

Youth Work against violent radicalisation: call for 1 researcher

SALTO-Youth EuroMed, SALTO-Youth EECA, SALTO-Youth SEE in cooperation with the Polish National Agency, French National Agency, Norwegian National Agency, German National Agency, UK National Agency, Dutch National Agency and Italian National Agency are starting a long term strategy about Youth work against violent radicalization.

1. Project Context and Objectives

Violent radicalization and extremism among young people is a phenomenon of increasing concern in Europe and its neighboring regions today.

This project aims at defining and strengthening the role that youth work plays in working against violent radicalisation by building community resilience among young people in different countries in Europe and beyond.

The focus will be on highlighting the preventive role that youth work can take in working with young people that are potentially at risk of becoming radicalised and on collecting needs and good practices from the NGOs who are already active in this field. The project further aims to highlight the positive role that youth workers coming from neighbouring regions can play in this context because of their specific perspective about the cultural, political and social reasons of different forms of radicalisation.

The draft objectives of the project have been defined as follows:

- Map NGOs activities on the topic and define what they do, what are their needs and which challenges do they face;
- Share good practices among youth workers and their experiences with existing tools (focus on transferability)
- Highlight the role of the Erasmus + Programme in the youth field as supportive tool;
- Raise awareness about the relevant policy frameworks (EU policy and international policy frameworks)
- Highlight the added value of having the 4 Partner regions involved as a part of the overall strategy.

The long-term strategy envisages these steps in 2017 - 2018:

1. Creation of a working group of National Agencies, SALTOs and experts that drive the process;
2. Launching of a mapping exercise in the concerned countries;
3. Conference to present and discuss the outcomes of the mapping exercise and to identify future steps based on the needs and results identified by the participants.
4. Publication with outcomes of mapping exercise, good practices etc. (to be defined)
5. Capacity-building, dissemination of good practices and tools (2018, details to be defined)

2. What are we looking for with this research? What is the main focus and target group?

This call is open for 1 researcher who should carry out a mapping exercise focusing on NGOs that are working on this topic and collecting their experiences.

Geographically, the mapping exercise should include NGOs in the 4 Partner regions (covered by the regional SALTO Resource Centres) and the countries of the National Agencies that will be part of the working group (i.e. have agreed to be involved in the project).

Thematically, the research will focus on what NGOs are actually doing in their countries to build resilience among people against radicalisation: what **initiatives and activities** are currently implemented; what are their **needs**; and what **challenges** are they facing.

Furthermore, the mapping should aim to define a **common vocabulary** about the topic and to investigate some **good practices** in more detail attempting to define some potential models. A special focus should be given to the methodology implemented at local level and how (in case of good practice) this could be transferred to other realities. Finally, the research should serve as a basis for supporting the development of possible strategies and tools aiming to be able to better face and prevent violent radicalisation among young people.

Details, methodology and expected outcomes of the mapping exercise will be further defined in a preparation meeting that will be held from 20 - 22.02.2017 in Warsaw, Poland.

The outcomes of the mapping should be ready by September 2017 as the conference should be realised in the second half of 2017. The format of the report, i.e. the format in which the outcomes of the mapping should be presented, will be defined at the meeting in February.

Fees: approximately 2500 – 3500 Euro (The exact fees as well as further contractual details will be defined at the end of the preparation meeting in February on the basis of the methodology and expected outcomes of the mapping agreed during the meeting.)

3. How to apply?

To express your interest, please fill in the application form available at <http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/1499> by **January 20th 2017**. You will need a MySALTO user account to get access to the form.