

Radicalisation - NOidea?

A series of events exploring the prevention of radicalisation.

Invitation

“Radicalisation – a new phenomenon?”

24 September 2015
12:00 to 02:30 pm

Dates of upcoming events:

08.12.2015 “Prevention on local level”

13.01.2016 “Prevention through transfer of values”

Agenda

- 12:00 pm Doors open and light lunch
- 12:30 pm Opening remarks by **Birgit Honé**,
Secretary of State, State Chancellery of Lower Saxony
- 12:45 pm Keynote by **Prof. Rik Coolsaet**,
University Ghent
- 01:15 pm Panel discussion with
Alexandra Antoniadis,
Head of Unit – Fight against Terrorism, European
Commission, GD Migration and Home Affairs
Finn Grav,
Radicalisation Awareness Network
Erich Marks,
Managing Director of the Council for Prevention,
Lower Saxony
Dr. Arne Wieben,
Managing Director of the Bremervörde Prison
Closing remarks by **Stefanie Otte**,
Secretary of State, Ministry for Justice of Lower Saxony
- 02:30 pm Close of the event
- Moderator: **Monika Hoegen**, Journalist
- Simultaneous translation German - English,
English - German**
- RSVP by 18th September 2015.**

Background

The incidents in Paris and Copenhagen as well as the arrests in Vilvoorde (Belgium) and Wolfsburg (Lower Saxony) at the beginning of 2015 are of concern to the whole of Europe. Across borders, it seems that there are more questions than answers to the phenomenon of growing numbers of young people who are becoming radicalised often as foreign fighters who commit terrorist attacks in Europe on their return. A cross-border exchange of experiences and tools concerning prevention, civil society and transfer of values is needed.

The "Radicalisation - NOidea?" series of events, initiated by the Secretary of State Birgit Honé, aims to contribute to this dialogue. The first event will analyse radicalisation as a recurring phenomenon in society, and try to identify possible ways to prevent radicalisation in prisons. For example the assassins of the attack at Charlie Hebdo got to know each other while imprisoned, where they were shaped by violent Islamism. At each event, experts from different EU member states will discuss the causes of radicalisation, as well as possible preventive and de-radicalisation measures.

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