

THURSDAY 25th JANUARY

Université libre de Bruxelles, Campus Solbosch
Avenue Francklin Roosevelt, 1050 Bruxelles
Room R425110
(Building R "Solvay Brussels Schools of Economics and Management",
level 5th, room 110)

PRESENTATION

- 8.30h - 9.00h **Registration**
- 9.00h - 9.15h **Welcome and opening remarks**
Corinne Torrekens, ULB
Senén Florensa, Executive President, IEMed
- 9.15h - 9.30h **Presentation, objectives and working methodology**
Lurdes Vidal, CONNEKT's Scientific Coordinator

**NEW INSIGHTS ON RADICALISATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM
FROM MENA AND THE BALKANS**

- 9.30h - 11.00h **Multi-level analysis of drivers in MENA and Balkans**
Mapping the interplay of drivers of radicalisation in MENA and Balkans at different levels (macro/meso/micro), identifying the most common drivers' combinations.



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Speakers

Muamer Hirkić, UNSA
Tasnim Chirchi, JFRC
Amina Er-rifaiy and **Khalid Mouna**, UMI

Moderator

Corinne Torrekens, ULB

11.00h - 11.15h Coffee and Tea Break

11.15h - 12.15h **Cross-regional comparative approach**

Identifying and examining both distinctions and differences in the interplay of drivers in the MENA and Balkans region.

Speakers

Mohanned Arabiat, GFP
Stefan Ralchev, CSD
Florian Bieber/Lura Pollozhani, UNI-GRAZ

Moderator

Corinne Torrekens, ULB

12.15h - 12.45h Discussion by Michaël Privot

12.45h - 12.50h Group Photo

12.50h - 13.45h Lunch Break

13.45h - 14.45h **Drivers and enabling environments**

Discussing whether certain contexts or communities may be more vulnerable to radicalization than others.

Speakers

Lurdes Vidal, CONNEKT's Scientific Coordinator
Tasnim Chirchi, JFRC
Lulzim Peci/Viola Kastrati, KIPRED

Moderator

Maye Kassem, AUC



14.45h - 15.00h Coffee and Tea Break

YOUTH APPROACH TO PVE

15.00h - 16.15h **Researching with youth: how to engage youngsters as actors for prevention**

This session will reflect on the challenges and opportunities of youth participation from an ethical perspective, as well as their perception of the drivers.

Speakers

Ismail Oubad, University of Genoa

Viola Kastrati, KIPRED

Tasnim Chirchi, JFRC

Zorica Mihailovic, RAN Young Platform 2020 (online)

Moderator

Aida Traidi, IEMed

16.15h - 17.15h **Publications Meeting**

(*for CONNEKT partners, only)

19.30h Dinner

« **Le Trappiste** »

3 Avenue de la Toison d'Or, 1050 Ixelles

(*for CONNEKT partners, only)



FRIDAY 26th JANUARY

Radisson Collection Hotel, Grand Place Brussels

BRIDGING SCIENCE TO POLICY AND ACTION

8.30h - 9.00h

Registration

9.00h - 9.15h

Introduction

Roger Albinyana, CONNEKT's Project Coordinator, IEMed

Alberto Domini, Policy officer, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (TBC)

Lurdes Vidal, CONNEKT's Scientific Coordinator

9.15h - 10.30h

Presentation of the CONNEKT Prevention Toolkits to CSOs

CONNEKT's innovative approach has provided CSOs with a set of locally relevant toolkits that can be used to develop new activities and strategies to prevent VE.

Introductory remarks

DG NEAR representative, European Commission

Speakers

Florian Bieber and Lura Pollozhani, UNI-GRAZ

Moustapha Rezzari, Executive Director, Moroccan Observatory on Extremism and Violence (OMEV) (online)

Samet Shabani, Chief Executive, Horizon Civitas

Moderator

Berat Limani, IYF

10.30h - 10.45h

Coffee and Tea Break

10.45h - 12.00h

Presentation of the cross-regional guidelines to local authorities

Highlighting the importance of the local dimension in PVE strategies, where prevention is most effective, CONNEKT has provided local authorities with recommendations to improve their PVE strategies.

Introductory remarks

DG INTPA representative, European Commission



Speakers

Florian Bieber and Lura Pollozhani, UNI-GRAZ

Lidija Georgieva, MASA

Khalid Mouna, UMI

Local authorities from municipalities (TBD)

Moderator

Bernard Massabo, RVE

12.00h - 13.00h Lunch Break

13.00h - 14.00h **Addressing P/CVE Challenges at the EU level**

This session will present the policy recommendations of the research for EU policy and co-operation with the MENA region and the Balkans in order to ensure the transfer of knowledge.

Introductory remarks

David Beso Gómez-Aparici, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, Unit D3 - Prevention of Radicalisation, European Commission

Speakers

Lurdes Vidal, CONNEKT's Scientific Coordinator

Mohanned Arabiat, GFP

Alexander Gerganov, CSD

Moderator

Lina Alhafez, URV

14.00h - 14.30h Discussion by Julian Junk, PRIF

14.30h - 15.00h **Closing remarks**

Roger Albinyana, CONNEKT's Project Coordinator, IEMed

15.00h - 16.30h **Consortium meeting**

Internal meeting for CONNEKT partners, only

