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# MIRAD

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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 and practitioners to pilot test and provide feedback on reintegration training and risk assessment tool delivery. This training is an enhancement of previous work in these areas and applies ideology specific factors and relevant gender dimensions. This e-Zine focuses on Way Out's Training the Trainer course, an expanded e-learning course for practitioners and the VR-based radicalization assessment training scenarios developed to simulate the process of information gathering from interviews with individuals. .



# Way-Out's Training of Trainers

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**RELEVANT**

**PRACTICAL**

**DIGITAL SKILLS**

The Train the Trainer course is designed to empower individuals to disseminate their knowledge and skills within their organisations, addressing logistical and financial challenges associated with training initiatives. By providing this online professional development, it has also provided a foundation to support the other training modules and Cascade Training delivered through MIRAD.

The Train the Trainer module is dedicated to distance-based training and resulted in over 90% of participants reporting that they feel more prepared to deliver training. This result was true for trainers who were enhancing their skills as well as for new trainers. It was delivered to individuals representing prisons, probation and community organisations. This will ensure sustainability.

# Expanded Distance-Based Learning

The “Integrated Approach to Radicalisation for Prison, Probation and Community” e-Learning course for practitioners focused on radicalization prevention, assessment, and intervention. The target audience is prison, probation, and non-governmental staff. It both fine-tuned existing curricula and added new chapters to provide a more complete learning experience for participants.

The e-learning course spans topics from understanding the process of radicalization to specialized chapters dedicated to the new IRS tools accounting ideology (Islamist Extremism and Right-Wing Extremism) and incorporating a gender perspective. The modules have been translated from English to Bulgarian, French, Greek, Polish, and Spanish.



# VR Scenario-Based Training

The incorporation of virtual reality offers a practice-based training approach to the expanded distance-based learning developed by the MIRAD project. It fosters a creative and interactive method of learning that supplements the distance learning modules for the updated IRS tool.



The VR scenarios cover a spectrum of Right-Wing and Islamist ideologies, account for gender differences, and take into consideration the unique settings of prisons, probation, and the community. For three scenarios there are nine difference perspectives.

Twenty individuals from seven countries were trained to deliver this training. The evaluation of it reported that 100% of participants said that it helped them:

- Understand the IRS impact on preparedness
- Increase their personal interest in using IRS
- Establish organizational interest in using IRS

Through National Cascade Training events, the e-learning programme with VR scenarios was delivered in Bulgaria, France, Greece, Poland, and Spain. It insured consistent application of the IRS and increased skills at information gathering from interviews with the individual, an officer in close contact with them, and a family member.

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