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Developing a European framework for disengagement and reintegration of extremist offenders and radicalised individuals in prison, including returning foreign terrorist fighters and their families

Preventing terror attacks depends on the successful disengagement and reintegration of terrorist and extremist offenders. This can only be achieved through a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary framework with evidence-based, effective practices, cooperation among stakeholders, a solid risk assessment and continuity of care from day one. The EUTEx research project establishes such a framework by building on European knowledge, skills and products and taking them further by summoning the best expertise in relevant fields.

EUTEx is co-financed by the European Union, started in January 2022 and involves partners from 9 European countries (Austria, Germany, Portugal, Spain, France, Sweden, Romania, Albania, Kosovo) – including countries with the highest incidence of terrorism and extremism, countries with the highest numbers of terrorist and extremist offenders in prison and countries where terrorist incidents involved recidivists.

AGENDA

- **16:00- 16:10** Welcome by EUTEx Project Coordinator Daniela PISOIU
- **16:10-16:20** Opening remarks by Austrian Minister of Justice Dr. Alma ZADIĆ
- **16:20-16:50** Keynote: Challenges in the reintegration and disengagement process Prof. Andrew SILKE
- **16:50-18:00** Panel discussion with international experts Dr. Anita PERESIN, Dr. Carola Garcia-Calvo, Ms. Elisabeth MODÉE, Ms. Lejdi DERVISI, Mr. Torben ADAMS; Moderator Dr. Daniela PISOIU

SPEAKERS

Dr. Alma Zadić, LL.M. is Federal Minister of Justice of the Republic of Austria. She was a member of the Austrian Parliament and previously worked as a lawyer in an international law firm in Vienna. Furthermore, she worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia and the International Organization for Migration and was a research scholar at the Harriman Institute (Columbia University). She completed her doctoral studies in law at the University of Vienna and a postgraduate degree (LL.M.) at Columbia University in New York, USA.

Prof. Andrew Silke holds a Chair in Terrorism, Risk and Resilience at Cranfield University. Prof. Silke has a background in forensic psychology and criminology and has worked both in academia and for government. His primary research interests include terrorism, conflict, crime and policing, and he is internationally recognised as a leading expert on terrorism, deradicalization and prisons. He is the editor of *Prisons, Terrorism and Extremism. Critical Issues in Management, Radicalisation and Reform* and has authored chapters and his publications include *Risk Assessment of Terrorist and Extremist Prisoners*, *Re-offending by released terrorist prisoners: Separating hype from reality*, or *The Phoenix Model of Disengagement and Deradicalisation from Terrorism and Violent Extremism*.

Dr. Anita Peresin is a Senior Advisor in Croatia's Office of the National Security Council, and has served as a guest lecturer at the George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies and the NATO Centre of Excellence in Ankara, Turkey. As an assistant professor at Zagreb University, her research is focused on terrorism and security analysis (with particular attention to women and children in terrorism). She published widely on the strong participation of women in ISIS and the relevance of their strategic and operational contribution to the effectiveness of the organization.

Dr. Carola García-Calvo is a Senior Analyst in the Programme on Violent Radicalisation and Global Terrorism at the Elcano Royal Institute and Associate Professor at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (URJC), both in Madrid. Currently, she is also Functional Unit coordinator of the RAN-Policy Support Project, aimed at supporting the EC to facilitate exchanges among policy-makers across the EU. Her research areas include terrorism and counterterrorism, violent radicalisation in the Western world, preventing violent radicalisation, and de-radicalisation strategies, programmes and policies.

Ms Elisabet Modée is Senior Adviser at the Ministry of Justice, Unit for Crime Policy in Sweden. She is also Member of the Commissions Network of National Prevent Policy Makers. Since 2014, she has been responsible for preventive measures against violent extremism within the Government offices. She also has knowledge and experience of working on national level with the prevention of honour related violence and forced marriages, and with youth policy development. Ms. Modée has a Master's degree in Philosophy and History of Ideas from the University of Stockholm.

Ms Lejdi Dervishi is currently the Director of the Coordination Center for Countering Violent Extremism (The CVE Center – Albania). In her previous job positions, she has been the Head of Section for Civil Society and Security in The CVE Center, as well as a Seconded Expert of IOM Tirana on Diaspora and Migration for the Government of Albania. She has a vast professional knowledge of international affairs and has attained three second-level Master's degrees in the field of international and diplomatic relations, security studies and European studies and is part of the Radicalisation Awareness Network of the European Commission since July 2020.

Mr. Torben Adams of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of the Federal State of Bremen is currently seconded with the UNODC as International Program Coordinator of the Returning Foreign Fighters Detention Program. He holds a number of expert positions such as in the Council of Europe – Council of Penological Cooperation and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) and was Co-chair of the Prisons and Probation Working Group of the Radicalisation Awareness Network. He holds a Master degree in Criminal Justice, Governance and Police Science from the Ruhr University Bochum.

MODERATOR

Dr. Daniela PISOIU, EUTEx Coordinator

Dr. Daniela PISOIU is Senior Researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs and Lecturer at the University of Vienna. She has 16+ years of experience in the basic and applied research on radicalisation with regard to both jihadism and right-wing extremism. She is member of the Advisory Board of the Radicalisation Awareness Network and has been actively involved in the activities of the Working Groups on Rehabilitation and Prison. Her previous projects and papers have included the topics of foreign terrorist fighters, online counter-narrative campaigns, women and children returnees and she has co-authored the update of the RAN Manual on returnees.