

New EU Knowledge Hub on Prevention of Radicalisation



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News

On 17 June 2024, the European Commission launched a significant new initiative aimed at preventing radicalisation: the [EU Knowledge Hub on Prevention of Radicalisation](#). The creation of the EU Knowledge Hub was first outlined in the EU Counter-Terrorism Agenda 2020. Building on the achievements of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN), the Knowledge Hub is designed to support a wide range of stakeholders, including policy-makers, practitioners, and researchers, by providing a collaborative platform for working together at the EU level.

The launch event was opened by the European Commissioner for Home Affairs, *Ylva Johansson*, and the Belgian Minister of the Interior, Institutional Reform, and Democratic Renewal, *Annelies Verlinden*. Several critical topics were discussed:

- The challenge of addressing lone actors dealing with mental health issues, emphasizing the need for a multi-stakeholder approach;
- The effect of geopolitical conflicts, such as Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the ongoing situation in the Middle East, on European societies;
- The radicalisation of minors, with a particular focus on the ways in which extremist groups exploit vulnerable youth, and the crucial role of families and schools in fostering a sense of belonging and inclusion.

The EU Knowledge Hub will engage in a range of activities that extend beyond mere awareness-raising. These activities include:

- Organising thematic panels for experts to collaborate on priority topics;
- Facilitating project-based collaborations led by Member States;
- Hosting workshops, study visits, and tailored support services;
- Offering training, mentoring, and job shadowing opportunities;
- Conducting research and foresight analysis.

The Knowledge Hub will facilitate EU cooperation in preventing radicalisation, thereby providing support to Member States and priority third countries in addressing this challenge.

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