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Train-the-trainer
'Preventing Youth
Radicalisation'
Programme &
eLearning Course in the
Making

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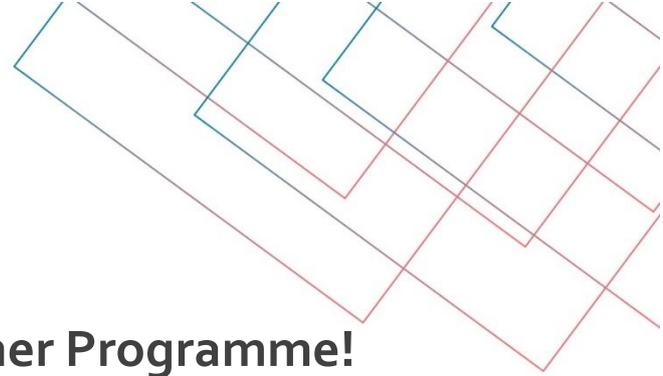
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Towards a successful Train-the-Trainer Programme!



ARMOUR has been working on the development of a Train-the-trainer “Preventing Youth Radicalisation’ Programme under [Work Package 4 ‘Integrating best practices and training’](#), starting with the design of seven workshops, each focusing on a topic which is seen as a possible causal factor in the process of radicalization. The first group of workshops deal with individual skills, like coaching and parenting, critical thinking, and anger management. The 2nd

group focuses on relational skills by looking at narratives and identity, conflict management and debating. The last topic is on proportional state response. All seven workshops have already been partially tested with first-line practitioners in the Experimental Labs conducted across six European Member States (Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Malta, Spain, and Romania).

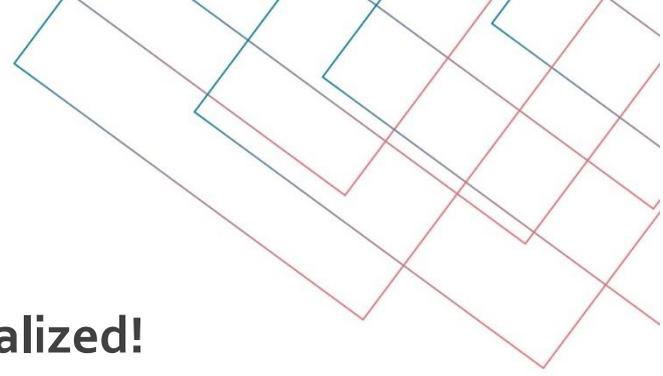
Based on these findings, a three-day Train-the-trainer Course was designed to present the seven workshops. On one hand, it is meant for first-line practitioners to get acquainted with the Train-the-trainer Programme to be able to give the training on their own; on the other hand, it is seen as a way to introduce participants to the seven workshops should they be willing to use the materials in their activities and interventions. However, the Train-the-trainer Programme could also serve as an opportunity to get to know about radicalisation and its causal factors and experience examples of possible exercises to influence these causal factors.

The seven workshops are further described in terms of methodology, timing, objective, input, and output, as well as in-depth explanation of the concepts applied. Some of the exercises are designed to support better understanding of the topics, some - to identify or map the problems, and others - to help in solving these problems. A special Train-the-trainer Manual is in the making and is expected to be published by April 2021. The materials for the workshops will be published in several languages on the www.firstlinepractitioners.com platform and the [ARMOUR website](#).

To complement the Train-the-trainer Course and the accompanying workshops, an e-learning training will be developed and offered via the www.traininghermes.eu platform (expected in June 2021). It will serve to inform first-line practitioners, policymakers, parents, youth, etc., interested to learn more about the topic of radicalisation, on the concept of radicalisation, the action perspective of the first line practitioner, various best practices, and ways to evaluate preventive measures.

ARMOUR efforts are currently dedicated to the conducting of the train-the-trainer activities (January – April 2021). Reports on the conducted activities and evaluation of the results and participants’ feedback will follow by June 2021. *(continue to next page)*





Train-the-trainer activities contextualized!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic measures, prohibiting physical meetings, all six implementing partners from Greece, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Romania, and Spain, have to convert the training into an online course of varying format and duration, tailoring it to the needs and possibilities of their national context. The content of the original Train-the-trainer Course consisted of an introduction; set-up and content of the workshops; an explanation on radicalisation and its possible causal factors; an explanation of the link between radicalisation and each of the seven topics of the workshops; exercises from each of the seven workshops; best practices from third-party sources; and an evaluation.

Center for Security Studies (KEMEA) has decided to divide the training in **Greece** into three online sessions planned over three separate days (expected in March 2021). The first two days will include six of the workshops, while the workshop on proportionate state response will be highlighted during the 3rd session.

Agencfor International Foundation, together with the Italian Ministry of Justice, decided to jointly organize the Train-the-trainer Course in **Italy** as a five-hour online meeting (expected in March 2021). Four of the seven topics are planned to be explored during the meeting, while the materials of all seven workshops will be shared.

The University of Malta is responsible for organising and executing the trainings in **Malta**. To increase flexibility for the participants, the Train-the-trainer Course was offered over three sessions of 3.5 hours each; where the sessions mirrored in the morning and in the afternoon of each day (23-25 February 2021, 09.00-12.30 and 13.30-17.00). Effectively, two parallel courses were carried out over the three days, and this allowed participants to choose the sessions that would best fit into their schedule. A total of 71 practitioners took part.

University of Groningen is responsible for organising and executing the Train-the-trainer Course in **the Netherlands**. Based on the feedback received during the promotion of the TTT, the training is divided in three- and four-hour sessions. Two of them already took place on 25 January and 1 February 2021; three more are expected in March 2021.

In **Romania**, the Train-the-trainer Course was led by “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy. Two separate groups of three two-hour sessions were organized and carried out online (16-18 February and 23-25 February 2021, respectively) with a total of 45 participants.

The **Spanish** execution of the Train-the-trainer Course is organised by the Euro-Arab Foundation (FUNDEA). They opted for conducting a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) hosted on FUNDEA’s website. The MOOC is planned to be introduced by a two-hour webinar in which the set-up of both the ARMOUR project and the MOOC will be explained (expected March 2021). The MOOC itself will consist of ten blocks and is planned for March – April 2021.

Work Package 4 ‘Integrating best practices and training’ Leader will be responsible for reporting the trainings and conduct their evaluation based on the recommendations of Work Package 5 ‘Evaluation, testing and validation of design’.





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26 - 29 April 2021

European Conference on Preventing Polarisation & Violent Radicalisation: How to Strengthen Resilience

We are pleased to inform you that it is the first time that six ISF-P European Commission Funded projects under the same "Radicalisation" line organise a Joint Online Conference.

Within these six projects over 30 different organisations and representatives as well as local and regional authorities are coming together to share their lessons learned, the outcomes of their projects and discuss issues like (violent) Radicalisation, increasing Polarisation in our societies and how different projects approach to strengthen the Resilience of civil society.

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Preventing Polarisation and Violent Radicalisation in Europe Today: **Opportunities, Challenges and What Lies Ahead**

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Wednesday 28 April 2021
10 am - 12 pm CET

Improving Practice: **Workshops on Advances, New Frontiers, Innovations and Tools Addressing Polarisation and Violent Radicalisation**

Thursday 29 April 2021
10 am - 12 pm CET

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