



WORKING GROUP 3

PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Members of the Working Group convened for an inaugural meeting on the margins of the Strong Cities Network Global Summit in Antalya on 11th May 2016. Members and Chairs reviewed the Working Group Statement of Purpose and the Plan of Action. For members' own record, and for the benefit of new members to the Working Group, brief points of discussion are listed below.

In accepting the Statement of Purpose and Plan of Action, members noted that:

- There are many great examples of public-private partnerships, but very few on the sharp end of CVE policy;
- CVE is a difficult sell to private companies, who can feel that it is too politically sensitive and associated with a political agenda;
- Public-private partnerships on CVE activities need to be community-led rather than local government-led;
- Community organisations – which are best placed to appeal to private companies and foundations for CVE public-private partnerships – may not have the private-sector experiences to formulate and design pitches that are compelling (particularly financially) to private companies and foundations;
- The SCN is encouraged to forge partnerships with local sports clubs to forge public-private partnerships that aim to build social cohesion and resilience to violent extremism.

The Strong Cities Network will take the above points into account in the research, policy and activities of this Working Group.