



NEWSLETTER OF THE OPEN MINDS PROJECT

WELCOME TO THE 1st ISSUE OF THE OPEN MINDS PROJECT NEWSLETTER

The OPEN MINDS project has started and all of us partners are working to achieve the project's objectives and produce the best possible outcome. The project started on 01/02/2021.

The partners:

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- INNOVATION HIVE, Ελλάδα
- PROJECTS FOR EUROPE PFE, Βέλγιο
- "Horizont ProConsult" EOOD, Βουλγαρία
- FRAMEWORK associazione culturale, Ιταλία
- Mednarodni institut za implementacijo trajnostnega razvoja, Maribor, Σλοβενία
- STANDO LTD, Κύπρος



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OBJECTIVES OF THE OPEN MINDS

- To explore the socio-economic drivers of radical religious and political ideologies that are prone to incite or provoke violence.
- To also analyze exit and disengagement strategies from radical environments and will present complementary insights into non-radicalizing identity.
- Conduct extensive field research and translate the research findings into two intervention scenarios (games and training) that will directly enable young people to take an active role in an inclusive Europe

WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR

- **1st deliverable: Collection and analysis of electronic and physical data on social exclusion and radicalisation**

Within IO1 we investigated the polarized/radicalized emotions of twitter users and studied how socio-economics influences the psychological and social mechanisms of polarization and radicalization of young people living in urban areas of the project countries.



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Analyses were carried out (at sub-division/neighborhood level) on the links between different aspects of social exclusion in urban areas (such as income deprivation, employment deprivation, education, skills and training deprivation, health deprivation, criminal barriers to housing and deprivation of services and living environment), polarization and radicalization to discover as many relevant socio-economic factors as possible.

Experimental surveys for each type of radicalized ideology (Islamist, right-wing, left-wing, and ethno-democratic) were also conducted to gain additional insight into the causal mechanisms behind these relationships.

In addition, we focused on collecting and analysing online and physical data on social exclusion and radicalisation across age and gender groups. Social exclusion has complex and multidimensional causes and consequences, creating deep and long-lasting problems for individual families, the economy and society as a whole.

The overall results from all the above activities have been brought together to form a synthesis report on social exclusion and radicalisation. The report will be available on the project website and will also be on the online platform for free download in the national languages of all partners in order to maximise its impact.



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WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON NOW?

The second deliverable of the project, on which the partners are now working, is the Collection and analysis of methods of de-radicalisation through Social Inclusion.

IO2 focuses on the collection and analysis of de-radicalisation methods and exit strategies across all ages and genders in order to promote the social inclusion of young people.

More on the implementation of the second deliverable will be detailed in the next issue.

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