

PREVENTING AND COUNTERING FAR-RIGHT EXTREMISM AND
RADICALISATION: EUROPEAN COOPERATION

POLICY WORKSHOP

STOCKHOLM, 12 – 13 FEBRUARY

AGENDA

Wednesday 12th February 2014

19.00 – 21.00 Participants' Dinner

Thursday 13th February 2014

08.30 – 09.00 Arrivals

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome

Helena Josefson, Ministry of Justice, Sweden
Rachel Briggs, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, UK

09.15 – 09.45 **Overview of the threat and the role of government in tackling far right extremism, Lessons from 10 EU countries:**
Presentation of the policy report
Vidhya Ramalingam, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, UK

Ensuring quality of response

09.45 – 10.45 **Session I: Mapping the problem and identifying solutions**

- Understanding the problem at the local and national levels
- Identifying the relevant actors and ensuring that they are equipped to respond
- Ensuring quality and quantity of data collection on far right extremism and hate crime

Yngve Carlsson, Association of Local and Regional Authorities, Norway (On Norwegian Multi-Disciplinary Advisory Service to enable local actors to respond)

Jakub Cygan, Polish Ministry of Interior (On Polish government's monitoring)

Andrea Bakker, NCTV, the Netherlands (On simulation training for mayors in identifying local problems)

Carina Djärv, Swedish National Crime Prevention Council (On hate crime monitoring and data collection)

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30 **The susceptibility to violence**

Dr Niklas Långström, Karolinska Institute, Sweden (On the correlation between mental illness and the use of violence)

11.30 – 11.45 **Connecting municipalities: Presentation of Luton Borough Council and Blackburn with Darwen partnership**

Sarah Pinnock and Nicola Perry, Luton Borough Council (On partnership with Blackburn with Darwen to link municipalities tackling the far right)

Prevention and Intervention

- 11.45 – 12.45 **Session II: Prevention**
- Scaling up and mainstreaming successful prevention methods
 - Prevention among youth: supporting contact across communities, building purpose, diversion, and education
 - Prevention among adults: Initiatives to foster local dialogue on divisive issues, and having the hard conversations
- Heike Radvan, Amadeu Antonio Foundation (On peer leadership training for young people working against right-wing extremism)*
Radka Vicensova, CENAA, Slovakia (On local dialogue projects to allow communities to air grievances)
Borbála Fellegi, Foresee Strategies, Hungary, (On intercultural dialogue as a method of prevention)
- 12.45 – 13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 13.40 **Improving relations with social services: Presentation of Danish SSP Cooperation**
Karin Ingemann and Karen-Lise Karman, Danish Ministry of Social Affairs, Children and Integration (On SSP structures linking social services and police)
- 13.40 – 14.30 **Session III: Intervention**
- The challenges of government involvement in intervention, and the *need* for government involvement
 - The role of preventative policing in interventions – lessons from successful interventions in Norway
 - Government-run intervention programmes: what can governments offer?
 - The needs of practitioners carrying out one-to-one interventions: disengagement and/or de-radicalisation?
- Bjørn Erik Øvrum, Oslo Police Department, Norway (On preventative police role in interventions)*
Ina Schönberg, German Ministry of Interior (On government-run exit programme, and particular offers government can give to those leaving movements)
Robert Örell, Exit Fryshuset
- 14.30 – 14.45 **Measuring disengagement?: Development of a tool to identify individuals who have left extremist groups and with whom it is safe to involve in intervention programmes**
Tony McAleer, Life After Hate, Canada (on engaging with former extremists, and a measurement tool to track individuals journeys out of extremist movements)
- 14.45 – 15.00 **Cost-benefit analyses to demonstrate impact of prevention and intervention projects**
Ingvar Nilsson, Sweden (on the costs of street-based violence with focus on the White Power movement)
- 14.45 – 15.15 **Coffee break**

The public sphere

- 15.15 – 16.00 **Session IV: Public order management**
- Minimising the impact of far right protests on local communities
 - Engaging the community to manage far right demonstrations
 - Managing counter-protests and minimising the possibility for violent clashes
 - Dialogue with far right protesters and engaging with the movements themselves to help them with self-control

Sarah Pinnock and Nicola Perry, Luton Borough Council, UK (On tension monitoring during Luton demonstrations)

Fredrik Jonsson, Dialogue Police Unit, Sweden (On dialogue policing during demonstrations)

16.00 – 16.15

Engaging communities in policing demonstrations: Presentation of the Active Citizens initiative in Rochdale, UK

Chris Hankinson and Nadeem Mir, Rochdale Police, UK (On Rochdale policing of the EDL and Active citizens' initiative)

16.15 – 16.45

Session V: Public Information and Communications

- Raising public awareness of far right extremism and hate crime, and promoting active citizen engagement with the issue
- Creative messaging to bust and undermine myths propagated by the far right
- Use of pop culture, sports and technology to mobilise communities to stand up against and tackle far right extremism
- Developing media strategies on extremism, particularly surrounding traumatic incidences

Tarja Mankinnen, Ministry of Interior, Finland (On Finnish media strategy, as part of the national action plan)

Rafal Pankowski, Never Again Association and Collegium Civitas, Poland (Using sports and music to engage with the wider public and mobilise communities against far right extremism)

16.45 – 17.30

Discussion, summing up and next steps

17.30

Event close