

Project title:

Mapping, identifying and developing skills and opportunities in operating environments to co-create innovative, ethical and effective actions to tackle radicalization leading to violent extremism (MINDb4ACT)

Main theme:

The examination of individual, local, national and international approaches to identify, comprehend and prevent radicalization leading to violent extremism.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

MINDb4ACT aims to improve the current counter-violent extremism policies, generate new ones and connect law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and other practitioners working in the field of counter-violent radicalization. As an outcome MINDb4ACT will deliver policy recommendations extracted from validated results obtained from four kinds of interventions (research actions, exchanges among LEAs, strategic-policy exercises, training courses and pilot projects) with contributions from technology industry, social innovation and civic engagement schemes.

Project submitter (Member State):

Spain

Project leader(s):

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Project partner(s):

SYNYO GmbH, Austria

FRAUEN OHNE GRENZEN - WOMEN WITHOUT BORDERS/SAVE-SISTERS AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM, Austria

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Project description:

The MINDb4ACT project charts the existing practices and engages in developing new ones in order to support the prevention of violent radicalization and extremism (CVE). The project will not be focused on studying the phenomenon of radicalization but on developing policy recommendations and practical solutions for end-users. Thus, efforts will concentrate on analyzing the current status of the prevention of CVE in Europe, systematizing the available information and competencies in order to support authorities' operations and strategic decision-making, and strengthening multidisciplinary cooperation in preventing violent radicalization. In addition to research work, the project involves exchange programs for authorities, practices, courses and pilot projects.

Objectives project:

MINDb4ACT will contribute to the improvement of current counter-violent extremism policies (CVEs) in the countries represented in the consortium (Austria, Belgium Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy Poland, Spain and United Kingdom) and the generation of new ones connecting through collaboration ecosystems (innovative, open, participatory, user-centred environments) to co-design interventions such as research actions, exchanges, strategic-policy exercises, training courses and pilot projects based on social innovation and civic engagement schemes (a community of practice of 1,500 people). All actions will be developed in 5 specific domains: prisons and judiciary system; migration hotspots and asylum centres; schools; cities (peri-urban contexts) as well as the internet and media. A special contribution of the project will be the integration of technology based practical solutions with the contribution of the industry.

Project outcome:

The project will produce recommendations for the development of current practices, as well as practical solutions for stakeholders, end-users and decision-makers in the security sector. On the one hand, the project will have an impact by advancing the knowledge transfer and capacities enhancement of LEAs and first line-practitioners, on the other hand, a number of validated pilot projects, with involvement of relevant stakeholders and researchers will advance the understanding of the whole cycle of policy-design at strategic, coordination and implementation levels.

Start and end project:

September 2017 – August 2020

Timescales and key milestone dates:

Phase 1 "Explore" (Month 1 – 8): Conceptualize and design Living Labs

Phase 2 "Connect" (Month 8 – 18): Map main differences and commonalities on current counter-violent extremism policies and practices

Phase 3 "Act" (Month 18 – 30): Develop main interventions, interactions among stakeholders and implement training courses and pilot projects

Phase 4 "Learn" (Month 30 – 36): Extract main findings to deliver recommendations for each phase of policy cycle

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