

TERRA

Terrorism and Radicalisation

A European Network-based prevention and learning programme

What is TERRA?

- A two year Europe wide network-based prevention and learning project, funded by the European Commission, DG Home Affairs
- TERRA adopts a preventative model towards radicalisation leading to terrorism based on state of the art research, consultations with experts, practitioners, former-extremists and victims of extremism
- It proposes a community approach to tackle motivational factors for radicalisation and to halt the progress of individuals being radicalised
- TERRA offers suggestions and advice for the rehabilitation and de-radicalisation of those wishing to leave extremism behind

Indicators

- Offering indicators to facilitate early identification of radicalisation is tricky- no 'checklist' of behaviours.
- Main emphasis of counter-radicalisation programmes tends to be identity.
- Programmes should never target specific ethnic, religious or political groups. Instead focus on broad target groups and specific individuals within them.
- Radicalisation cannot be identified from a single behaviour; several indicators and general behavioural change must be observed.
- We recommend a community approach, whereby professionals discuss a case together in order to gain a wider picture of the behaviour of potentially radicalising individuals.

What is a Community Approach?

- Young people, often on a quest for identity, can be influenced by those closest to them.
- These individuals are also in the best position to observe their behaviour and any changes.
- A community approach would involve a variety of stakeholders, whose profession puts them in a position to influence and protect young people.
- This approach also identifies specific functions each sector can perform and feel comfortable with.

The Toolkit

- TERRA I was a comprehensive toolkit based on research findings.
- Offered advice on spotting signs of radicalisation and developing relevant policy.
- Aimed at local and national government and ‘front-liners’.
- Front-liners include: teachers, youth workers, religious leaders, prison/probation/parole officers and community police officers.

Aims of the Toolkit

- Make target groups aware of the risk of radicalisation of people in their sphere of influence.
- Raise awareness of radicalisation causes and signs, and which other professionals can be involved in a community approach.
- Empower front-liners to act on their concerns.
- Provide research-based policy advice to support governments' counter-radicalisation programmes.

Why You?

- Front-liners' professions but them in the best position to identify radicalisation and engage with vulnerable individuals.
- TERRA seeks to provide front-liners with the training, materials and confidence they need.
- Also seeks to identify individuals who may be able to train other front-liners for this important work.
- TERRA promotes a cooperative, community approach, where front-liners are in contact and work with each other in tackling radicalisation.

Further details

For more information, including a full literature review and bibliography, please visit the TERRA website: www.terra-net.eu

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