



Policy recommendation and improved communication tools for law enforcement and security agencies preventing violent radicalization



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SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES TRAINING

Tool objectives:

The Skills and Competencies Training is a modular and adaptable curriculum for the further education of professionals dealing with violence prevention connected to extremist ideologies. The training's purpose is to support prevention and intervention efforts that deal with processes of potentially violent radicalisation and with incidents or indications of politically or religiously motivated violence.

The training is meant to provide and support selective / secondary prevention of violence with emphasis on the role and function of ideology (e.g. motivate, justify, normalise, establish identity). Phenomena (what) as well as measures (how) to be addressed, emphasizing a multi-agency approach and the importance of social context.

Overview of approach to development/methodology:

The Skills and Competencies Training is conceived as a "train-the-trainers" tool. It concentrates on the needs of experienced trainers who provide further education / training in relevant professional fields, meaning settings where professionals encounter or are likely to encounter possible or suspected cases of violent radicalisation, especially among adolescents and young adults. Relevant fields are e.g. education, social services and law enforcement. Trainings using the provided materials (training manual and set of slides) build upon existing skills and resources and aim at expanding and enhancing competencies in regard to a better awareness, understanding and ability to prevent and intervene when faced with potentially harmful developments.

Next steps:

The first complete version of the training (English language) has been published online in October 2019. The materials will be continuously elaborated and streamlined and updated versions will follow. Translations into other languages (e.g. German, Spanish, Bosnian) are under way. Dissemination of the training materials is ongoing.

