



High-Level Ministerial Conference Criminal justice response to radicalisation

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AGENDA

Prisons are often referred to as a breeding ground for radicalisation leading to acts of terrorism. The European Agenda on Security presented on 28 April 2015 and the Council Conclusions on the Renewed European Union Internal Security Strategy 2015-2020 adopted on 16 June 2015 prioritises the prevention of radicalisation in prisons, and the development of effective disengagement/de-radicalisation programmes.

This High-Level Conference, organised jointly by the European Commission and the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union, with the support of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, aims at allowing policy-makers, legal practitioners and experts to exchange views on effective interventions, management and sentencing practices to avoid the spread of radicalised ideas, inside and outside prisons in the European Union, which could lead to acts of terrorism.

The expected outcome of the Conference is a contribution to finding responses in the criminal justice sector on how to deal with this sensitive and complex problem. The conclusions of the Conference will be presented at the December Justice and Home Affairs Council.

09.30

Registration and coffee

High-Level Plenary Morning Session – Presence of Ministers of Justice

Setting the scene: Root causes, extent of the problem of radicalisation, and challenges for policy makers; importance of dialogue and exchange of best practices among Member States; link to the European Agenda on Security and the work of the Radicalisation Awareness Network.

10.15

1) Welcome and Introduction

Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

10.30

Felix Braz, Minister of Justice of Luxembourg, Presidency of the Council of the EU

10.45

Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs

11.00

Christiane Taubira, Minister of Justice of France

11.15

Koen Geens, Minister of Justice of Belgium

11.30

2) Panel Discussion among Ministers of Justice with the participation of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator and the President of Eurojust

12.30

Ministerial Working Lunch hosted by Commissioner Jourová

Buffet Lunch for conference participants at the Conference venue

14.30 – 16.15

3) Afternoon Session - Two Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1:

Preventing radicalisation to violent extremism – Special focus on prisons

This Workshop deals with identification and risk assessment of radicalised/extremist prisoners, the prevention of recruitment in prisons and regime choices (e.g. isolation, dispersion, combinations), risks of radicalisation linked to detention conditions, the experience from de-radicalisation programmes in prisons and the role of religious counselling.

Chair:

Vincent Theis, Director of Luxembourg Penitentiary Centre (TBC)

Rapporteur:

TBC

Scene setter – key issues

Andrew Silke, Head of Criminology/Director Terrorism Studies, University of East London

First Panel:
prisoners?

How can our prisons deal with radicalised/extremist

(Speakers to be confirmed)

Second Panel:

Experience from de-radicalisation programmes in prisons and the role of religious counselling

(Speakers to be confirmed)

Workshop 2:

The role and challenges for criminal justice practitioners when dealing with radicalised violent extremists

This Workshop deals with the consequences of increased criminalisation of terrorist offences related to foreign fighters and increasing numbers of returnees, the use of rehabilitation programmes in criminal proceedings as alternatives to detention both in pre-trial and trial stage and post-release rehabilitation, how to distinguish between different types of terrorist offenders, the involvement of victims, the balancing of public protection with integration..

Chair:
Rapporteur:

Michèle Coninsx, President of Eurojust
TBC

Scene setter – key issues

Gilles de Kerchove, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

First Panel:

The role of the judiciary in disengagement, rehabilitation and de-radicalisation - Discussion among judges and prosecutors

(Speakers to be confirmed)

Second Panel:

How to develop rehabilitation programmes to be used in criminal proceedings?

(Speakers to be confirmed)

16.15

Coffee break

17.00

Inspiring Practices – Reports from the Workshops and discussion

17.45

Conclusions and Follow-up

Presidency of the European Union

18.00

Closing remarks

European Commission

