

# PROPHETS

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020



The PROPHETS project is halfway to its completion and most recent activities are published in our second newsletter.

A lot of recent progress has been achieved for Work Package III. In addition, the consortium started with Work Package IV (User Requirements for Safeguarding Against Online Behavioural Radicalisation) and VI (Validation and Implementation).



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# REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS



## ON EXISTING AND EMERGING CYBER BEHAVIOURAL CONCERNS

***Report on existing and emerging cyber behavioural concerns*** has been designed to provide a foundational, contextual overview of key identified threats, vulnerabilities and challenges for societal risk from the many varied forms of online criminality.

## ON VULNERABLE ACTOR BEHAVIOURAL RADICALISATION

***Report on vulnerable actor behavioural radicalisation*** will summarize the recent literature reviews based on influential factors regarding radicalisation and present those within different domains, and therefore contribute to the scientific endeavours in the field of radicalisation and enable government agencies (e.g. LEA) to better understand and identify factors associated with radicalisation.



## ON INFLUENTIAL ACTOR BEHAVIOURAL RADICALISATION

***Report on influential actor behavioural radicalisation*** is to pave the way towards a new approach for the prevention of online radicalization in Europe combining two research methodologies: the social movements' theory (Della Porta, 1995) and integrated threat theory (Stephan and Stephan, 1993, 1996).





Babak Akhgar · Douglas Wells  
José María Blanco Editors

# Investigating Radicalization Trends

Case Studies in Europe and Asia



## INVESTIGATING RADICALIZATION TRENDS

### **Emerging Radicalisation Trends**

**Across Europe:** Transversal Threats in a Liquid World, the new book by , Babak Akhgar, Douglas Wells and Jose Maria Blanco, the three experts in radicalization and terrorism look deeply into radicalization processes and more.

## INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE

**Student Crisis Prevention in Schools: The NETWorks Against School Shootings Program (NETWASS) – An Approach Suitable for the Prevention of Violent Extremism?** By Nora Fiedler, Friedricke Sommer, Vincenz Leuschner, and Herbert Scheithauer. *International Journal of Developmental Science*.

The present review summarized the underlying program theory, gives examples from German cases of severe targeted violence, gives an overview of the program components, and a summary of the evaluation study and its results. Finally, the NETWASS crisis prevention approach is reflected with regard to its feasibility for the prevention of violent extremism.

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### Invited Review

## Student Crisis Prevention in Schools: The NETWorks Against School Shootings Program (NETWASS) – An Approach Suitable for the Prevention of Violent Extremism?

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### Abstract

The standardized, indicated school based prevention program "Networks Against School Shootings" (NETWASS) combines a threat assessment approach with a general model of prevention of emergency situations in schools through early intervention in student psychosocial crises and training teachers to recognize warning signs of targeted school violence. The present review summarized the underlying program theory, gives examples from German cases of severe targeted violence, gives an overview of the program components, and a summary of the evaluation study and its results. Finally, the NETWASS crisis prevention approach is reflected with regard to its feasibility for the prevention of violent extremism.

### Keywords

Threat assessment, school shootings, NETWASS, crisis prevention, violent extremism

Within the last twenty years student-perpetrated shootings at schools emerged as a worldwide phenomenon. With more than twelve incidents, Germany has experienced more serious attacks targeting

schools than any nation other than the United States (Bondü, Corneli, & Scheithauer, 2011) resulting in the deaths of 20 teachers and 16 students (Leuschner et al., 2011). Incidents of severe targeted school violence such as school shootings are planned violent acts at a school committed by current or former students with the intention to kill at least one person associated with the school context (Bondü & Scheithauer, 2014a, b, c; 2015). A key finding from

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# CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS



## EUROCROM 2019

European Society of Criminology 18th–21st  
September 2019 in Ghent, Belgium.

## MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY EVENT 2019

29th – 31st October 2019 PROPHETS at the  
conference in Heraklion, Crete



## 4TH PROPHETS CONSORTIUM MEETING

Tackling the causes of online radicalisation,  
cybercrime and cyberterrorism by developing  
new methods to investigate and understand the  
behavioural processes at the cause of  
individuals engaged in cybercrime actions.

We analyse, investigate &

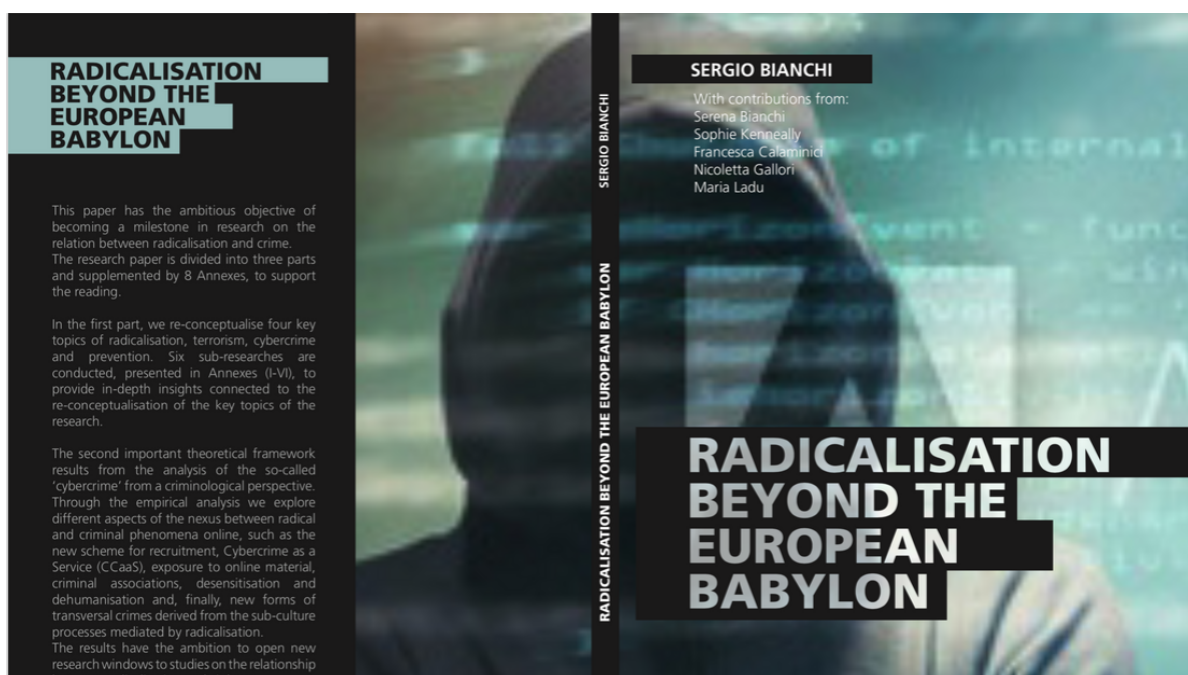
November 26th – 28th: the PROPHETS consortium  
met in Brussels, Belgium to update all parts of the  
project with interesting plenary sessions and  
discussions including the Midterm Review on the  
last day.

# COMING SOON:

## PAPER "RADICALIZATION BEYOND TERRORISM: A NEW PREVENTIVE APPROACH"

The findings of the Deliverable 3.3 of the project – including an in depth analysis of the topic – will be fully published soon.

In this research we analysed how the introduction to the virtual world and to new technologies have radically changed social relationships, the way that crimes are committed and, consequently, prevented.



# LET'S STAY IN CONTACT



## OUR CHANNEL

PROPHETS Youtube channel has gone public with a short PROPHETS teaser.

More videos are coming soon.



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