

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union
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Special Committee on Terrorism

**FINAL PROGRAMME
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Under the chairmanship of
Ms Nathalie GRIESBECK, Chair**

“Preventing and Countering Radicalisation”

**Tuesday, 24 April 2018, 9:00 - 12:30 and 14:30 to 18:00
European Parliament
Brussels
Room: ASP (A3E-2)**

9:00 **Introductory remarks by Ms Nathalie GRIESBECK, Chair**

9:00-11:00 **First panel on “*Reasons of radicalisation, foreign terrorist fighters and returnees*”**

Speakers:

- **Keynote speech: Professor Peter NEUMANN**, Founding Director, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence, King's College London - reasons of radicalisation, possible ways of tackling it
- **Mr Thomas RENARD**, Senior Research Fellow, Europe in the World, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels - how to handle returning foreign fighters: policies and challenges
- **Mr Mourad BENCHELLALI**, Action Resilience, Marseille - reasons of radicalisation and situation of returnees

Questions and answers

11:00-12:30 Second panel on “*Radicalisation in prisons*”

Speakers:

- **Ms Valerie LEBRUN**, Ittre Prison director - problems with radicalised individuals in prison
- **Mr Selim CHERKAOUI**, CVE Prison Programme Manager, L'Autre Lieu, European Foundation for Democracy, Brussels - work with radicalised inmates
- **Mr Youssef SBAI**, Union of Muslim Communities, Italy - on teaching Islam in prisons and recognizing signs of radicalisation

Questions and answers

14:30-16:15 Third panel on “*Online radicalisation*”

Speakers:

- **Mr Javier LESACA**, Visiting Scholar, George Washington University, School of Media and Public Affairs - social media and engagement communication strategies
- **Professor Hany FARID**, Albert Bradley 1915 Third Century Professor of Computer Science, Chair of Computer Science, Dartmouth College - detecting extremist online content, Eglyph Project
- **Mr Thomas MYRUP KRISTENSEN**, Managing Director EU Affairs, Head of Office, Facebook - European Internet Forum and the Global Internet Forum

Questions and answers

16:15-17:50 Fourth panel on “*Best practices in preventing and countering radicalisation*”

Speakers:

- **Mr Bart SOMERS**, Mayor of Mechelen - work on preventing radicalisation in the city of Mechelen
- **Ms Pascale FALEK**, curator of the Jewish Museum in Brussels - on intercultural dialogue
- **Mr Fabien CARRIÉ**, Institute of Social Sciences of Politics, University Paris Nanterre

Questions and answers

17:50-18:00

Concluding remarks by **Ms Monika HOHLMEIER** and **Ms Helga STEVENS**,
Co-Rapporteurs

Closure of the public hearing by **Ms Nathalie GRIESBECK**, Chair

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