

Speakers of the 19th March 2019 conference “Early Detection of Radicalization and Networking“



Ghaffar Hussain

Community Resilience Manager
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Ghaffar Hussain works as the Community Resilience Manager at the London Borough of Newham, where he oversees the implementation of the prevent strategy. His role includes delivering radicalisation awareness training to frontline workers, disrupting extremist activity and processing individual referrals.

His work also involves commissioning Counter-Extremism projects in the local community that target vulnerable groups. He has contributed to and authored numerous reports on extremism and radicalisation based themes. He also has BA (HONS) in Psychology from Glyndwr University and a Masters in Politics from the University of Sheffield.



Jean-Pierre Devos

Head Intelligence Unit
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First Commissioner Devos has more than 30 years of police experience. Since February 2017, he is the head of the Intelligence unit at the Headquarters of the Federal Police of Belgium. This unit focuses on gathering “non-judicial” information from open sources and performs analyses for large events such as the NATO Summit 2018 and the visit of POTUS in 2017.

From 2014 to February 2017 he was the Commander of the Daly Police unit at Brussels National Airport. This unit of 120 police officers is in charge of standard police interventions (f.e. traffic issues, criminal investigation, public order and arrival of VIPs). On the day of the Brussels Airport attack, First Commissioner Devos was already at the police station and responded directly to the attack. He had to testify before the parliamentary investigation commission in May 2016.

From 2010 to 2015 First Commissioner Devos was the project leader of the European Union-funded project COPPRA (=Community policing and prevention of radicalisation). This project was the result of the cooperation of 11 EU Member States. This project rests on the assumption that first line police officers have an important role to play in preventing radicalisation because they work on the streets, understand their local communities and tend to have good community skills. This means they are well placed to spot the signs of radicalisation in an early stage and work in partnerships with local communities or to tackle it. In addition, First Commissioner Devos was the co-chair of the European Radicalisation Awareness Network for Police Officers (RAN-POL) for five years.

Previously, he served as a superintendent for the Belgian Ministry of Interior where he advised the Minister, other senior officials and local police commanders. As Director of Operations for the local city police of Vilvoorde, he oversaw the police intervention teams and the criminal investigations division.

First Commissioner Devos holds a Masters Degree in Criminology and a Masters Degree in Public Management. He is also an FBI National Academy Graduate of 2014 – Session 257.

About the presentation

First Commissioner Devos was a police commander on duty when the two coordinated suicide bombings occurred at Brussels National Airport on March 2016. During his presentation, he will share a firsthand account of the horrific incident and its aftermath – how he worked with his team to contain the situation, how the third device was identified and destroyed and the painful lessons learned.



Paul van Soomeren

DSP-Groep
Founder

In 1984 Bram van Dijk and Paul van Soomeren founded DSP-groep (www.DSP-groep.eu). Customer-oriented and critical, creative and analytical, pragmatic and building on solid research. A financially healthy, independent and sustainable business. Today, DSP-groep is still going strong. Something Paul can be proud of.

Paul van Soomeren loves sound analysis, proper evaluation and beautiful, clear texts that encourage reflection. Simple grass root local approaches together with all local stakeholders.

Paul is sometimes provoking, exaggerating, often confronting but always with the intention to find consensus, reach common goals, get results. That's what he likes to do, in the Netherlands and abroad.

Paul's areas of expertise include urban planning and design, crime prevention, safety/security including counter-terrorism, extremism and radicalisation, education and social management. As director of the board of the International CPTED Association (crime prevention through environmental design) and the European Designing Out Crime Association (<http://www.e-doca.eu/>), and a member of the international COST action Management Committee he gets to travel all over the world to lecture and train on these subjects.



Rob Out

National Police of the Netherlands
Project leader Counter Terrorism Extremism and Radicalisation
(CTER)

Rob Out started his career in 1979 as a frontline police officer and has been promoted through the ranks of the National police of the Netherlands to the rank of Police Commissioner. He

started working in the patrol/response unit and later became a community policing officer. He has worked as a detective and also as an intelligence officer. Following his graduation from the Police Bachelor programme in 1994 Rob worked in numerous police management positions, policy advisor roles, and as a programme manager.

After obtaining his master's degree in Police Management in 2009 he started working as senior policy advisor in international police cooperation with a focus on Europe. He is national expert in Schengen evaluations and expert-trainer on community policing and the prevention of radicalisation and terrorism.

From 2011 to 2013 he was seconded to the Community Policing Preventing Radicalisation (CoPPRa) project in Brussels. This was funded by the European Commission.

He is co-founder and member of RAN POL, one of the working groups within the Radicalisation Awareness Network of the EU. He is also a trainer, expert and advisor for the OSCE on countering violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism (VERLT). Rob is an expert-trainer for the RAN Centre of Excellence and for the UNODC. Furthermore, he is evaluator for the Research Executive Agency (REA) of the European Commission and member of the expert pool of CEPOL, the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training.

Rob's main job is currently project leader for counter terrorism, extremism and radicalisation (CTER) at the National Police of the Netherlands. His responsibilities span locally, nationally and internationally.

He has been a keynote speaker and guest lecturer covering topics such as early detection and prevention of radicalisation, challenges of community policing and multi-agency cooperation, and national and European approaches to countering radicalisation.



Matti Airaksinen

Chief inspector
National Police Board
Finland

Matti Airaksinen works in the Finnish National Police Board. He is a project manager of the ISF- project to develop the Finnish working model called "Anchor".

Airaksinen has 16 years of police experience. On his recent positions, he has worked as the head of the criminal investigations unit/ investigation leader of criminal investigations in the Southwestern Finland Police Department.

Airaksinen has graduated from the police school of Finland in 2003. He has finished Police Commanding Officers course (Bachelor's degree) in 2014. In the year of 2018 he graduated from the University of Tampere (Master of Administrative Sciences).

About the presentation:

Airaksinen will present the view of Finnish approach about preventing violent radicalisation and extremism and will discuss more closely about the work of Anchor. The Anchor is a Finnish working model aiming to increase adolescent well-being by intervening at an early stage in order to prevent criminal behavior, violent radicalisation and extremism. It offers comprehensive support for adolescents and their families through multi-agency collaboration.



Raivo Küt

Deputy Secretary General for Internal Security, Migration and Public Order

The Ministry of the Interior of Estonia

Raivo Küt entered the police force in 1990 and has graduated the Tallinn University of Technology's Master's Degree Program in Administrative Management. He has been the Director General of the Police and afterwards Police and Border Guard Board. At the moment he is the Deputy Secretary General for Internal Security, Migration and Public Order. He is responsible for internal security, legal and illegal migration, international protection, border management, criminal and law enforcement, religious affairs, civil society and identity management policies.

Raivo Küt is a member of working groups of the Council of the European Union on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) and the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Borders and Asylum (SCIFA).

Leads nationally the Council of the Estonian Forensic Science Institute (EKEI), and he is also a member of the e-residency council and council of civic society endowment (NFCS).

In addition, he is a visiting lecturer at the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences.



Pärtel Preinvalts

Expert in cultural-religious risk behavior

Estonian Police and Border Guard Board

Pärtel Preinvalts has been working in the field of internal security since 2003. Over the years he has dealt with the foreign risk-takers, and this topic has become extremely close to him. He considers himself a practitioner - having worked for 13 years in various positions, including in Estonia at that time in the first expulsion center (later detention center for foreigners), his experience in dealing with risk-averse people

of origin is very long. Upon completion of his service as the head of the detention center in 2016, he proceeded to become a liason officer in Turkey.

After 2 years of service in Turkey, Pärtel Preinvalts returned to the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board to develop the field of cultural-religious risk behavior. In 2010 – 2011 he served in Afganistan, at the NATO training mission, with the task of teaching Afgan colleagues. He has served with the Estonian Defense league for the past 18 years.



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