



Overview

Terrorist risk assessment within prison settings has emerged as a particularly critical issue in the field of radicalisation prevention. Between 2015 and 2018, the R2PRIS project conceptualised the Radicalisation Risk Assessment in Prisons Toolset (RRAP), which is a battery of assessment instruments for prison staff at various hierarchical levels to assess the risks, signals, and vulnerabilities for radicalisation that may allow the staff to act in specific situations.

Individual Radicalisation Screening (IRS) is one of the RRAP instruments that aims to assess inmates' risk of radicalisation through a process that progresses from individual vulnerabilities (i.e., those that could be present at the pre-radicalisation stage) to more extreme involvement (i.e., militancy) with radical groups. IRS will serve as the foundation for the tasks developed within MIRAD's Work Package 3, which will respond to the pressing need for tailored responses based on the ideology at hand. As a result of the production of ideologically-focused components for the IRS, the Consortium will be able to address project Objective 2, which is to design and validate ideology-specific add-on sheets to the IRS that are adequately adapted to the right-wing and Islamist extremism phenomena, in order to improve the assessment of inmates' risk of radicalisation, from individual vulnerabilities to a more advanced and deepened involvement with radical groups, ultimately resulting in a reduction in the number of inmates radicalised.

To ensure the innovative aspects of the subsequent RWE supplementary assessment sheet, the Consortium established a RWE Expert Board after identifying, selecting, and recruiting researchers, practitioners, networks, civil society organisations, and other stakeholders in the field of Islamist extremism risk assessment and intervention.

Selection Indicators

The following factors were considered when selecting experts:



a sector division: science and research, prison, and NGO/CSO
(within this indicator, there is also a discipline division)



specific candidates' experience



geographical balance
(to provide a representation of different countries)

As a result, experts with significant and varied experience were chosen from across Europe.

The Expert Board will support MIRAD by peer-reviewing deliverables and guiding colleagues with domain-specific experiences.



RWE Expert Board Members

Jacek Purski

A social activist, a political scientist, and an educator. In Poland, he is currently the Chairman of the Institute of Social Safety (Instytut Bezpieczeństwa Społecznego). He joined the International Organisation of Social Innovators ASHOKA in 2017 and he is a member of the Radicalisation Awareness Network's Expert Pool.



Tomasz Korczyński

Major in the Polish Prison Service, Senior Psychologist at the Opole Lubelskie Correctional Facility, and Ph.D. candidate at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. He is an expert in the prevention and countering of radicalisation and violent extremism and has been actively involved in various RAN-led activities over the years.



Fabian Wichmann

Has a strong background in far-right radicalisation and violent prevention. He serves on the boards of EXIT-Germany and ZDK Society Democratic Culture, both of which help people who want to leave far-right ideologies. He is a member of the RAN Communication and Narratives Working Group (RAN C&N).



Ariane Wolf

The Director of International Affairs at the Violence Prevention Network (VPN). She is in charge of VPN's international projects, consultancies, capacity building, strategic collaborations, and developing policy advice based on VPN's long-standing expertise.



Robert Örell

The Director of the Swedish NGO 'Transform'. He is an independent expert in the field of PCVE/CT, with a focus on capacity building and training. Mr. Örell has served on the steering committee of the European Commission's Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) since 2011, where he also co-chairs the working group RAN Exit. He is also a member of the expert pool at the RAN Centre of Excellence.



Ondrej Kolar

Since 1999, he has worked in the Czech Republic's prison system. Has previous experience monitoring extremism manifestations among inmates and educating prison staff on extremism. Mr. Kolar served as a member of the Prison Service mission in Afghanistan as an expert in prison security. He has been an active member of the Radicalisation Awareness Network since 2011, and in 2015 he joined the European Expert Network on Terrorism Issues (EENeT).



Matthew Feldman

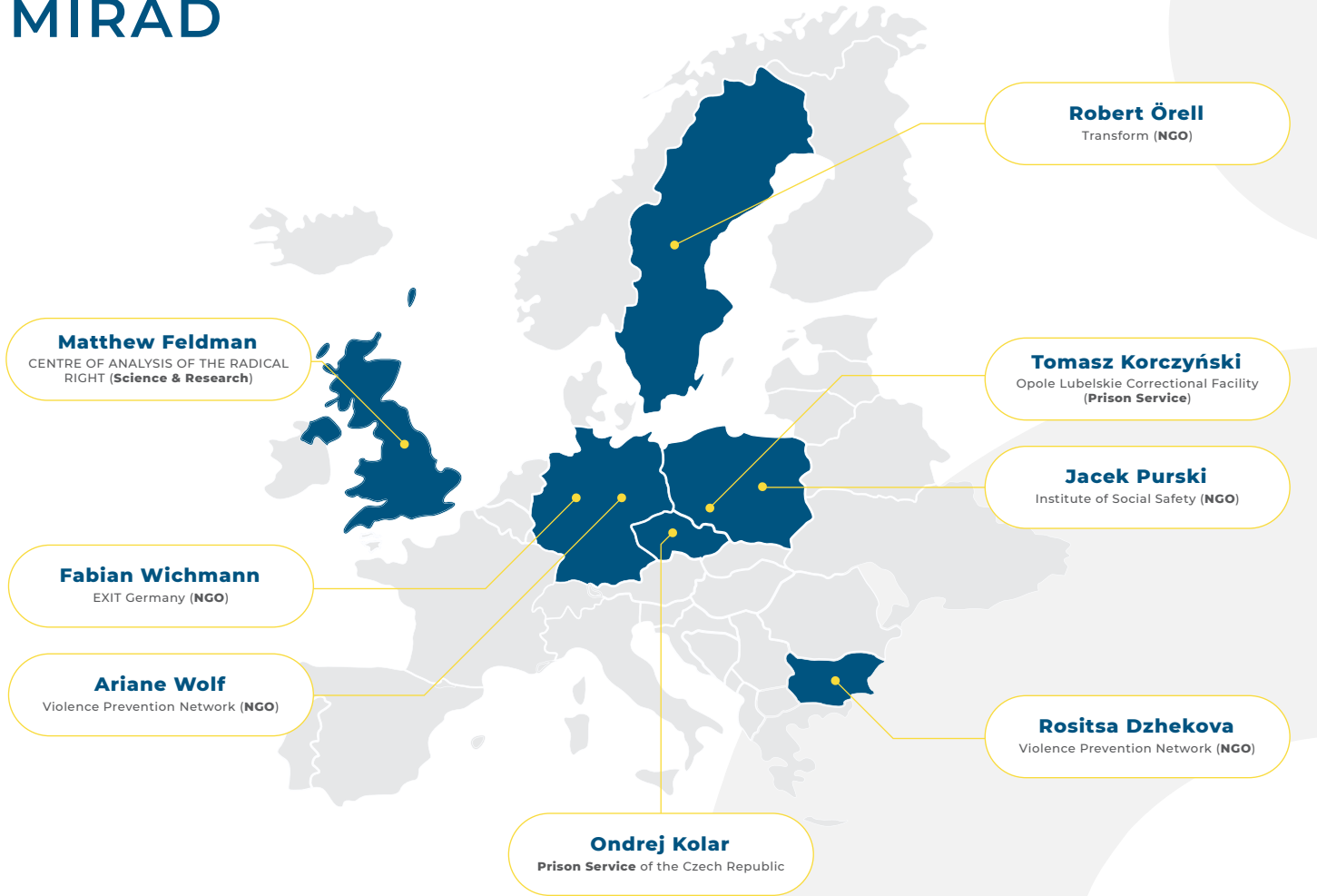
An Emeritus Professor of Modern Intellectual History. He is currently a Professorial Fellow at the Universities of York, Richmond, and London's American International University. He is a leading expert on far-right extremism, and he has served as an advisor to the British government, policing, and prosecution services, as well as several third-party and non-governmental organisations.



Rositsa Dzhekova

A Senior Consultant on P/CVE at the Violence Prevention Network's International Affairs department in Germany, and a member of the RAN Practitioners team. She was previously the Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy's Security Program. Ms. Dzhekova has over ten years of experience in the private, academic, and non-governmental sectors in security research, policy analysis, and consulting. Her areas of expertise include counter-terrorism and radicalisation, organised crime, corruption, and security sector reform.





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