



Project title: **European local Authorities against extremism LIAISE 2**

Main theme:

Prevention of violent radicalisation in European cities by strengthening the capacity of local authorities as key, first line actors of prevention.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

“European local authorities against extremism” wants to prevent radicalisation leading to terrorism and violent extremism. Its overall goal is to strengthen the capacity of European towns, cities and regions to prevent and deal with violent radicalisation.

Project submitter (Member State): France

Project leader(s): European Forum for Urban Security

Project partner(s):

Ufuq e.V., City of Augsburg, Department of Justice - Generalitat de Catalunya, City of Alexandroupolis, City of Bagneux, City of Bordeaux, BRAVVO - City of Brussels, City of Dusseldorf, City of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, City of Liège, City of Malmö, City of Paris, City of Reggio Emilia, City of Sarcelles, City of Setubal, City of Toulouse, Forum Belge pour la Prévention et la Sécurité urbaine, Forum Français pour la Sécurité urbaine, Italian Forum for Urban security, Confederation of European probation, City of Bologna, City of Essen, German European Forum for Urban Security DEFUS.

Project description (max. 150 words):

**Creating and bringing to life a European network of local authorities to prevent violent radicalisation**

LIAISE will create a European network of local and regional authorities by bringing together 18 cities, 3 regions, 5 associations of cities and 3 thematic NGOs; in total, 29 partner organisations from 10 countries, embedded into the Efus network of more than 250 local authorities in Europe and its national Forums. The network will be launched and brought to life through the activities of the LIAISE2 and shall subsequently continue its work as part of the European Forum. This network and will subsequently continue its work as part of the Efus. It would complement the RAN, which does not include a network of local authorities in its working group system.



### **Organising 18 training sessions in 9 countries**

During the first phase of work in the partner cities, training will be delivered for the stakeholders of the local multi-agency prevention partnerships in each partner city and representatives of guest cities. A total of 18 training sessions in 9 countries will be organised, based on the training modules currently being developed as part of the LIAISE project.

### **Setting up a resource webpage for local authorities**

At the same time, a European resource webpage will be developed. It will bring together available knowledge and tools, local practices and serve as a platform for dialogue for the project's partners.

### **Implementing pilot initiatives to prevent violent radicalisation in 17 European cities and regions**

During the second phase of work in the partner cities, the local authorities will launch a local prevention initiative based on the received training and their analysis of the local situation.

### **Organising 5 European thematic seminars**

Over the two years of the project, 5 European thematic seminars will provide a space for European exchange and dialogue and political discussion. They will be occasions for the "European local authorities against extremism" – to present itself and the work accomplished and to reach out to other European local and regional authorities as well as to other national and European stakeholders.

### **Communication, documentation and dissemination**

During the third phase of work in the partner cities, the implemented activities will be documented and reviewed by the cities in cooperation with Eufus and the expert partners. The knowledge gained in this way will be documented and disseminated.

### **Objectives project (max. 150 words):**

The "European local authorities against extremism" project (LIAISE2) wants to prevent radicalisation leading to terrorism and violent extremism by federating European local and regional authorities and strengthening their capacity to prevent and deal with violent radicalisation.

LIAISE 2 aims to:

- Create a European network of local authorities to prevent violent radicalisation
- Support the creation of the institutional infrastructure in order to provide a multi-agency prevention partnership to understand and deal with various aspects of radicalisation and extremism in a given territory.
- Provide training for the local authorities and their multi-agency prevention partnerships



- Launch pilot initiatives - to apply locally the knowledge gained through training, and to develop innovative practices.

Project outcome (max. 150 words):

- A European network and a political platform representing European local and regional authorities (29 partner organisations, 10 countries, 18 cities, 3 regions, 5 associations of cities, 3 thematic NGOs embedded in a longstanding network of more than 250 local authorities across Europe)
- Training for 200 local frontline actors from 20 cities and 10 countries
- Pilot initiatives in 17 European local and regional authorities in 9 countries
- Online Resources for local authorities
- A review of pilot initiatives and European practices
- Policy recommendations for the local, national, European and international levels.

Start and end project:

From 05/01/2016 to 04/01/2018

Timescales and key milestone dates:

The project will be piloted and managed by Efus, implemented by the partners on their respective activities. The project is based on 5 Work packages that follow each other in the timeline but are interdependent:

WP0: Management and coordination of the project

WP1: European network of local authorities to prevent violent radicalisation

WP2: Training session in each partner city and region

WP3: Pilot initiatives in each partner city and region

WP4: Communication, documentation and dissemination

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

European Commission: Internal security fund police (2014-2020) - Call for proposals – home/2014/isfp/ag/radx - Preventing radicalisation to terrorism and violent extremism



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