

Session I: Juveniles as perpetrators and victims

“Collective security – a shared responsibility”

A presentation of the Norwegian Action Plan to prevent radicalization and violent extremism.

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Abstract

A terrorist attack on innocent people is a devastating blow. 22. July 2011, Norway was added to the list of places becoming victims of terrorist acts. How can we prevent terror and violent extremism? In a democratic society, violent extremism concerns trends, which in an extreme consequence can threaten democracy, public safety or certain social groups with violent acts or incitement to commit such acts. A strong police and a highly competent security service shall protect the population, combat and limit threats of serious crime, as well as violence and terror. However, prevention of violent extremism cannot be met by using policiary measures alone. There is also a need for a broad preventive effort at an early stage, before extremist attitudes turn into violent acts. Like authorities in several countries, the Norwegian Government believes there is a need for an intersectoral action plan against radicalization and violent extremism. This presentation provides some key elements in the Norwegian action plan to prevent radicalization and violent extremism

Collective security – a shared responsibility. The aim of the plan is to ensure a comprehensive approach to prevention of violent extremism and improve knowledge in this field. The plan contains 30 measures. The presentation focuses on measures for early intervention and efficient cross-sectoral cooperation on all levels.