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MIRAD

Multi-Ideological Radicalisation Assessment Towards Disengagement

MIRAD's main goal is to foster expanded collaboration in the field of disengagement and reintegration programmes between governmental bodies and trustworthy community organisations. As project partners work together to attain this goal, they are engaging experts to support the project overall, the development of risk assessment tools that apply ideology specific factors and relevant gender dimensions, and the development and application of tools to assess trustworthiness of community organisations who may be or become partners in disengagement and reintegration. This e-Zine issue focuses on the primary ways MIRAD is doing this.



The Knowledge and Wisdom of Experts



MIRAD has established four main ways of incorporating the knowledge and wisdom of experts.

- Advisory Group
- KES Consultation Council
- Right-Wing Extremism Expert Board
- Islamist Extremism Expert Board

While the advisory group was identified in the application for this project, the other three expert groups were identified through processes of nomination, development of a database of over 100 potential experts, and building a balance of expertise within each group. The synergy that was created within each of these groups exceeded all expectations.

Advisory Board



The external advisory group provided valuable input into the development of MIRAD and has continued to offer their expertise and guidance throughout its implementation. The members of the MIRAD external advisory group are:

Ioan Durnescu, Romania:

Mr. Durnescu was the RAN REHAB Working Group Leader (2020-22); RAN P&P Working Group Leader (2016-20); Professor at the University of Bucharest; Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of European Probation*; Member of the Confederation of European Probation; Member of the European Society of Criminology (Member of EUROCRIM 21 Scientific Committee).

Nadya Radkovska, Bulgaria:

Ms. Radkovska was the RAN PRISONS Working Group Leader (2020-22); Vice-chair of the Council of Europe's Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP); Head of Department (International Cooperation and Professional Development of Staff) at the General Directorate "Execution of Sentences" from the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice.

Advisory Board



Torben Adams, Germany:

Mr. Adams was the RAN P&P Working Group Leader (2018-20); Head of Division at the Bremen Senate of Justice and Constitution; Counter-terrorism Expert for CEPOL (European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training); Certified Trainer for Criminal Law Judiciary Advisory Service (CLJAS) for the United Nations on correctional and criminal justice development; advisor to the European Union (TAIEX, IPA, ENPI, and ENI) on prison administration and detention conditions improvement.

David Hansen, Norway:

Dr. Hansen was a RAN Member; Associate Professor at the University Colleague of the Norwegian Correctional Service (KRUS); conducts comprehensive empirical research relating to Muslims in Norwegian prisons; teaches and supervises on the issue of prison radicalisation in prisons, and supports the directorate in activities aimed at preventing radicalisation in Norwegian prisons.



Expert Boards

As part of the MIRAD project, two Expert Boards were established: one in the field of Right-wing extremism, and the second one on Islamist extremism. The Expert Boards are bodies consisting of eight experts acting on a volunteer basis, which support the MIRAD project in assessing whether the developed solutions for risk assessment are relevant, practical and can be applied. The Expert Board members were chosen by MIRAD's consortium partners, taking into account their experience in the field of radicalisation.

Members of the Expert Board have supported the MIRAD project in the evaluation of the previously developed Individual Radicalisation Screening (IRS) assessment sheet and extending it to include a specific set of right-wing-centred and Islamist dimensions. The IRS assessment sheet will now focus on gender issues and rehabilitation specificities.

The outcome of this work is to provide the opportunity for the development of analyses regarding different dimensions, revealing whether persons in custody, under supervision or in the community are likely to be experiencing certain stages of the radicalisation process.



KES Consultative Council

The KES Consultative Council is made up of seven individuals who met virtually over a period of four months. KES stands for knowledgeable, experiences, and skilled stakeholders. They were selected for their experience, expertise, diversity of professional backgrounds, and geographic representation throughout Europe.



The KES Consultative Council provided input on the factors to include in a tool to assess both the competency and trustworthiness of NGOs and CSOs. The categories for indicators were quality management and reliability, PCVE-VETO competencies, financial management, network and cooperation, transformation and social change, and media. They also provided insight for how this tool may enhance the efforts of governmental organisations in the future.

Over 50% of the KES Consultative Council tested how easily the information requested could be obtained, its relevance, and results. This information then aided developers in finalising the tool. The KES Consultative Council were also asked to individually participate in testing other project work products to insure the best possible tools and training curricula.



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