

## “Preventing Violent Extremism and the Securitisation of Migration in Europe” Jean Monnet Network on EU Counter-Terrorism Seminar

7<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 09.00h – 16.00h CEST

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Violent extremism continues to pose a multifaceted threat to the security of European countries. Against the growing diversification, decentralisation and de-territorialisation of this phenomenon, what policies and strategies are being implemented by decision-makers and practitioners? What role does the European Union play to prevent and counter this threat? Finally, what lessons can be drawn from the increasing securitisation of migration when it comes to policy responses to prevent and counter violent extremism? To answer these questions, the Jean Monnet Network on EU Counter-Terrorism (EUCTER) brings together scholars, experts and practitioners from several European countries to discuss the new challenges posed by the ever-evolving violent extremist threat and analyse the strategies implemented to prevent and counter it.

09.00 – 09.15

### Welcome remarks

**Pol Morillas**, Director, CIDOB

**Christian Kaunert**, Coordinator of EUCTER, Dublin City University and University of South Wales

09.15 – 10.45

### Panel 1: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in Europe

*Preventing Violent Extremism in the Balkans: Insights from the H2020 CONNEKT Project*  
**Lurdes Vidal**, Director of the Arab and Islamic Department, European Institute of the Mediterranean

*P/CVE and DRR practices in Belgium – Facts, challenges and considerations on Human Rights*

**Reka Varga**, Junior Research Fellow, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations

*Preventing Violent Extremism: What Role for Religious Actors?*

**Alberto Martín Álvarez**, Distinguished Researcher, Department of Public Law of the University of Girona

*Does gun control legislation affect terrorism? A cross-sectional analysis using the 2018 Small Arms Survey*

**Oldrich Bures**, Professor of International Political Relations and Head of the Center for Security Studies, Metropolitan University Prague, and **Alexander Burilkov**, Researcher Leuphana University of Lüneburg (*online*)

*The independent lone actor: threat and response*

**Uri Ben Yaakov**, Senior Researcher, Reichman University

Moderated by: **Moussa Bourekba**, Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)



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10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.00 **Panel 2: The EU as a Counter Terrorism Global Actor**

*The European Union as a Counter Terrorism Global Actor*

**Christian Kaunert**, Coordinator of EUCTER, Dublin City University and University of South Wales, and **Sarah Leonard**, Professor of International Security & Co-Coordinator of EUCTER, University of the West of England Bristol

*Moderated by:* **Bogdan Stefanachi**, Professor, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași

12.00 – 13.15 **Panel 3: Securitisation of migration**

*Combating Migrant Smuggling by Sea in Spain: Judicial Use of the Information Obtained from the Victims and Frontex*

**David Fernández Rojo**, Assistant Professor, University of Deusto

*The border spectacle: racialised and gendered crisisification of human mobility at EU borders*

**Lorenzo Gabrielli**, Senior Researcher at GRITIM, University Pompeu Fabra

*Disposable lives: the necropolitics of migration and the securitizing localization of prejudice*

**Javier Renteria**, PhD student, Ramón Llull University

*Same Challenge, Different Outcome? The EU's Response to Coercively Engineered Migration*

**Leonie Klüver**, PhD Candidate, Maastricht University

*Moderated by:* **Valeria Bello**, University Blanquerna-URL

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch break

14.15 – 15.30 **Panel 4: Extremism on traditional and social media**

*The Barcelona attacks in Spanish media: A Case Study from H2020 BRIDGES Project*

**Moussa Bourekba**, Researcher, CIDOB

*Conspiracies and Extremism on Social Media*

**David Tuxworth** and **Orpen Bella**, Researchers at the Security, Crime and Intelligence Innovation Institute, Cardiff University

*Online Hate Speech and Extremism: Insights from the European Observatory on Online Hate Speech*

**Olivier Cauberghe**, Coordinator LEAs, Textgain

*Between fragmentation and integration: The role of the UN in the criminalization of cyberterrorism*

**Xing Fan**, PhD Candidate, Maastricht University

*Moderated by:* **Sara Poli**, Professor of European Union Law, University of Pisa

15.30 – 16.00 **Closing remarks**

**Christian Kaunert**, Coordinator of EUCTER, Dublin City University and University of South Wales



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