



Rijksoverheid

Council for Penological Co-operation

11th Working Group meeting
on handbook for prison and
probation services on de-
radicalisation and violent
extremist offenders



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Personal experience with VEO

video



Some remarks on the management of violent extremist offenders in prison

based on

- best practices shared during the CSC round table conference in December 2014
- and on content from structured interviews with former inmates of Dutch Correctional Service terrorist wings (English translated report forthcoming)



Correctional Service Canada conference 2014

- Is hard evidence available on actual cases of radicalization during detention ?
- Do disengagement programs, targeting prison populations exist and what progress and/or results do these programs show ?
- To what end are risk assessment tools designed and implemented? Classification & risk assessment OR pre-release & re-integration risk level assessment ?



After the release
A explorative study on recidivism and
reintegration of former terrorist inmates

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After the release

Semi-structured interviews with 10 former TA wing inmates (2002-2014)

What were the best and worst practices while in prison on an ideological level, on the level of social environment, and on a more personal level ?



Best and worst practices while in detention

	Obstacles	Stimuli
Ideology	Feelings of repression at TA wing Dawa preaching in TA wing Bonding with other inmates	Clarity of rules and sanctions in TA Religious dialogue with immams Allowing the possibility to doubt ones actions/beliefs
Social network	Being role models Extent of social control Hightening 'deviant pride' & street credibility Too much emphasis on security	Old friends break off contacts Finding new friends Removal from 'old environment'; being transferred to regular inmate population Clear & consistent disciplinary actions
Personal needs and experiences	TA is stressful environment Seeking isolation Too much already invested in jihad movement Need for recognition	New perspectives Family contacts & influences Coaching talks and discussions with (Islam) experts



After the release

What were the best and worst practices after release from prison on an ideological level, on the level of social environment, and on a more personal level ?



Best and worst practices after release

	Obstacles	Stimuli
Ideology	Continuing feelings of repression and humiliation at TA wing Relaps into Dawa preaching in the old network	Clarity of rules and sanctions in "sticks and carrots" in post release Religious dialogue with immams Allowing the possibility to doubt ones actions/beliefs
Social network	Being seen as role models Stigmatization as 'jihadist' Social control from (too) many different focal points Contradictory messages from community services, police, mosque and Foreign Office (passport and bank account freezing)	Moving to new location, away from old network Old contacts remain silent Finding new (non-religious/ non criminal) friends Family influence
Personal needs and experiences	TA is stressful environment Seeking isolation Too much already invested in jihad movement Need for recognition	Back to school; new study Practical assistance with finding a house, job, internship Mandatory therapeutic sessions Trusted professional help



Any Questions ?