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Preventing and Fighting Radicalisation at the Local Level

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The European Forum for Urban Security (Efus), which has been supporting local authorities in the area of security policies for the past 30 years, has worked on training local players in combatting radicalisation during two years (2014-2016). To this effect, it gathered eight European cities, a German association and a British think tank as part of a cooperation project financed by the European Commission and titled LIAISE – Local Institutions Against Extremism. Based on the needs expressed by cities through this project, Efus produced a guidebook, Preventing and Fighting Radicalisation at the Local Level, which presents the different aspects of a local strategy for the prevention of radicalisation.

This publication addresses the main questions that local elected officials and officers are confronted with: What are the key aspects of a local strategy? What type of partnership should be set up? How to accompany but also work with families? What prevention actions should be carried out? How to detect and act with individuals who are radicalised or in the process of being radicalised? How to conduct a counter-narrative campaign against extremist propaganda?

Each chapter is introduced by a short video and concludes with a series of recommendations. Examples of practices and a list of online resources are also included.

“Cities have an important role to play in the face of radicalisation. But for them to be able to act, it is necessary to start by training their staff,” said Elizabeth Johnston, Executive Director of Efus. About 70 municipal staff attended the LIAISE project trainings. Efus has now started LIAISE 2*, which builds on the results of the previous project and will provide training and support for pilot projects to 23 local and regional authorities of 10 European countries.

Furthermore, elected officials and other representatives of European local and regional authorities will assess the policies for the prevention of radicalisation and the resources that

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2 Augsburg, Düsseldorf, Essen, the State of Bavaria (Germany), Brussels, Liege (Belgium), Barcelona, L’Hospitalet de Llobregat, Generalitat of Catalonia (Spain), Bagnex, Bordeaux, Montreuil, Paris, Sarcelles, Toulouse (France), Alexandroupoli (Greece), Bologna, Reggio Emilia (Italy), Rotterdam (Netherlands), Setubal (Portugal), Brno (Czech Republic), Malmö (Sweden).
are available to local authorities during the summit of mayors “Alliance of European cities against violent extremism”, on 9 November, in Rotterdam (Netherlands). This meeting is organised jointly by Efus, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and the municipality of Rotterdam. We will provide more information on this event at a later date.


Visuals can be downloaded at: http://bit.do/videos-radicalisation
Videos available from 6 October onwards via the same url.

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About the European Forum for Urban Security
Founded in 1987 under the auspices of the Council of Europe, the European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) is the only European network of local and regional authorities dedicated to urban security. With a membership of some cities and regions from 16 countries, its objectives are to:

> promote a balanced vision of urban security, combining prevention, sanctions and social cohesion,
> support local and regional authorities in the conception, implementation and evaluation of their local security policy,
> help local elected officials get recognition for their role in the development and implementation of national and European policies.

* About LIAISE 2
Started by Efus in 2016 and co-financed by the European Union, the “Local Institutions Against Extremism” project seeks to strengthen the capacity of European local and regional authorities to prevent radicalisation leading to violent extremism. To this end, 23 cities and regions from 10 countries will benefit from bespoke local trainings and support for the implementation of pilot initiatives. The project also includes the organisation of five European thematic seminars for local stakeholders. LIAISE 2 carries forward the training programme that was designed as part of LIAISE, a project conducted by Efus from 2014 and 2016, which it builds upon.

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