



# **How does EM fit in the strategy against radicalization?**

EM CONFERENCE

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➤ **THE MAIN MESSAGE: WE  
HAVE MORE QUESTIONS  
THAN ANSWERS: A LOT OF  
SPACE FOR EXPLORING  
NEW OPTIONS!!!!**



# OVERARCHING INSIDES

## ➤ FROM “THEM” TO “US”:

➤ FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL

➤ FROM TV TO OUR STREETS

➤ FROM FOREIGN NATIONALS TO OUR PEOPLE

➤ FROM A SECURITY ISSUE TO A HOLISTIC TOPIC

➤ FROM PRISONS TO THE WHOLE CHAIN



## THE EU EXAMPLE

- **RAN = RADICALIZATION AWARENESS NETWORK, AIMED AT PROVIDING ACTIONS TO EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AND KEY GROUPS ENGAGED IN THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AND RECRUITMENT.**
- **“RAN” WAS AN ACTION INCLUDED IN THE EU INTERNAL SECURITY STRATEGY: FIVE STEPS TOWARDS A MORE SECURE EUROPE. (2010)**
- **IT WAS NOT LAUNCHED TILL SEPTEMBER 2012, AFTER OSLO’S ATTACKS...**



# THE EU EXAMPLE

- **RAN LEADED BY EU'S DG ON MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS: MALSTRÖM AND AVRAMOPOULOS**
- **FIRST EDITION: 2012-2015**
  - **1 STEERING COMMITTEE**
  - **8 WORKING GROUPS**
    - **1 ON PRISON AND PROBATION**



# **THE PRISON AND PROBATION GROUP**

- **MAIN CHALLENGES**

- **HOW TO BALANCE THE PRISON DOMINANCE?**
- **HOW TO INVOLVE OTHER AGENCIES?**
- **WHICH IS THE RIGHT DEFINITION OF RADICALIZATION?**
- **WHICH IS THE MAIN GOAL: DERAD OR DISENGAGE?**
- **HOW TO DEAL WITH ONGOING NEW PROCESSES?**
- **HOW TO CREATE URGENT SOLUTIONS FOR NOT WELL KNOWN PROBLEMS?**



# THE PRISON AND PROBATION GROUP

- **MAIN FINDINGS**

- IT IS A MULTI-AGENCY TASK. GAPS IN COORDINATION AND LACKS OF SHARING INFORMATION RESULT IN POOR OUTCOMES. IT IS A LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE!!!
- SOME PROMISING SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT TOOLS ARE ON THE FIELD, BUT WE DO NEED MORE
- WE NEED TO TRAIN BETTER THE STAFF, HOWEVER NOT ALL AT THE SAME LEVEL
- MANY EU NATIONALS ARE INVOLVED, SO RESETTLEMENT IS AN ISSUE: MAY WE SAY IT IS THE MAIN ISSUE!!!???



# THE PRISON AND PROBATION GROUP

- **MAIN FINDINGS**

- **PRISONS SHOULD BE AN INCUBATOR. BE CAREFUL, WHEN SENDING PEOPLE THERE**
- **LEADERS AND FOLLOWERS DO NOT NEED THE SAME INTERVENTION**
- **THERE IS NOT A UNIQUE PROFILE OF OFFENDERS (FOR INSTANCE, THE PREVALENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS)**
- **THERE ARE GENDER DIFFERENCES**
- **FAMILIES, RELATIVES AND COMMUNITIES MAY PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE (BOTH, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE)**





# THE PRISON AND PROBATION GROUP

- **AT THE END OF THE DAY**
  - **DO PRISON AND PROBATION START FROM ZERO?**
  - **DOES THE PARTICULAR FEAR THAT THE WHOLE TOPIC CREATE MAY LEAD TO TREAT EQUAL THOSE WHO PRESENT DIFFERENT RISKS AND HAVE PARTICULAR NEEDS?**
  - **PROBATION, AT LEAST, HAS AS MUCH TO SAY AS PRISONS**
  - **RJ HAS, AS WELL, SOMETHING TO SAY**
  - **IN THIS CONTEXT, HAS EM SOMETHING TO SAY RATHER THAN OFFER INFORMATION FOR MORE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL?**



## ROOM FOR DISCUSSION

WHAT THE 10<sup>th</sup> EM  
CONFERENCE MAY SAY OR  
WHAT QUESTIONS MAY WE  
ADD TO THE DEBATE?

IT IS TIME FOR Q&A, FOR  
PROPOSALS



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