



# **ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITIES**

**11 April 2019**

**Mosque of Rome - Viale della Moschea 85, Roma**

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZED WITHIN THE HORIZON PROJECT “TERRORISM PREVENTION VIA RADICALISATION COUNTER-NARRATIVE” (TRIVALENT), AND COORDINATED BY CONFEDERAZIONE ISLAMICA ITALIANA**

## *Project Background*

Across Europe and the rest of the world countless individuals and organizations are standing up to fight extremism and the harm it causes. Too often though, the voices of a small number of harsh extremists drown out those of the mainstream majority. Governments and communities should support individuals and groups who have credibility and experience fighting extremism, in order to amplify their voices and share their expertise so as to strengthen the resilience against all types of extremist influences, whether political, religious or ideological extremism.

## *Project Goals*

Trivalent Project is carried forward by a majority of Law Enforcement Agencies at national and local level, in addition to academic partners, and expert partners, all together from 10 different countries, and aims to contribute to the debate and propose policies for the prevention of the radicalization to violent extremism.

For this purpose, it's strategic the involvement of the communities and civil society, in a multi- dimensional model that is one of the critical points from which develop an action strategy that involves, in a mutual relationship, through dialogue and interaction, stakeholders at European, international and national level, together with all social and institutional actors interested in the study of the phenomenon and in the development of appropriate countermeasures.

## *Conference Purposes*

The main purpose of the Conference, in addition to ensuring a greater visibility and dissemination of the ongoing research activities, will be to create synergies between project participants and relevant stakeholders (civil society, institutions, experts, religious communities) according to the principle “reach to be reached”, in order to better finalise objectives and methods of the research in progress, by gathering information and developing practices aimed to enrich and strengthen the project relevance and impact.

The decision to organise the Conference in the Mosque of Rome, which has always been a place of dialogue and education, is based precisely on the need to listen voices of the communities, as well as to reach and confront with significant stakeholders engaged in the same topic from a variety of representative backgrounds.

## PROGRAMME\*

9,00 – 9,30 Registration

9,30- 10,15

### **Welcome greetings & Opening speeches**

**Abdellah Redouane**, Secretary General “Centro Islamico Culturale d’Italia” - Rome

**Mustapha Hajraoui**, President of Confederazione Islamica Italiana

10,15 - 10,45 Coffee break

10,45- 12,15

### **Working with faith communities**

Focus: *The importance to involve and engage with faith-communities is often emphasized in the prevention of radicalization. However, this focus also contributes to the singling out and stigmatization of certain communities which in turn can create a breeding ground for violent extremism. It is important to keep in mind that faith-communities are not homogeneous and consist of different groups and individuals with different views. This panel will discuss several approaches and experiences also abroad. The panel will also address the added value and inspiring practices of inter-religious dialogue within P/CVE.*

Chair: **Massimo Cozzolino**, Chairman Advisory Board – Trivalent Project

Contributions:

**Imam Salah Ramadan Elsayed**, Mosque of Rome,

**Noemi di Segni**, President “Unione Comunità Ebraiche Italiane” (UCEI)

**Don Giuliano Savina**, Director - National Office for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Dialogue (CEI)

Discussion

Conclusion:

**Mustapha El Mourabit**, Director – Maghreb Center for Studies - Morocco

12,15 -14,30 Lunch

14:30 -15,45

### **Choosing partners from communities: building and maintaining trust**

Focus: *One of the most prominent challenges in establishing a successful collaboration between communities and authorities, is gaining and maintaining trust. This follows both ways: authorities need to be ensured that Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and communities they work with can be trusted on this sensitive topic and are not inconsistent with democratic values. This may require a vetting procedure. On the other hand, communities can feel singled-out, stigmatized and distrustful towards authorities when they are approached to collaborate on P/CVE. Additionally, the credibility and trustworthiness of community representatives within their constituency can be compromised by openly collaborating with authorities.*

Chair: **Luigi Moccia**, Trivalent Project Coordinator

Contributions:

**Darren Coventry** - EU Ran Centre of Excellence

**Maria Luisa Maniscalco**, Uniroma Tre

**Augusto Zaccariello**, NIC - Ministry of Justice

Discussion

Conclusion:

**Khalid Hajji**, General Secretary of European Council of Moroccan Scholars - Bruxelles

\* Simultaneous translation English-Italian will be provided