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Albanian Working Group Inputs

- Local Level Approach The importance of working at the local level and having also city risk assessments.
- Prevention Measures: Action Plans to be divided and prepared into small local action plans.
- Marginalized communities with a focus on Youth and Women: The importance of working with youth and women at specific municipalities.
- Improving civic activism through concrete actions: Concrete actions not workshops and training, activities that go beyond the capacity building. Youth and women centers.
- Partnerships at Local Level but also a need for Cross-Border Cooperation and Exchange of Best Practices with other counties at the local level.
- Piloting of Initiatives at specific municipalities like Cerrik, Librazhd Burrel etc.
- Joint interventions and actions addressing Hate speech as it fuels extremism actions.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Working Group Inputs

- The focus of activities in local communities should be on adressing the causes, not only on dealing with consequences. Prevention should be a prerogative, before reaction/recovery/repression.
- Consequently, working directly with both youth and stakeholders dedicated to youth on awareness raising is a key priority.
- Enhanced focus on work in muti-ethnic ambiences, and societies with a noticeable (self)isolation of minorities/returnee communities.
- It is important and necessary to understand the potential of social media as one of the key tools for work with the youth.

Kosovo Working Group Inputs

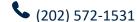
- To strengthen youth programs for prevention against radicalization and violent extremism at local communities.
- To enable the reintegration of women and children returnees'.
- To strengthen and to improve the rehabilitation programs (including design of vocational educational programs) for convicts during and after their release from prison.
- Promotion of inter-sectoral cooperation with the aim of involving the private sector in supporting and integrating returnees at the local level.

Macedonia Working Group Inputs

It is important to develop local action plans for PVE.







- Raising awareness and improving the knowledge of all relevant stakeholders at local level (including local authorities, youth, parents, schools, sport leaders, media) on the phenomenon of radicalization that leads to - ethnic, religious ond/or political - violent extremism.
- Prevention of violence at local level, through regular information sharing between key actors regular monthly informative meetings initiated by the mayor for informing on security issues (police and army representatives, ombudsman, director of the hospital, directors of the public enterprises).
- Capacity building for members of the Local Prevention Counsils/Community Action Teams.
- Prevention by sharing experiences of the victims of violence (testimonials) and by sharing the data obtained through already developed research methodologies, among parents.
- Building connections between local and national level PVE and CVE coordinators.

Montenegro Working Group Inputs

- Invest in capacity building of Islamic community of Montenegro in the field of P/CVE.
- Implement a variety of activities aiming to improve the inter-religious dialogue.
- Improve and empower youth infrastructures on local level, including youth clubs, youth cente etc.
- Anticipation of counter narratives applicable to local circumstances of Montenegro.
- Health Department should invest in building the capacities of the Medical Chamber in order to improve its P/CVE potential.
- On the national level there are the RAN7 working groups which are already open for collaboration with NGOs, individuals, academia representatives etc.

Serbia Working Group Inputs

- To appoint the national CVE coordinator for Serbia.
- To improve the mechanisms for the law enforcement and to synchronize the structures within the mechanism.
- To enable more judges, prosecutors and policemen coming from minority groups.
- To improve the skills of local prosecutors for CVE based cases.
- To improve the curricula of civic and religious education in schools and improve teachers' education
- To form local multisectoral teams which should work on building local community resilience.