



# CHAMPIONS

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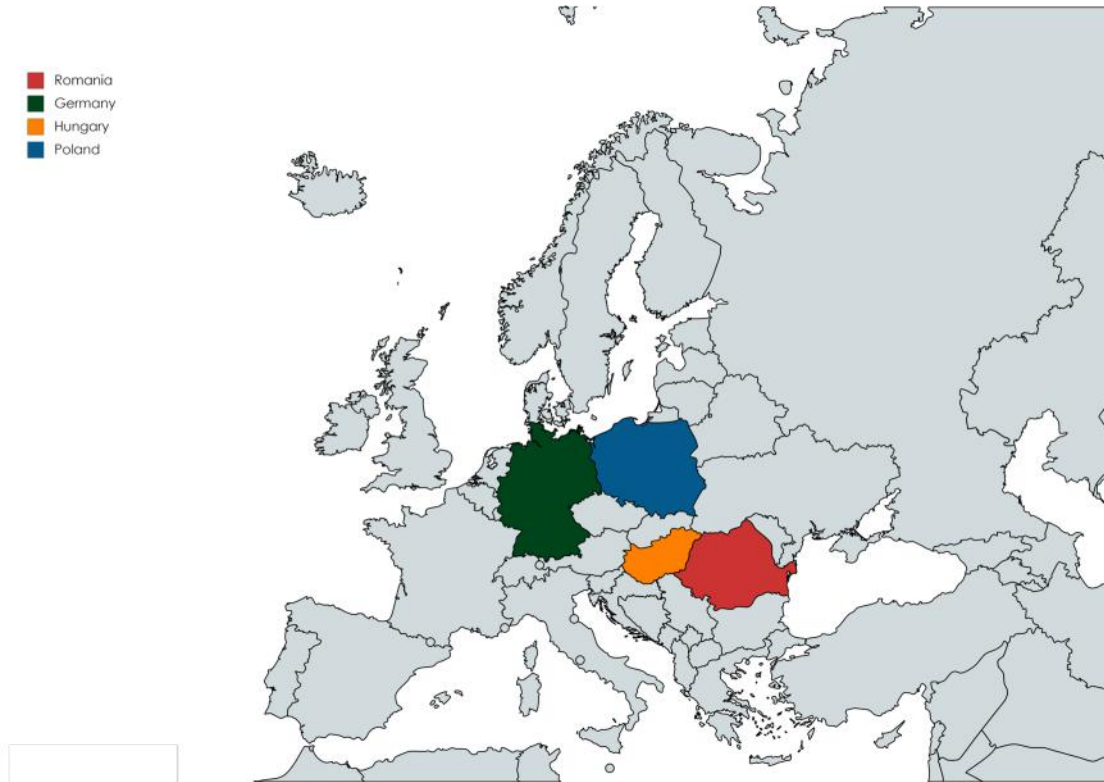
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# Project CHAMPIONS Overview



The core of CHAMPIONS is to break down silos and support the establishment of multi-agency firstline practitioner (FLP) cooperation models in selected cities in Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Romania: the **CHAMPIONS Roundtables**.

The offline approach is **complemented and supported by a centrally developed platform tool and service package:** [firstlinepractitioners.com](https://www.firstlinepractitioners.com)

# Main Goals of the CHAMPIONS Project



CHAMPIONS' central action is to **establish permanent offline working groups** – 'CHAMPIONS Roundtables' – bringing together first-line practitioners (FLPs) from different disciplines, professions, institutions and agencies, to jointly develop effective detection and response solutions to counter polarization, build resilience, and protect vulnerable groups in their local communities. This is supported by the CHAMPIONS online platform elements, below:



Alert



Arena



Training Yard

# CHAMPIONS Project Target Group

**Firstline practitioners** (FLPs) such as teachers, social workers, youth workers, (mental) health care workers, and community police officers are key players in addressing issues of discrimination and prejudice, as well as in early prevention of polarization, radicalization, and violent extremism.

The participation of **non-traditional FLPs** is also valued, including religious and community leaders, parents, and minority and migrant community representatives.







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# The Role of Practitioners in CHAMPIONS



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# CHAMPIONS Project Results, I of II

- ❑ **Theoretical framework** on polarization and radicalization under the umbrella of **Group-focused Enmity** & Joint Needs Assessment, Lessons Harvesting & Ex-Ante Evaluation
  - ❑ forthcoming, in a journal special issue on CHAMPIONS in „Zeitschrift für Demokratie gegen Menschenfeindlichkeit“ für Wissenschaft und Praxis
- ❑ **CHAMPIONS Roundtables as a collaboration model**
  - ❑ Practical manual on organizing CHAMPIONS roundtables to tackle polarization in a community (forthcoming in summer 2020, in EN, HU, DE, PL, RO)
  - ❑ Public report on the pilot in Romania, Poland, Hungary, and Germany (Forthcoming in spring 2021 in EN)



# CHAMPIONS Project Results, II of II

- ❑ CHAMPIONS **'Alert' and 'Arena'** online reporting tool and collaboration platform (forthcoming, on [firstlinepractioners.com](https://firstlinepractioners.com) – for the moment piloted for project participants)
- ❑ CHAMPIONS **Training Yard Materials in EN, RO, HU, DE, PL**
  - ❑ 5 x Simulation Case Studies
  - ❑ 5 x Developed Practitioner Handbooks, Guidebooks and Toolkits
  - ❑ 5 x 'Training Yard' Video Tutorials
  - ❑ 5 x 'Training Yard' exercises to accompany videos
  - ❑ 200+ Further Learning Resources
- ❑ Innovative **Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Implementation** (MELI) Framework (public report forthcoming, in spring 2021)



# Key take-away messages and overall recommendations

- ❑ **Community engagement** in finding solutions and involvement in the political decision-making process is fundamental, see the [Meet the CHAMPIONS!](#) and [CHAMPIONS Policy Recommendations \(2019\)](#) documents
- ❑ **Language and framing as critical issues**
- ❑ **Empowered firstline practitioners** who are aware of their role in combatting polarization and radicalization
- ❑ For the CHAMPIONS Roundtables: **Trust-building** and theory and materials **adapted to the needs of the practitioners** as fundamental







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