

Project title:

Development of criteria for evaluation of interventions aimed at prevention of (religiously motivated) extremism

Main theme:

As yet, there is little evidence that interventions in the field of the prevention of religiously motivated extremism really work. In Germany, information on the effectiveness of such interventions is sparse.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

To develop criteria which can be used in evaluations of interventions aiming to reduce radicalisation tendencies.

To provide a standardised instrument which can be used in the area of secondary and tertiary prevention (de-radicalisation).

Project submitter (Member State):

Germany

Project leader(s):

German National Centre for Crime Prevention / German Forum for Crime Prevention

Project partner(s):

N/A

Project description:

The project consists of two modules:

- (1) Indicators of radicalisation are developed using a qualitative and participative approach. The main hypothesis postulates that indicators of radicalisation are either “universal” or “context-specific”. We therefore carry out focus groups with staff from various institutions including primary and secondary prevention, refugee arrival centres, prisons, police and secret services, religious leaders and experts, adolescents, and psychiatric-/ psychological experts. Indicators which are described across the majority of focus groups will be considered “universal” and indicators which are discussed only in specific focus groups are considered “context-specific”. To reduce the number of criteria we intend to apply a Delphi-method asking experts to rate the relevance of the criteria in their field.
- (2) The instrument will contain operationalised criteria. Psychometric properties such as inter-item-correlations, Cronbach’s alpha, inter-rater-agreement will be tested before application in research in secondary and/ or tertiary prevention.

Objectives project:

The development of indicators of radicalisation (please see above).

Project outcome:

A scientifically sound, standardised instrument for the assessment of indicators of radicalisation which can be used in secondary and tertiary prevention.

Start and end project:

1st of March 2017 – 31st of December 2019

Timescales and key milestone dates:

31st of March 2018: Development of the instrument

31st of December 2019: Dissemination of the instrument

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)):

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