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ARMOUR updates



On 10th November 2020, our partner FUNDEA organized a focus group on the impact the ARMOUR Experimental Labs.

The purpose of the focus group was to test the methodology of impact assessment designed within Work Package 5 'Evaluation, testing and validation of design'. The latter was elaborated, including quantitative and qualitative methods, to measure and register the Experimental

Labs' results in connection to the expected results and planned objectives, in terms of impact (if the expected objectives have been reached at the level of participants in relation to changing of behaviour and adopting the techniques and instruments in the professional activity) and process (applicability of the Labs' design).

A second – control group, followed and was organized by the University of Malta.

Most of the deliverables under WP5 are confidential. However, all results and findings that are available to the public can be found in the [Toolkit validation's Documents Section](#).

ARMOUR explores opportunities to finalize the implementation of the [Experimental Labs](#). Translations and special online versions of the Labs' materials are envisaged.

The ARMOUR Team also continued their work under [Work Package 4 'Integrating best practices and training'](#) and [Work Package 5 'Evaluation, testing and validation of design'](#) to ensure timely implementation of the project as best as possible.



What can ARMOUR offer in its last six months?

ARMOUR is in its final stages of preparing the training of trainers and closing the feedback loop needed to properly evaluate the project outcomes and the ARMOUR Model designed.

ARMOUR will host its training of trainers online and provide all its core materials in various languages for first-line practitioners to explore and deploy the ARMOUR Model.

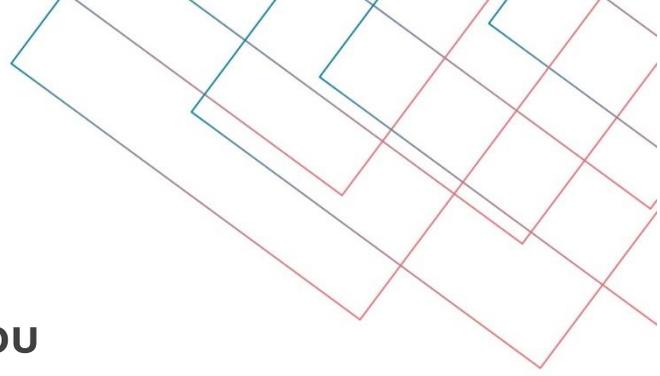
ARMOUR will design and validation a project Toolkit, containing the results of both the Experimental Labs and the train-the-trainers programme.

ARMOUR will initiate a social media campaign promoting alternatives and positive narratives aimed at capacitating both individuals and communities in creating viable solutions, alternative non-violent ways of expressing grievances and effecting positive change within society.

Cheers to a healthy, positive, and successful 2021!



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New practical tools and guides for you

ARMOUR continues building a repository of guidelines, tools, articles, etc. developed by third parties and identified by the ARMOUR Consortium as best practices in the social polarization field for first line practitioners working with children and youth. Some new entries are shown below!

CEE Prevent Net

Central and Eastern European Network for the Prevention of Intolerance and Group Hatred

In 2020, the CEE Prevent Net published [‘10+1 Good Practices in Preventing Intolerance, Discrimination, and Group Hatred in Central and Eastern Europe’](#) as a result of a robust exchange of good practice methods among various organizations and civil society actors in the areas of youth work and (non-formal) education aimed at preventing intolerance, discrimination, and right-wing populism and extremism in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

Ethics and data protection have been found to be a key, yet often missing aspect in P/CVE approaches. In a recent article, our partners from AGENFOR prepared an overview of the [ethical and social implications of CVE policies in Europe](#), considering the experience of national programmes, criticisms, and controversial profiling issues.



The [RAN Plenary that took place in October 2020](#) explored three of the [new trends and developing challenges](#), namely the changing Islamist extremism, the growing violent right-wing problem, and the impact of COVID-19 on the P/CVE environment, particularly the proliferation of conspiracy theories, all of which is giving terrorists and extremists new opportunities to radicalise and recruit.



The EU-funded project [J-SAFE organized its Final Conference](#) to be held remotely via webinars dedicated to the main project's outcomes: [The Benefits of Blended Virtual Reality for Security and Justice Training, 9 December 2020](#), presented the VR prototype developed by the project and discuss the benefits of VR in security.

[New Technological Solutions for Crime Prevention and Investigation in Prison, 16 December 2020](#) debated on the use of technologies within prison in Europe and beyond.

Guidelines for Legal Practitioners Dealing with Radicalisation Cases, 13 January 2021: Public presentation of the handbooks released by the project, including the [‘Harmonized Guidelines for Judges’](#).



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CEAR

The EU-funded project CEAR – Community engagement against radicalisation, produced the [Youth CVE and Campaigning Toolkit](#). It is dedicated to improving the understanding of front-line practitioners, activists and professionals working in the field of youth-facing counter-violent extremism efforts.

Although the use and abuse of not only video games but also gaming adjacent communications platforms and gaming imagery by violent extremists receives high-profile press attention, the nature and extent of this problem remains poorly understood by many frontline practitioners. A [recently published RAN conclusion paper](#) summarised the general challenges and the strategies and narratives used and recommends some practical next steps.



Further information on tools, articles, and events can be found in [our website's News Section](#).

We continue our work to provide you with an innovative framework and tools for addressing societal polarization.

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