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MIRAD

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 worked together to attain this goal, they organized a final conference to highlight not only the work products developed by this project but also to consider the current state of affairs in the prevention of radicalization and how the work products might continue to contribute to collaboration and improved outcomes.



Opening Keynote: Christiane Hoehn, Principal Advisor to the EU Counter- Terrorism Coordinator

The opening keynote of the MIRAD final conference was given by Ms. Christiane Hoehn, Principal Advisor to the EU Counter-Terrorism



Coordinator. After giving an overview of the current terrorist threat throughout Europe, Ms. Hoehn focused on four areas she considers to be important:

- Prison environment
- Internet, due to terrorist content as well as hate speech
- Ukraine, for our internal security
- Threats associated with technology

Ms. Hoehn closed her keynote presentation by highlighting MIRAD work products. She stressed the importance of dissemination about these contributions. Highlights are the importance of multi-agency work in deradicalisation and multi-agency collaboration protocols, cooperation with civil society and the NTT, IRS with ideology and gender-centered add-ons, and training development and a modern mixed methods approach.

Expert Roundtable-Current and Future Challenges

The final expert roundtable at the conference included David Hansen (Norway), Nadya Radkovska (Bulgaria) and Rasha Nagem (France). They first highlighted the MIRAD results and how



Results

-  **NGO trustworthiness capability tool**
-  **Ideology-centred** (Right-Wing extremism and Islamist extremism) **and gender-centred add-on sheets to the IRS**
-  **Multiagency transition collaboration protocols**
-  **Mixed-method training approach** (e-learning course; Train the trainer course; VR radicalisation risk assessment scenarios)

they could contribute to their sector. The results they focused on were the risk assessment as a promising tool, training approach to include Train the Trainers and the VR scenarios to assist with the IRS implementation, and bridging the gap between research, policy, and practice.

The new trends and challenges noted by these experts were:

- Nexus of mental health and radicalisation
- Restorative methods
- Geopolitical challenges
- Prison exit continuum
- Pedagogical tools for prevention

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