

“We don’t create the change by doing the same things we’ve always done”

What?

We develop innovative policies

How?

European network (30 countries)
Expert pool & ICT

Why?

Active participation of citizens



Who we are?

- Out of the Box International is a European Network which brings together different actors working on social innovations
- tackling old problems with new project ideas and policy initiatives

Our role

- to design innovative social projects to respond to the persistent social and economic challenges;
- empowering people's potential and facilitating their active engagement in society;

NETWORK

* 29 ORGANISATIONS IN 21 COUNTRIES

- YOUTH NGO
- NGO
- SME
- MUNICIPALITIES
- EDUCATIONAL PROVIDERS
- THINK TANKS

Expert pool

- based on Communities of Practice
- different expertise and cross sectorial approach

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2018 PRIORITIES

I. COHESIVE POLICIES

OTB is recognized as a reliable partner delivering added value in the field of cohesive policies' development by using a cross-sectoral approach in a global perspective.

II. SOCIAL BUSINESSES

Sustainable cooperation is established with already existing hubs, various local and national stakeholders and social entrepreneurs in order to communicate already created services and products as well as to develop policies regarding social entrepreneurship.

III. OPEN DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

It is essential to develop a tailor-made open data model based on the organizational needs which will be implemented throughout all the work of OTB. OTB is positioned as stakeholder that is focused on building and applying open digital environment which is transparent, accountable and secured.

IV. EUROPEAN PROJECT

Further enhancement of the current cooperation in the SEE region is crucial in development and implementation of different projects, as well as acquiring new and reliable partners among Eastern Partnership countries. OTB is actively supporting the integration of all European countries in the common European project.

YOUR EXPECTATIONS?



Why we are here?

The main aim of this workshop are to present and explore successful practices in the policy, ITC and education in addressing violent radicalisation across Europe.

1. Present and discuss the **findings** on anti-radicalisation from the OTB research focusing on policy context: definitions of different kinds and usual process of of violent radicalisation;
2. Look at the **policies, ICT tools and education** available & discuss how to use them;
3. Develop some **ideas** for future collaborations in the Baltic region;

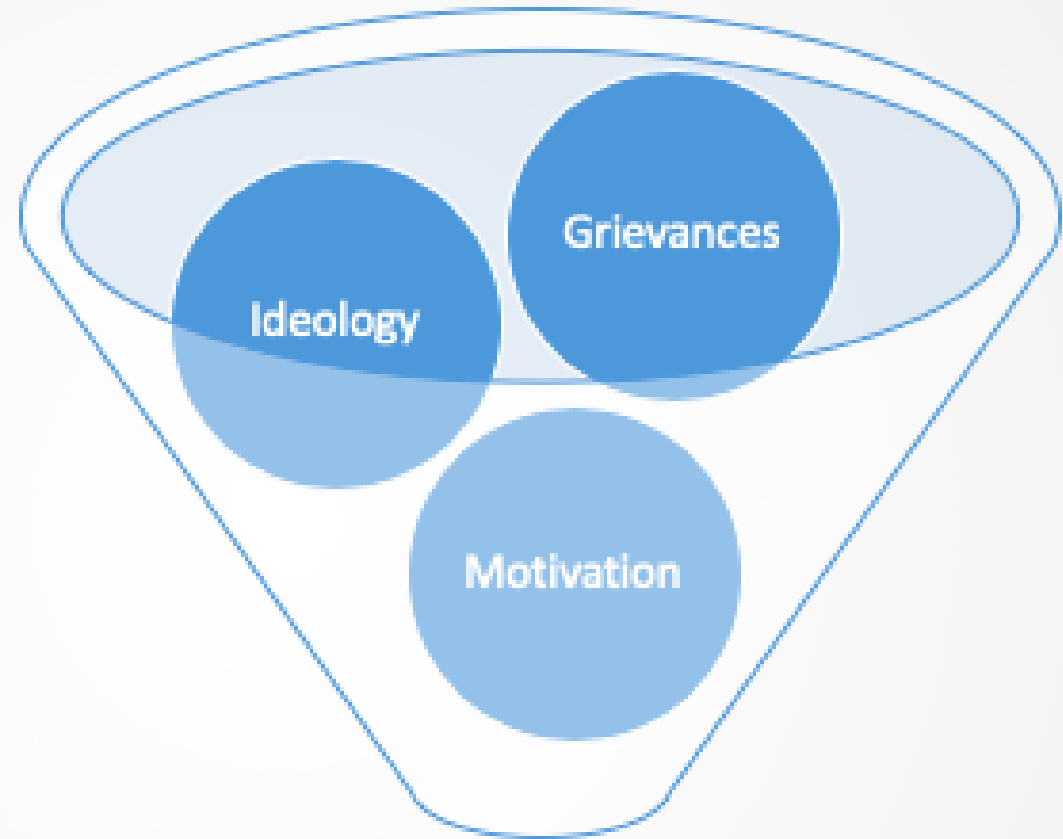
WHAT IS RADICALISATION ?

Radicalisation is “the process through which an individual adopts an increasingly extremists set of beliefs and aspirations”

*...**very often** leading to violent extremism or terrorism*

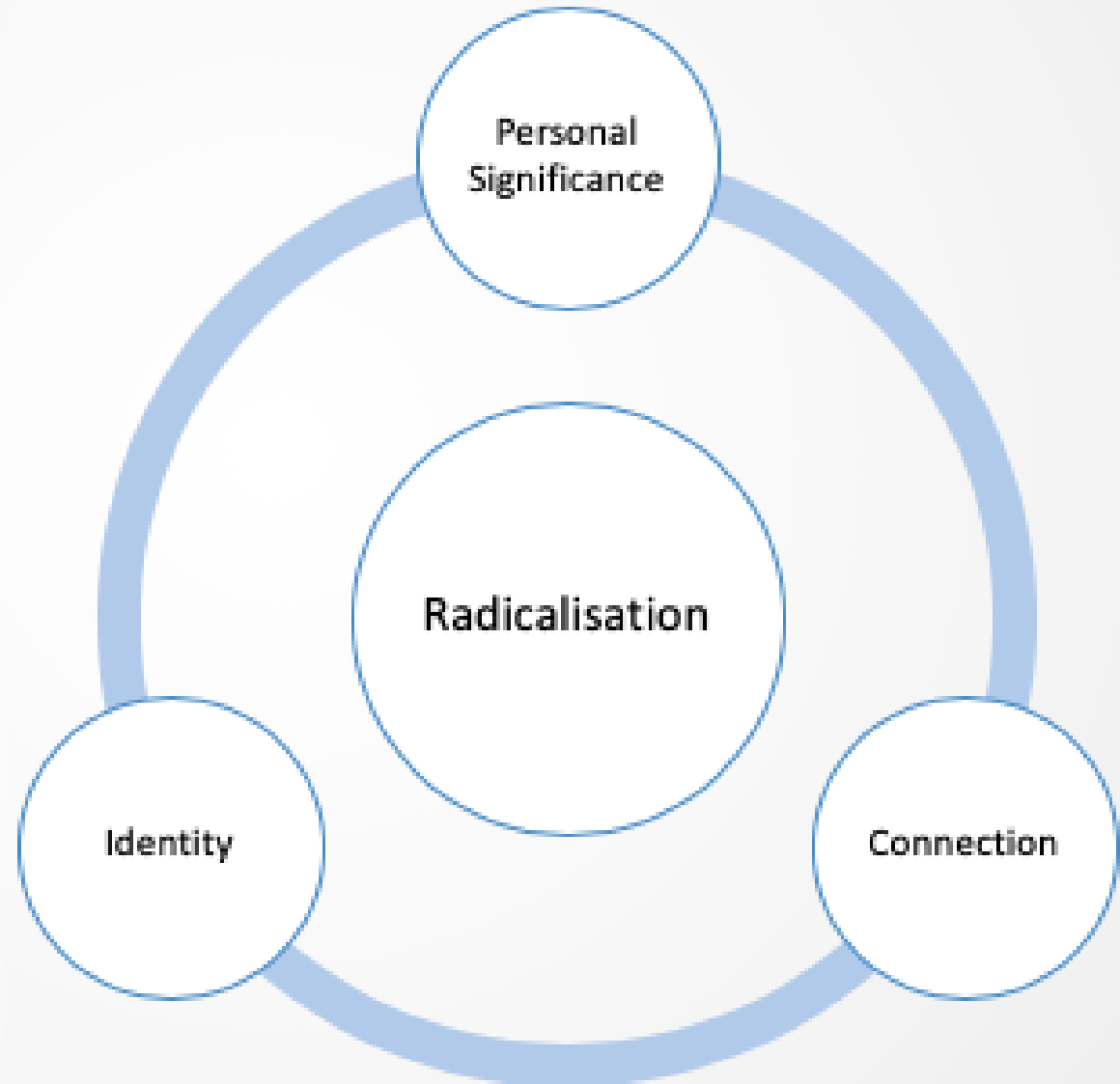
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police – the process by which individuals are introduced to an ideological message and **belief system** that encourages movement from moderate, mainstream beliefs towards extreme views.

PILLARS OF RADICALISATION



Violent Extremism

**THE POISONIOUS GIFT
OF RADICALISERS**



MYTHS ABOUT RADICALISATION

Anyone who experiences radical thoughts is a violent extremist

You have to be in a group to be radicalized

Radicalisation is always linked to religion

All radicalizers have mental disorder

Radicalisation is a process

- Radicalisers point to social, political and economic **injustice** around their followers.
- They promote a belief that these injustices result from a corrupt **system** of politics or religion.
- To be persuasive, many of their arguments are based on **facts** and truths.
- Radicalisers are selective and **incomplete** in the way they employ reality. They are highly persuasive and aim to arouse anger, hatred and other emotions to inspire individuals to action.

Types

1) Left-wing violence, such as violent acts committed by anti-capitalist groups in order to transform political systems. This category can also include violence by animal rights extremists or environmentalist groups.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rw-znu-JvA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRXIAu1Pjsg>

Types

Right-wing violent acts, such as those committed by far-right groups, often referred to as 'neo-Nazi' groups. Such groups are motivated by racism and a desire to defend supposed racial supremacy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvQzX6Tip8s>

Types

Religiously motivated violence, such as violent acts committed by extremist Islamic movements, which often have specific grievances against Western governments in relation to foreign policy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfS8ySlcfPA>

Types

Issue-based violence, such as violence carried out by groups concerned with a single issue – such as, abortion or homosexuality

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1xg3_GQEGU

CAUSES OF RADICALISATION

Factors that create a conducive atmosphere for the(youth) radicalisation:

Poor governance

- Corruption
- Government repression and human right abuse
- Elections rigging
- Racial and ethnic profiling

Sociocultural factors

- Weak social and community cohesion
- Religious identity crisis
- Social alienation

CONCLUSIONS

- Radicalisation is a process.
- Radicalisation involves grievances, ideologies, motivations.
- Radicalisation is not always linked to religion.
- Individuals must not belong to a group before they are radicalised.
- Not every one with extremist views will become a violent extremist.

GROUP WORK

1. Identify the **causes** of radicalization in your community/country.
2. Identify main vulnerable **groups**
3. What is the **response** of the following stakeholders:
 - a. *Family/community*
 - b. *Civil society*
 - c. *Government*
4. What can you **do** to fight against radicalization in your community?



PROMISING PRACTICES & TOOLS

- ✓ Policy
- ✓ ICT tools
- ✓ Education

POLICY

- ✓ Paris declaration
- ✓ EU Programmes
- ✓ GDPR
- ✓ RAN
- ✓ CoE documents and tools
- ✓ OTB research

POLICY & ADVOCACY



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PRIORITY II.

EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR DECENT WORK

Programme or Initiative: Erasmus + youth KA2
Applicant: Mladi Plus

Description: "Empowering youth for decent work" was addressing current challenges that young people are facing at the labour market. It was focusing on young unemployed people, youth working in short-term and in unstable conditions and young people who are already employed. Through the partnership established among different organizations addressing these topics, the project offered space and approaches to working with youth with the aim of empowering youth in the transition from education to the labour market. Our main approach was to address the prominent issue of precarious work with correlation to European policies influencing labour market and legislation. Our partners in this project were Mladi Plus (SLO) and UGT-Juventud Spanish National trade union confederation (ES).

Promotion of Inclusive Youth Environments through Social Labs for volunteering




Human rights online & violent radicalisation



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The Hopeful Three:
**ALBANIA, SERBIA,
 MONTENEGRO -**
**Good students in
 EU integration,
 TRUE or FALSE?**

/WHEN?/
 3rd May 2016
 from 9.30 to 13.00

/WHERE?/
 Brussels
 European Parliament
 ASP 1G-3

/WHO?/
 MEP Knut Fleckenstein (S&D)
 MEP Jozo Radoš (ALDE)
 MEP Igor Šoltes (Greens/EFA)
 in cooperation with
 Out of the Box International



Bridge to the EU





**Is perception of migrants
shaping mainstream policies
in Europe?**



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**NEW
FORMS OF EUROPEAN
CITIZENSHIP**

IN

MIGRATION ERA



Exit Hate Campaign

- Established 2016 this campaign encouraged to tape and submit videos of former members of hate groups around Europe, explaining why they left in a personal way.

http://www.hasshilft.de/index_en.html.

NotInMyName

(by the Active Change Foundation)

- Based on a hashtag (#), the campaign was initiated by young British Muslims in order to “show their solidarity against ISIS and their actions.”

<http://isisnotinmyname.com/>

Abdullah X

- Initially an offline initiative that became a hybrid through multiple social media accounts (YouTube, Twitter, Facebook).
- Abdullah X is a cartoon character developed by an ex-supporter of Islamic extremists.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfS8ySlcfPA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuYxchhrtVI>

Belgium, Vilvorde / An integral
promising practice:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=vnS3AmI5-D8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnS3AmI5-D8)

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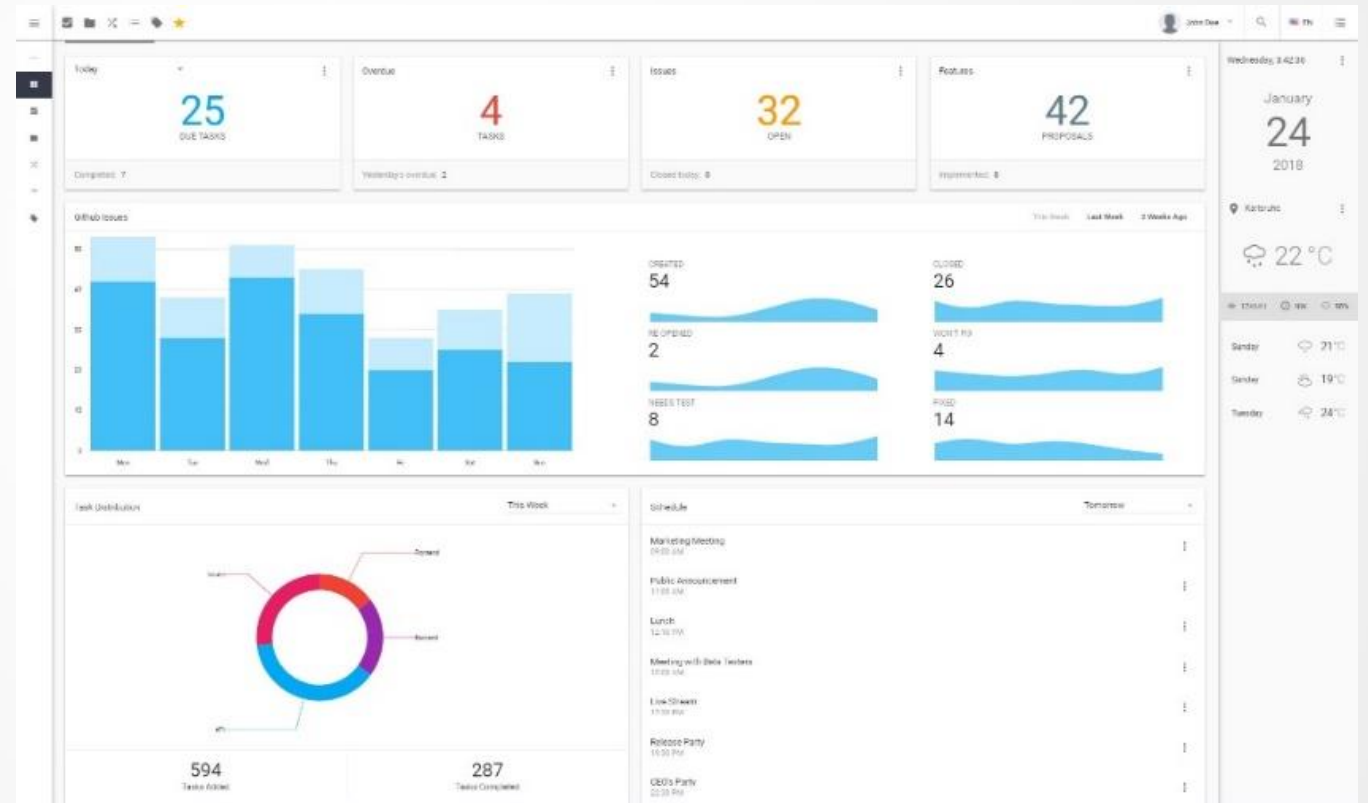
ICT

UKIKS

- ✓ The application is unique educational tool to stimulate positive role models and stimulate learning about hate speech, radicalisation and cyberbullying.
- ✓ It fosters soft-skills such as self-evaluation of leadership skills; feedback on competences from peers; collaborate learning and teamwork; creation of action within class/circles;
- ✓ The application could be used in the classroom or NGO beyond classrooms.

<https://www.uniks.com>

Open governance and citizenship participation



OPEN GOVERNANCE

“Real-time information

- ▶ CO2 emissions for every city block, real-time warnings of potential hazards (fire, explosions), energy trends in the city, problems, infrastructure works and interruptions in power, water, gas or heating supply.

Citizens' Involvements:

- ▶ City policy changes
- ▶ Budget and
- ▶ Citizen initiatives, suggestions or reclamations
- ▶ Virtual meeting and attending city events

RAN collection of approaches and practices–Preventing Radicalization to Terrorism and Violent Extremism

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation_awareness_network/ran-best-practices/docs/creating_counter_violent_extremism_infrastructures_en.pdf



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EDUCATION

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PRIORITY I.

**TRAINING FOR TRAINERS
IN CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION -
GLOBAL RESPONSES
IN PREVENTING RADICALISATION**

Programme or Initiative: Erasmus + youth KA2
Applicant: Out of the Box International



“Youth Alternarration” Combating Radicalization of Young People in Online Spaces



YouTube

0.25 / 3:21

Lend Me Your Ears - أعيروني سمعكم - أبو هريرة

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أبو هريرة

Subscribe 228

301+ views

A screenshot of a YouTube video player. The video shows a man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt, sitting at a wooden table. He is looking directly at the camera with his hands clasped. The video player interface includes a progress bar at 0.25 / 3:21, a play button, volume control, and a settings icon. Below the video, the title 'Lend Me Your Ears - أعيروني سمعكم - أبو هريرة' is displayed, along with a channel name 'أبو هريرة', a 'Subscribe' button with '228' subscribers, and '301+ views'.

FINDING GRASS-ROOT SOLUTIONS FOR REFUGEE CRISIS IN EUROPE

Programme or Initiative: Erasmus +
Applicant: Out of the Box International

Description: The main aim of this project is to increase opportunities for quality partnerships among different stakeholders within the framework of the Erasmus + on the topic of migration and refugees. The programme was designed to provide space for participants to build new partnerships and expand their networks and exchange good practices, innovative methods and approaches in the preparation and implementation of projects. In addition, they explored the possibilities and priorities of the Erasmus + Youth in Action programme and were able to understand better the eligibility and quality criteria of the programme. Additionally, this partnership building activity which took place in Brussels during the first week of June 2016 sought to encourage the development of the basis of the future common Erasmus+ project ideas tackling issues connected to migration and initiate and reinforce future cooperation between youth workers and other relevant stakeholders. The partners Out of the Box International cooperated with on this project are: Streets Festival Association–Macedonia, TOG–Turkey, EuGen–European Generation–Italy, African Society in Croatia (DAH)–Croatia, Realization–Croatia, ECOS–Portugal, ETAIREIA–Greece, Caldera–Norway, JUB–Netherlands, LAB–Poland and Mostar Friedensprojekt e.V.–Germany.



PRIORITY II.

**SOCIAL INCLUSION
THROUGH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



**Social inclusion through
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Programme or Initiative: Erasmus + Adult KA1
Applicant: CID

Description: This project worked to ensure more inclusion of citizens with fewer opportunities by providing (social) entrepreneurship education. The project aimed to develop capacity of educators and leaders who are active and experienced in adult learning programmes, to design and deliver educational programmes, to facilitate inclusion and to initiate employability through the promotion of social entrepreneurship. The partners in the project were: The Centre for Intercultural Dialogue (Macedonia), Wisamar (Germany), Out of the Box International (Belgium). The project website: <http://cid.mk/projects/long-term-project-social-inclusion-through-entrepreneurship>
The project publication can be accessed here: https://issuu.com/cid.macedonia/docs/en_ce_manual_and_curriculum_web

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WELCOMESHIP! BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Programme or Initiative: Erasmus + youth KA2
Applicant: YEPP

Description: The overall goal of the project was to develop, implement and test the "Welcomeship" model" – a model of entrepreneurship learning for young people with fewer opportunities, including young migrants, refugees and local youth. This model is based on non-formal learning methods and collaborative practice. It strengthens the interaction of locals and newcomers, addresses fears and prejudices and fosters community spirit as an overarching goal. Local youth and young migrants developed entrepreneurial ideas which address community issues and build partnerships with stakeholders to bring about positive change in the local communities. This collaboration is intended to lead to openness, tolerance and an atmosphere of togetherness in the community. Ultimately, the "Welcomeship" model aims at becoming a tool for inclusive communities. The project was implemented by the consortium of nine partners from Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Sweden and the UK and coordinated by YEPP EUROPE.

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What type of cooperation within the Baltic region you would like to see in practice?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tm6imYYZ- o>

TEMPLATE

- ✓ Title:
- ✓ Description:
- ✓ Partners:
- ✓ Responsible:
- ✓ Timeframe:

FOLLOW – UP?

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*Thank
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