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SAFE ZONE

PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Violent radicalization represents an increasingly complex challenge in Europe, in relation to which new knowledge and skills must be acquired.

In particular, recognizing the risk of radicalization among young and very young people, SAFE ZONE intends to propose a preventive action aimed at young people in the **sports field**, considered the latter as a priority area of informal socialization for many young people across Europe.

Sports play a relevant role in the life of many young people - both practically and symbolically - and that **sports teachers and educators** can play a key role in preventing radicalization to terrorism among youngsters.

Due to their **lack of awareness and knowledge** about the risk of radicalization, the project intends to address coaches/educators/youth workers in youth sports, recognizing their relevant **pedagogical role** towards young people, and intends to equip them with cognitive tools to strengthen their educational skills, especially in relation to specific behaviors, among young people, aimed at promoting the use of extreme violence.

In addition to that, a **multi-agency approach** will be adopted, in order to facilitate the sharing of information, which is crucial for identifying and dealing with violent radicalization. Continued multi-agency develops interpersonal relationships, ongoing learning and expertise development, that could be consolidated with strategic linkages

OBJECTIVES

Increase the **knowledge, skills and capacity** of coaches and other key figures in youth sports to reduce the risk of violent radicalization amongst adolescents;

Develop and test **transferable educational tools** and **training methodologies** aimed at the prevention of radicalization and violent extremism for use with coaches and educators in EU Member States.

Promote **cooperation** between the various actors involved with the education of under 18 youth locally, nationally and transnationally in order to promote the development and implementation of **common prevention projects and strategies**.

Increase **awareness** and **capacity** amongst local and national policymakers, notably in the areas of social and youth policy and security/public safety, about the prevention of violent extremism and radicalization.

PROJECT STRUCTURE

WP1: Management and Coordination of the Action (IPRS)

WP2: Methodology Development (IPRS)

WP3: Creating In-House Skills (UCP)

WP4: Increasing Multi-Agency Cooperation (CJD)

WP5: Transnational Exchange (AM)

WP6: Awareness Raising And Communication (IPRS/CSI)

WORK PACKAGE 1

MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF THE ACTION

Tasks:

- 1.1. Financial and scientific coordination (IPRS)
- 1.2. Monitoring and evaluation of project activities and outputs (IPRS + external experts/subcontracting)
- 1.3. Kick-off meeting (IPRS + all PPs)
- 1.4. Sgm 2 (with transnational seminar 1) (Alma Mater + all PPs)
- 1.5. Sgm 3 (with transnational seminar 2) (UCP + all PPs)
- 1.6. Sgm 4 (with transnational seminar 3) (CJD + all PPs)
- 1.7. Sgm 5 (with final conference) (IPRS + all PPs)

WORK PACKAGE 2
METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
(JAN 20 – JUN 21)
LEADING PARTNER: IPRS

Objectives

- To provide a clear **picture of the national situation** in regards to the link between youth radicalization and their involvement in sports;
- To develop a **training methodology**, based on the specific needs encountered during the national situation analysis, that combines e-learning with in-person training for use with coaches and other youth workers involved in sports in order to support radicalization prevention;
- To include **the MATES e-learning curricula** on the prevention of radicalization and violent extremism amongst youth in the above-mentioned methodology. Once adapted to an audience comprised of coaches/educators/youth workers in youth sports, and broadened to focus on radicalization in general, the MATES curricula would provide country-specific contents on procedures to follow, based on multi-agency cooperation with law enforcement and other relevant actors.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES FOR WP2

National assessment:
mapping and situational
assessment (IPRS, CJD,
UCP, AlmaMater)

- **Deliverable:** 4 National assessment reports, 10 pp x 4 reports, EN + partner languages (March 2020)

Development of **training methodology** and finalization of e-learning toolkit (IPRS with all PPs)

- **Deliverables:**
- Training methodology (working paper), 10 pp, EN (June 2020)
- E-learning toolkit (web-tool), EN + partner languages (June 2021)

WORK PACKAGE 3
CREATING IN-HOUSE SKILLS
(JUL 20 – JUN 21)
LEADING PARTNER: UCP

Objectives

- To **engage sport club/organization managers** in the development and implementation of radicalization prevention policies, practices and procedures;
- To develop clear, country specific, early warning **procedures, practices and policies** for use by coaches & youth workers in cooperation with law enforcement and other relevant actors;
- To provide coaches and youth educators/workers involved with sports with the **capacity and knowledge** to support general radicalization prevention, identify signs of radicalization and take appropriate action;
- To acquire **feedback on the efficacy** of the training and established procedures in order to refine the final e-learning toolkit and methodology as well as local early warning procedures and lines of communication.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES FOR WP3

Meetings with sport managers and local actors - All PPs (aug 2020 - jun 2021)

- **Deliverable:** Radicalization Prevention Through Sports, Electronic and printed, 5 pp, 500 copies, EN + partner languages (June 2021)

4 x Training **workshops** with coaches/educators - IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater (sept/oct/nov/dec 2020)

Individual **follow-up** of trained coaches/educators - IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater (Jan-Jun 2021)

1 x **Brainstorming** workshop on training results and lessons learnt - All PPs (Jun 2021)

WORK PACKAGE 4
INCREASING MULTI-AGENCY
COOPERATION (JUL 20 – JUN 21)

LEADING PARTNER: CJD

Objectives:

- **Identify and involve key local actors** for project involvement;
- Engage local actors in project activities and local **multi-agency meetings** intended to create local networks, cooperation agreements and shared protocols and procedures for responding to youth radicalization.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES FOR WP4

Tasks:

- Mapping and contacting of local key-actors (IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater)
- Local multi-agency meetings (All PPs)
 - 3 x meetings in each partner country (tot nr 12), 10 participants each (tot nr 120) (oct 20/feb 21/jun 21)

Deliverables:

- Multi-agency meeting report (1 for each partner country) Electronic, 10 pp, EN + partner language (June 2021)

WORK PACKAGE 5
TRANSNATIONAL EXCHANGE
(JUN 20 – AUG 21)

LEADING PARTNER: ALMA MATER

Objectives:

- To enable **transnational exchange** between stakeholders in partner countries about relevant practices, tools and methodologies;
- To stimulate a **transnational discussion** about radicalization prevention within youth sports and advance the development of practice, procedures and policy;
- To establish **transnational contacts** and support long-term networking between stakeholders.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES FOR WP5

Development of transnational seminars contents - IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater

Transnational seminar 1 (with SGM 2): “EU policies, practices, and networks on radicalization: what can be done?” - UCP + all PPs (September 2020)

Transnational seminar 2 (with SGM 3): “Youth, sports, and marginalization” - Alma Mater + all PPs (January 2021)

Transnational seminar 3 (with SGM 4): “Radicalisation: prevention strategies and tools” - CJD + all PPs (June 2021)

Writing of transnational seminars reports - Alma Mater, UCP, CJD

Deliverable: Reports of each transnational seminar (working paper), Electronic, 8-10 pp each, EN (sept 2020/feb-jul 2021)

TRANSNATIONAL SEMINARS

Seminar 1

« *EU policies, practices, and networks on radicalization: what can be done?* »

[with SGM 2.
Porto, Sept 2020]

Seminar 2

« *Youth, sports, and marginalization* »

[with SGM 3.
Maribor, Jan
2021]

Seminar 3

« *Radicalization: prevention strategies and tools* »

[with SGM4.
Hamburg, Jun
2021]

WORK PACKAGE 6
AWARENESS RAISING AND
COMMUNICATION
(FEB 20 – DEC 21)

LEADING PARTNER: IPRS/CSI

Objectives:

- Increase and **assure key stakeholder knowledge** and awareness of the project, project activities, outputs and results;
- **Engage youth sports organizations**, coaches, educators, law enforcement and other key stakeholders in the project;
- **Increase awareness** about radicalization prevention and the potential for general prevention within sports in working with youth;
- Stimulate **dialogue** with key stakeholders at local, national and EU level;
- **Promote sound development** in policy and practice at local, national and EU level;
- Stimulate and **promote research** and academic work focusing on enhancing radicalization prevention via youth sports.

TASKS FOR WP6

6.1. Development of project website and feeding of news (IPRS + all PPs)

6.2. 4 x National seminars, 1 in each PC, ½ day, 50 PPs each (tot 200) (November 2021)

6.3. Drafting of EU guidelines (IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater)

6.4. Drafting of “Prevention through sports” booklet (IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater)

6.5. Publication of project outputs on Issuu (IPRS)

6.6. European Week of Sport (IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater, CSI, IPDJ) - 1 event (TBD) within the multi-events sports week (December 2021)

6.7. EU finale conference (with SGM 5) (IPRS, CJD, UCP, Alma Mater) -1 day, Rome, 100 participants, Dec.21

DELIVERABLES FOR WP6

6.1. **Project leaflet**, Electronic and printed, 2 pp, 600 copies tot, EN + partner languages (February 2020)

6.2. **Project website**, Electronic, EN + partner languages (February 2020)

6.3. **Newsfeed**, Electronic, 20 news, 1 p. each (December 2021)

6.4. **Publication on Issuu**, Electronic (December 2021)

6.5. **EU guidelines**, Printed, 15 pp, 600 copies, EN+IT+DE+PT+SL (December 2021)

6.6. **“Prevention through sports” booklet**, Printed, 30 pp, 600 copies, EN+IT+DE+PT+SL (December 2021)

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