

Agenfor International - Report Activities 2015-2016

Main Focus

In this report we will focus on the main projects Agenfor International has been involved since the year 2015 until now. In the last section we will also describe two main activities foreseen to start in July 2016 and September 2016 and that represent a continuation of the engagement of our NGO in the field of security and counter radicalization.

Three groups of activities were carried on: 1) Research; 2) Participating to Networks; 3) Training 4) Dissemination 5) Scouting Visits in Syria, Iraq and Libya.

- **1) Research**

More than 20 representatives of radical political movements and parties were interviewed in Italy, Bulgaria, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic and UK. The interviews focused on a range of prominent topics such as justification of violence, immigration, globalization, the European Union Monetary System. Different answers were analyzed and compared to be incorporated in a Word Cloud that allows an overall picture of classic, new and transversal elements in the narratives used by the representatives we met.

More research activities were carried on in the field of metal theft in collaboration with the Italian Financial Guard. In particular the work focused on the connections between these phenomenon and the organized crime.

- **2) Networks**

Member of RAN CoE Ccoordination meetings and prison visits with the RAN delegation, our Director of International Projects is active in the Working Group for Prison&Probation.

Agenfor led an Italian delegation of human rights defenders to Turkey in the framework of the CSOs Network for Vulnerable Groups in Prison. Representatives of LGBTI rights, minorities rights and penitentiary operators presented, during the conference held at the University of Istanbul, the Italian situation and what measures, problems and solutions characterized our system.

Agenfor is promoting an independent channel dedicated to Syria, Iraq and Libya. Equal is more was presented at the University of Granada in December 2015 at the presence of numerous European universities and think tanks. Equal is More produces media outlets in collaboration with Agenfor team in Syria and Libya.

- **3) Training**

More than 500 frontline practitioners in the field of counter radicalization were trained through the ISDEP platform in collaboration with Scotland Yard. Today the ISDEP platform is used for the official courses of the Italian Ministry of Justice Department of Penitentiary Administration.

Among other subjects we train public staff of police forces and Ministry of Justice on key issue pertaining the interrelation between Fundamental Rights and Security, such as : a) Compliance of hotspots and prison systems in different EU and Western Balkans countries with art. 8 of DIRECTIVE 2013/33/EU of 26 June 2013 laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection; b) Introduction into the Community Impact Assessment (C.I.A.) of 2 methodologies to counter radicalization and terrorism of a new parameter concerning of artt. 26-27-28 of EU DIRECTIVE 2013/32 of 26 June 2013 on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection. c) Multidisciplinary toolkits and procedures to assess early signs of radicalization within closed environments d) Risk analysis and consequences of

overreaction to emerging signs of radicalization e) Recognition of religious inspiration as a legitimate form of political discourse in the public space.

- **4) Dissemination**

Agenfor International dedicated resources to the dissemination of European project products through Internet, newsletters, seminars and conferences.

- **5) Scouting Visits**

Through our resident and visiting staff we carry out field analysis in Syria, Iraq and Libya to assess interrelation between immigration, human rights and radicalization of terrorism. We produce then video and new to raise awareness among a vast array of stakeholders.

Programme	Title of the Project	Objective
DG Home Affairs – HOME/2012/IS EC/AG/400004 378	TRANSRAD-TRANSVERSAL BRIDGES	<p>TRANSRAD is a two-year European Commission, Directorate General Home Affairs funded project addressing the emerging threat of transversal terrorist alliances for European nations and communities. TRANSRAD aims to detect and profile the emerging threat of transversal European radical groups and raise the awareness of institutional bodies and civil society at large on the risks potentially connected to these ‘radical bridges’.</p> <p>Research activity shall focus on movements involved in Southern European Member States with specific focus on Italy, Greece, Spain and Cyprus and their ties with radical movements in Northern and Western Europe. Focus on political movements, potential interrelation between immigration and new emerging forms of radicalization.</p> <p>This research activity will study sources from academic literature, police interview reports, court proceedings, prison records, intelligence agency reports, government assessments direct interviews with activists and former terrorists or movement leaders, and other open sources in order to build a richer picture throughout Member States with regard to the connections among the different groups, individuals and narratives.</p> <p>Led by Agenfor Italia, the TRANSRAD consortium includes Guardia Civil, Czech Technical University, European Institute in Bulgaria and the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy and CENTRIC for the UK, providing a rich mix of practitioner and academic expertise.</p>

DCD-II Turkey	CFCU/TR2011/0135.07-011 Developing Civil Dialogue among CSOs	Alliance of CSOs, NGOs and Prison institutions to support social services within the prisons, to counter deprivation of rights and equal treatment. Compliance of prison practices with CoE procedures.
EU- DG HOME AFFAIRS. HOME/2011/IS EC/AG/400000 2575	EURAD - Shari'ah-based communicative approach to prevent and fight contemporary forms of radicalization leading to home-grown terrorism in the EU	The overall objective is to develop horizontal, Shari'ah-based methods to prevent religious radicalization within European civil societies through an innovative use of mass-media. EURAD will refer to the anti-jihadi narratives of Muslim Activists/Movements of the Arab Spring as a fundamental framework to develop counter radicalization processes. Among other aspects we analyzed also the interrelation between FR and Security Policies at EU level
EU- DG HOME AFFAIRS. HOME/2011/IS EC/AG/RAD/40 00214730 – CE – 048525/0039	ISDEP – Improving security by democratic participation.	This program of work focuses on improving internal security through active democratic participation and not passive protection. Security should be fostered through democratic principles and practices and to deeper the common values are rooted in the society.
DG HOME AFFAIRS	UPSIDEDOWN PROTECT	UPSIDEDOWN PROTECT is a two years project funded by the EU Commission, CIPS. The project focus on Spatial Data and Meta Data Protection for the Underground Critical Infrastructures and has the objective to harmonize the 'INSPIRE' Directive with CIPS-Security Regulations.
DG HOME	POL-PRIMETT First Edition (2010 to 2012) and Second Edition (2013 to 2015)	<p>Pol-PRIMETT II is led by the UK's National Crime Agency and includes partners from 8 EU Member States. For more details about Pol-PRIMETT II partners please use the left hand menu.</p> <p>Pol-PRIMETT II will expand the public-private partnerships established in the original project to share best practice for tackling metal theft with a wider audience.</p> <p>Public-private collaboration is not uniform amongst Member States; Pol-PRIMETT II provides a platform for a variety of joint practices to be shared and adapted to suit each country. The expanded project provides further dissemination opportunities regarding offender profiles; location of crimes; target materials; stolen metal supply chain; prevention countermeasures; public-private security strategies; legislation and voluntary codes of practice.</p> <p>Pol-PRIMETT II will increase knowledge of the involvement of organised crime, the relationship to other acquisitive crime and the impact on communities and businesses. This increased understanding and collaboration will provide opportunities to disrupt and reduce the movement of stolen metals.</p>

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- **TAKEDOWN:**

it directly addresses the Research and Innovation Action of the FCT-16-2015 call on Fight against Crime and Terrorism with the topic of investigating the role of social, psychological and economic aspects of the processes that lead to organized crime (including cyber related offenses), and terrorist networks and their impact on social cohesion. The envisioned research will provide a comprehensive, interdisciplinary and integrated analysis of engagement in organized crime and terrorist networks using methods of modelling as well as quantitative and qualitative empirical research. Foreseen to start in September 2016.

- **DERAD:**

Counter Radicalization Through the Rule of Law. This project wants to produce, test and validate a tool-kit composed of blended e-learning contents, an on-line infrastructure for delivery, 48 trainers

trained to deliver courses to 1000 interagency practitioners in synchronic and a-synchronic formats, to be integrated into the e-Justice portal in order to prevent the escalation of radicalization in the prison environment b) coordination among different MSs to guarantee a massive delivery of courses in the field of counter-radicalisation through a multi-agency approach and the implementation of FDs 2008/909-829-947.