



# Estonia: Tools for radicalisation prevention and multi agency

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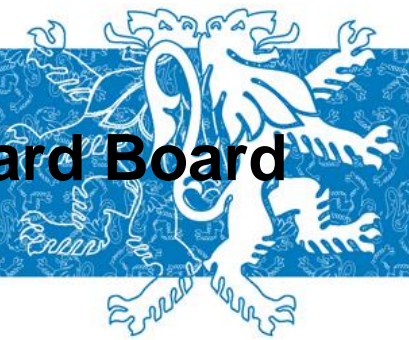


# What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation is a process whereby an individual adopts extremist ideas and becomes an extremist.

Freedom of expression— aggressive (violent) self-expression-acts

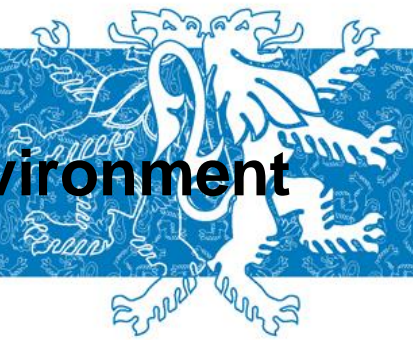
# The view of Estonian Police and Border Guard Board



- Radicalisation as any other **risk behaviour**– fuel and outputs are somewhere else
- New challenge for Estonian Police
- We can **prevent** if we are able to **notice the changes** – opened eyes „2.0“
- We can notice if we are able to see– challenges within training
- Fast, useful and trustful information sharing with all the partners!



# Challenges in training in a dynamic environment



- Prevention is based on information describing a problematic behaviour
- Knowledge we have today is gathered for the prevention and continuous training for our police officers – tomorrow we have to gather new knowledge!
- Prevention can't be an effort of just one institution – it is a socio-economic problem fuelled by media and triggered by a catalyst event (personal experiences etc)
- Solutions must be smart and involve all the specialists
- Police officer is a helper not necessarily a punisher

# Process of radicalisation



- People who feel dissatisfied (unhappy?) in the society
- Seeking for justice
- Disappointment
- Discovering and accepting the radical mindset
- Search for like-minded people (e.g via internet)
- Ideological and radical mindset is deepening
- Becoming a member of a radical group
- Further radicalisation
- Unlawful act

# Roles in multi agency cooperation



- Old Network, new knowledge!
- Common (old) problems might have new meaning
- Think outside of the box and share information with partners
- Don't be afraid to ask!
- Your question might be one piece from the big puzzle!
- Resolve wisely the bottlenecks regarding information sharing
- Should a police officer lead the Network?





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION!**

*Go as far as you can...and then look again!*



# Early detection of radicalisation in the community policing

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# Community oriented approach



- Community oriented approach is all about setting long term goals and solutions;
- It focuses on the interests of the community and prevention
- The aim is to establish and maintain a trustworthy contact with all the community members by using different forms of a police work



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# ***Zero-to-Hero* concept**

# Concept:



**A person who feels no particular role in the society and is no member of any group.**

**Who, due to the unknown circumstances feels unsatisfied and is constantly facing the challenges and difficulties of every day life.**

**Feeling that at the same time an extreme ideology is an appropriate solution to his/her problems and concerns, to get respect from the group of like-minded people, even when the person is faced by hatred or condemnation by the rest of the society.**



# ZERO



- **Low income**
- **Low social skills; abuse, bullying**
- **Integration/adaption challenges**
- **Personal loss**
- **Lack of sense of belonging**
- **Sadness and disappointment**
- **Problems in a fellowship, in groups**
- **Use of addictive substances**
- **Feeling of injustice**
- **Low self-esteem**

# HERO



- **High self-esteem**
- **Being appreciated in the group/community.**
- **Fame**
- **The one, who decides**
- **Respect**
- **Higher or cognitively higher mental state – feeded by emotions and ideologies**
- **Role model**
- **The one who knows and can**
- **Lots of fans and supporters**

# Process: From 0 to Hero

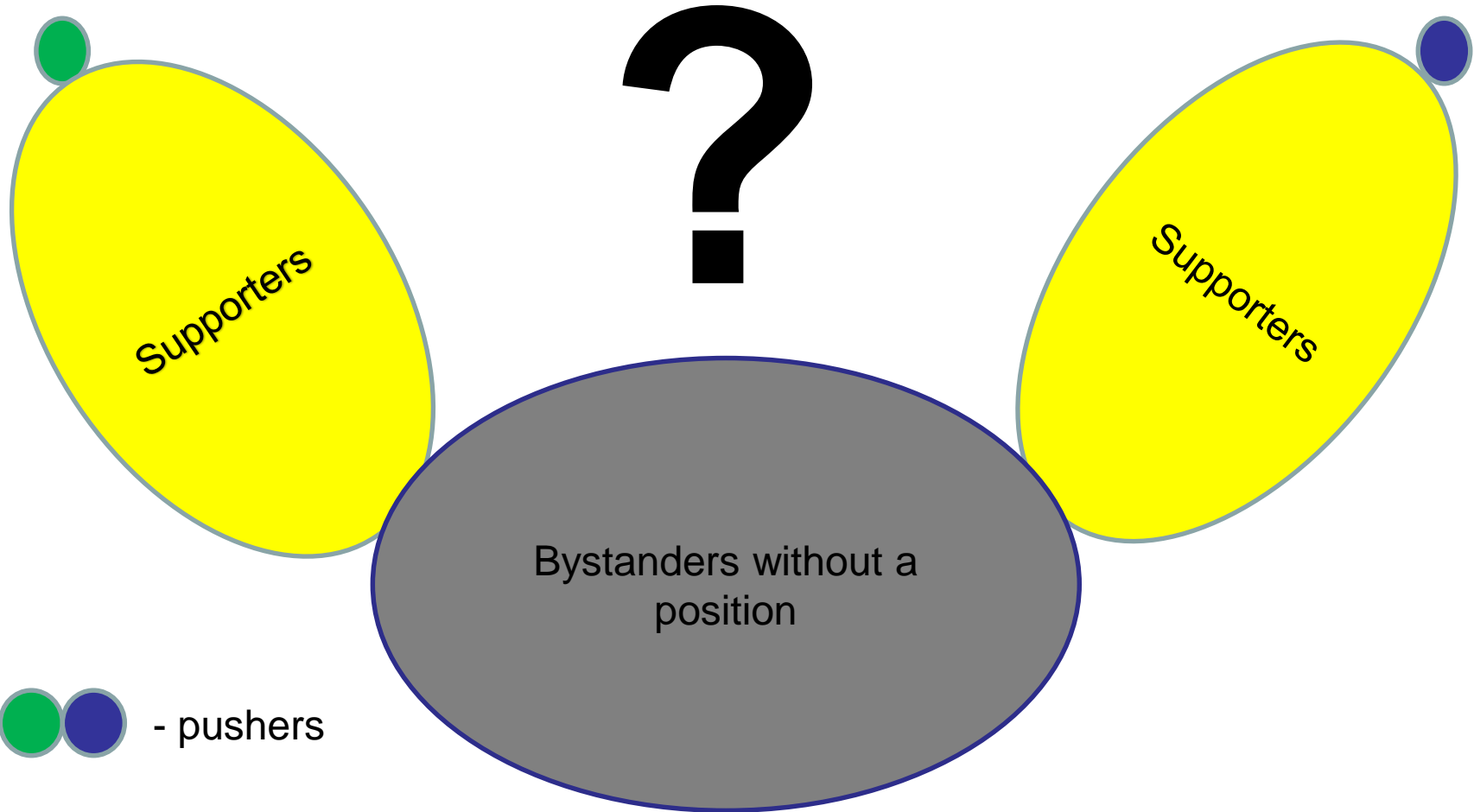




- **Person who is feeling unhappiness, bullying and is unsatisfied in the society.**
- **Seeking for new solutions, sometimes also having violent ideas and thoughts**
- **Fuel from internet**
- **Consumption of propaganda**
- **New friends, new sources for information, new truth and false + good and bad.**
- **New values**

**TRIGGER EVENT!**



# Polarised society: US vs THEM



  - pushers

# Conclusions



- ✓ Topic that provokes strong feelings and discussions in the society. Citizen activism is welcomed.
- ✓ In the Us and Them concept, the polarisation is inevitable
- ✓ Experiences from the past affects the attitude of the society but also the perspective of a person
- ✓ Media has an important role
- ✓ Police alone is not enough to reach all the individuals – the community needs to work as a system and have to be able to notice and deal with the alarming signs
- ✓ While training the police officers, social workers, local municipalities' officials etc, we need to address radicalisation as a phenomenon and to give knowledge in prevention and reaction



**THANK YOU!**