

# RADPOI 2020: What research offer to practitioners in the field of preventing radicalisation

Developing skills and opportunities for innovative, ethical and effective actions against violent extremism



Background, approach and objectives

# MINDB4ACT IN A NUTSHELL



## OUR BACKGROUND

- Duration: September 2017 – August 2020
- Coordinator: Elcano Royal Institute ([www.realinstitutoelcano.org](http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org))
- 17 Participating Organisations
- 9 Countries involved
- Programme: “H2020-SEC-06-FCT-2016: Developing a comprehensive approach to violent radicalization in the EU from early understanding to improving protection”.
- Reference: 740543



# OUR APPROACH



## MIND THE PROBLEM

How policy-makers, law enforcement agencies and first line practitioners are framing the problem?



## MIND THE STRATEGY

Which are the regulations and concerns behind the concrete (policy) measures?



## MIND THE PRACTICES

How to improve current practices and design effective interventions?



## MIND THE CAPACITIES

How to address the knowledge gaps?

## OUR MAIN GOALS

- Identify and assess first line practitioners needs, carrying out 15 small-scale interventions (pilot projects);
- Analyse and use technology-based solutions (i.e.Virtual Reality) to improve prevention and counter practices;
- Develop training and capacity building activities, based on the project's empirical evidences for end-users;
- Build an International community of professionals in the field of P/CVE, connected through the project's platform;
- Improve our understanding of the process of radicalisation and the drivers that lead to violent extremism in four different contexts (prisons, schools, local level and the Internet), which resulted in a set of publications.

# PROJECT'S RESULTS

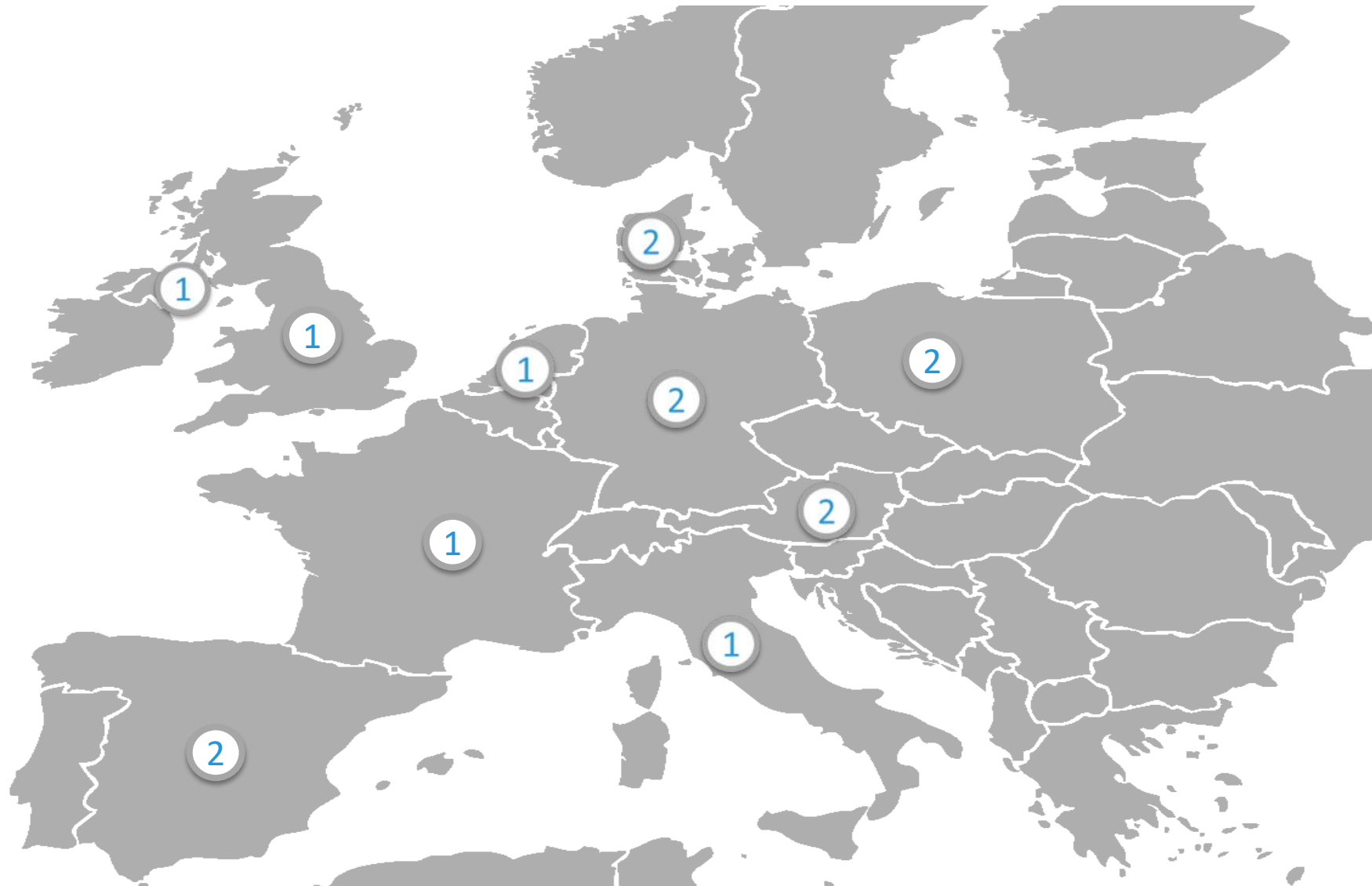
As a result of this action, policy-makers and law enforcement agencies are gaining benefit from:

- 1 Training Catalogue for Law Enforcement Agencies and first-line practitioners in the field of prevention of violent extremism;
- 4 virtual scenarios that improve professionals's awareness, prevention and detectiong activities
- 7 Datasets to systematise the available knowledge and expertise to support decision-making
- 15 field-validated and replicable P/CVE interventions at local level
- A platform to connect P/CVE professionals through one network
- Contributions to the evaluation of P/CVE practices
- A full set of policy recommendations

Presentation of 5/15 pilot projects

# PROJECT'S BEST PRACTICES







# PICKED PROJECTS

1. Polish Platform for Homeland Security: Awareness Trainings (October 2019) in Poland.
2. Regional Police Headquarters in Poznan: Assessment of pro-social feelings in schools (July – December 2019) in Poland.
3. Centre of Excellence in Terrorism, Resilience, Intelligence and Organised Crime Research: Virtual Scenario about Critical Thinking Awareness for Fake News/ Hate Speech Content Online (September - April 2019) in England.
4. Police Service of Northern Ireland: Virtual Scenario concerning Loyalist and Republican Radicalisation Over Time (September – April 2019) in Northern Ireland.
5. SYNNO GmbH: A Virtual scenario about Islamist material and signs of an extremist household (September – April 2019) in Germany.

# PPHS: RADICAL AWARENESS TRAINING

- Context: Local Initiatives
- Typo: 2 training courses carried out on 9, 10 of October 2019 in Poznan, Poland
- Target audience: (23) representatives of local institutions & (18) school professionals
- Format: tailored training carried out through an interactive form and participatory approach (working groups and use of case studies) by two teachers
- Form of radicalisation targeted: mainly right-wing extremism



# PILOT RESULTS

- The main idea was to increase competences of representatives of local institutions and school staff in understanding what the process of radicalisation is, what are the types/forms of radicalisation, how to recognize warning signs, how to act/early prevent it etc.
- **Training materials available in English and Polish:**
  - 1) Two presentations (for school staff and local actors); hate speech – legal aspects
  - 2) Handbook
  - 3) Leaflet: “Have you noticed changes in someone behaviour?”
  - 4) Leaflet: “Factors leading to violent radicalisation”
  - 5) Leaflet: “Behaviour Barometer”
  - 6) Lesson Syllabus (only for school staff)
- Sustainability plan done



Polish Platform for Homeland Security (PPHS) @PolishPlatt... · Sep 9  
What do we know about radicalization? What do we want to find out? 1st Pilot Training on preventing radicalization for local institutions from Poznan has just started as a part of @MINDb4ACT project. Together with Marshal's Office of the Wielkopolska Region and @PolicjaWlkp #h2020



Polish Platform for Homeland Security (PPHS) @PolishPlatt... · Sep 9  
At today's training on preventing radicalization for local actors we also use educational materials of the Canadian institution @info\_radical translated into Polish - we thank the Centre for the Prevention of radicalization leading to violence! #mindb4act #h2020 #radicalization



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Case study - working in groups during a pilot raising awareness training on radicalization under the @MINDb4ACT #h2020 #mindb4act #PPHS



# POZNAN: GROUP BOND AND RADICALISATION

- Context: Schools
- Typo: on the ground assessment of police classes in Poznan, Poland
- Target audience: students over 18 years old & school professionals
- Format: 1 quantitative survey and 1 qualitative survey
- Form of radicalisation targeted: all



**POLICJA**

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Policji w Poznaniu

# PROJECT'S RESULTS

## Results of quantitative examination (police class to non-police class)

- Higher expectations to the functioning of a class as a well-organized group;
- Lower level of insensitivity to the need to help another person;
- Higher level of cooperation in other than school activities;

## Results of qualitative examination (results concerning police class students)

- More disciplined; aware, highly inquisitive;
- More involved in pro-social actions, voluntary service;
- Lower level of negative grades;

## Conclusions:

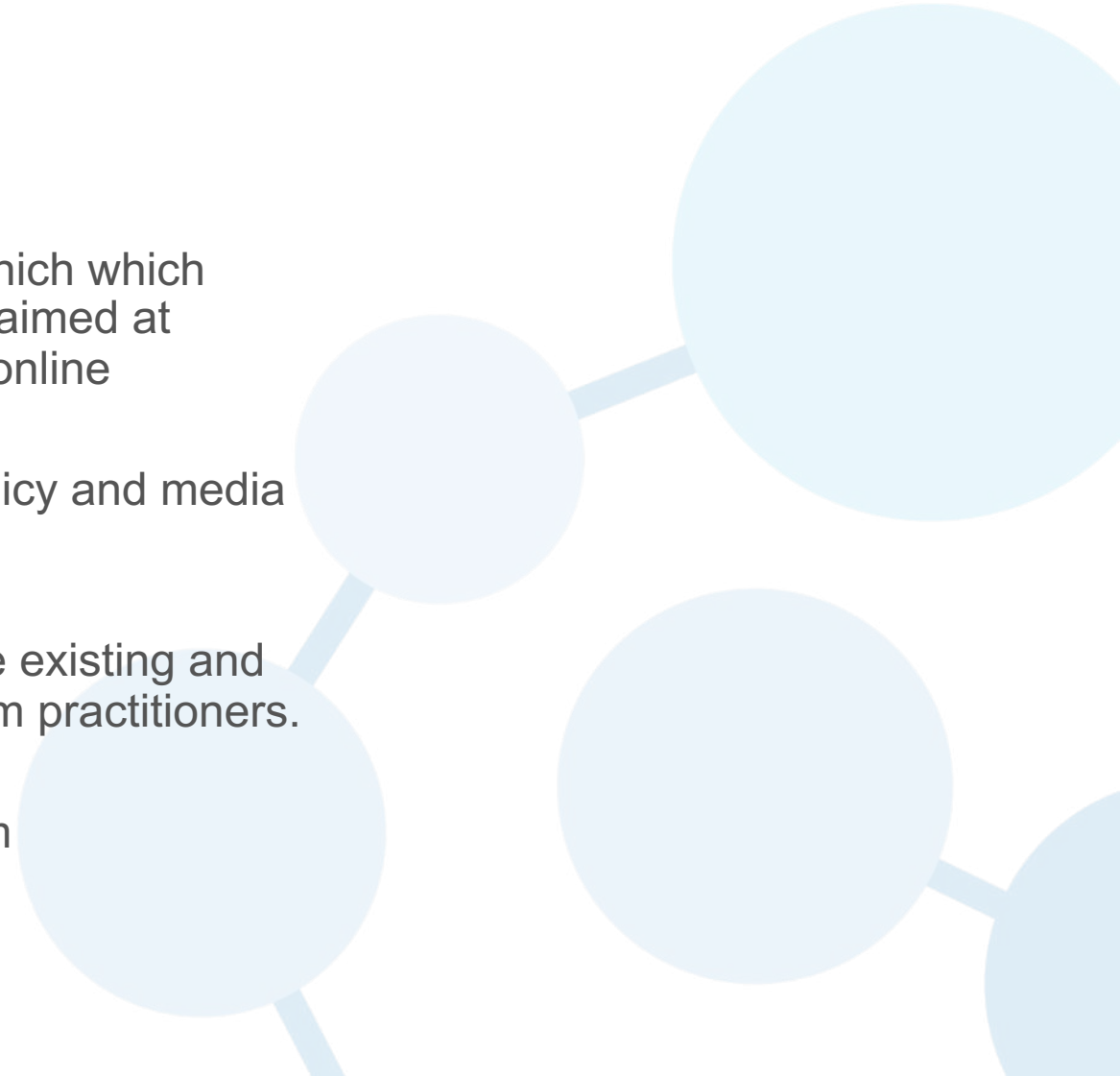
- Stronger social bonds lower the risk of expression and acceptance of radical attitudes;
- Low level of financial engagement with the active approach of professionals realizing the program objectives influences the effectiveness of creating the pro-social attitudes among students of police classes.

# DEVELOPING SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND EFFECTIVE POLICIES AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM

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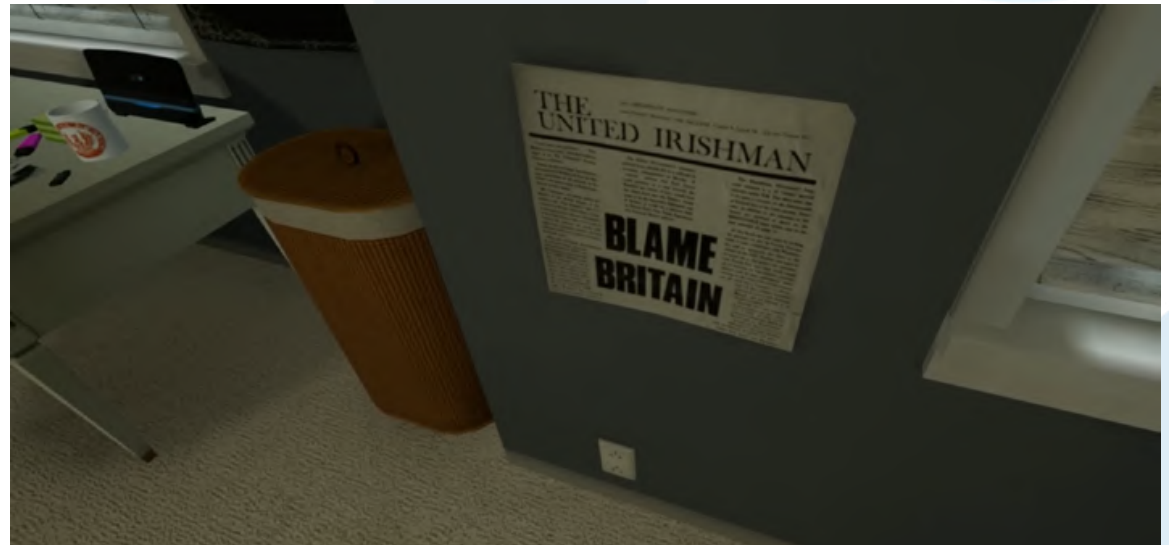
## CENTRIC, SYNYO, PSNI: VIRTUAL SCENARIOS TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM

- Context: The Internet and media
- Typo: 3 interventions in Belfast, Sheffield and Munich which gave origin to three virtual reality scenarios each aimed at countering a different extremism-based challenge online
- Target audience: LEAs, public sector workers, policy and media professionals
- Format: 3 Living Labs aimed at understanding the existing and emerging challenges for counter-violent extremism practitioners.
- Form of extremism targeted: nationalism, jihadism



# PSNI PILOT RESULTS

- **Scenario 1:** Understanding the different levels of the radicalisation process.
- **Aim:** To educate and raise awareness of the contemporary challenges around recognising the indoctrination process.
- **Objective:** Explore a bedroom and identify indicators of the indoctrination process from a Loyalist or Republican perspective.

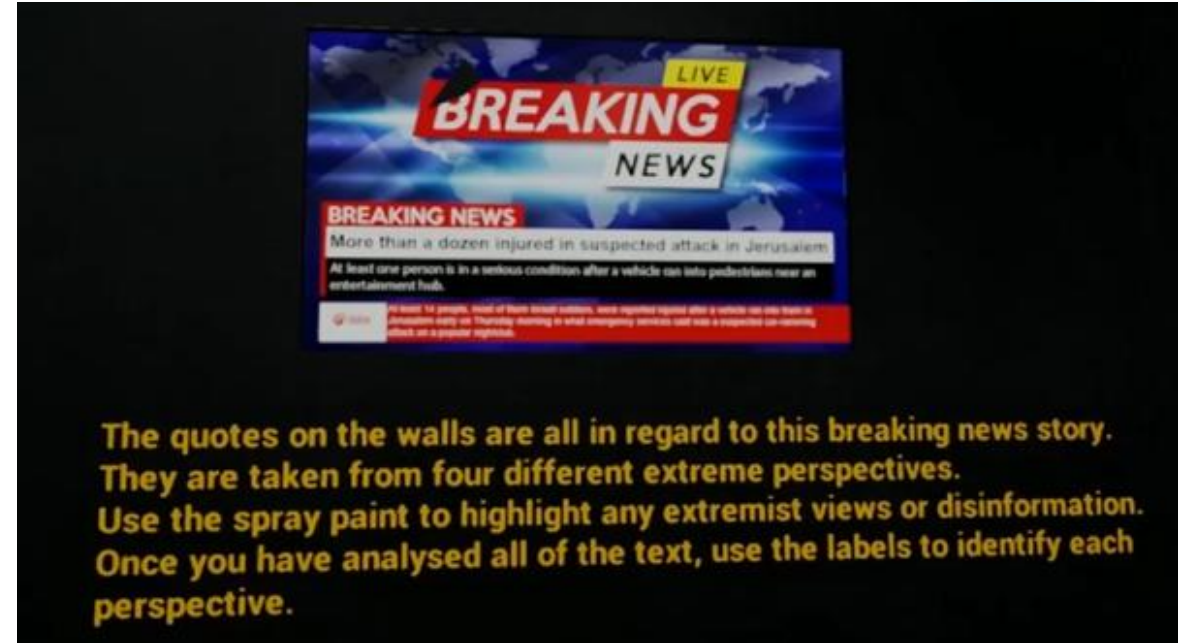


# CENTRIC PILOT RESULTS

## Scenario 2: Identifying Misinformation Online.

**Aim:** To educate young people around the underlying motives of the creation and spread of misinformation.

**Objective:** Identify misinformation from 4 extremist interpretations of the same news articles: Islamist, Extreme Zionist, Far Right and Left-Wing.





## SYNYO PILOT's RESULT

**Scenario 3:** Recognising the signs of Jihadi Salafi radicalisation.

**Aim:** To train police officers to better recognise and identify indicators of Jihadi Salafi radicalisation.

**Objective:** Search a young persons apartment to find subtle indicators linked to the Jihadi Salafi radicalisation process.





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