



Conference of high-ranking representatives of Ministers of Internal Affairs on dealing with radicalisation and terrorists acting alone

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Council of Europe is organising a Conference of high-level representatives of Ministers of the Interior to discuss issues related to the police services that are fighting against terrorists acting alone and the phenomenon of radicalisation.

This conference will allow the experiences of countries that have suffered this type of terrorist attack to be shared and thus detection and prevention mechanisms based on relevant indicators to anticipate future attacks to be studied.

Taking into account the recent Recommendation CM / Rec. (2018) 6 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on terrorists acting alone, we propose to examine this phenomenon in order to identify areas where operational improvements are needed in the framework of broader co-operation among the police and other actors involved in the fight against radicalisation.

This will be an opportunity to evoke the legal tools that the Council of Europe has developed and made available to member states to strengthen their means of fighting against protean terrorism in constant change and radicalisation. A training tool (HELP Radicalization Prevention Project) developed jointly by the European Union and the Council of Europe will be presented.

This meeting will address the guidelines on how to prevent and effectively repress this specific form of attack and to share good practices.

It will identify the fields of co-operation to be developed with the various actors in our society to prevent all forms of radicalisation leading to terrorism, such as the private sector in charge of social networks and the internet which are vectors that can contribute to the radicalisation of terrorists acting alone but can also be an effective means of spreading messages against terrorist propaganda.

Other partners involved in the fight against radicalisation will also be involved in this reflection, which will highlight the importance of building trust between the police and the public to improve their relationship and cooperation.

This meeting aims to reinforce knowledge, to stimulate co-operation between member States in order to enable us to fight even more effectively against a phenomenon that threatens us all and to highlight the importance of a human rights education as a fundamental component of any measure taken to combat violent extremism and radicalisation in a sustainable and proactive way.