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 BENCHELALI**, 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 Valérie LEBRUN, Ittre Prison director - problems with radicalised individuals in prison
• Mr Selim CHERKAOU, CVE Prison Programme Manager, L’Autre Lieu, European Foundation for Democracy, Brussels - work with radicalised inmates
• Mr Youssef SBAI, ex-Vice-President of the 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, and Senior Advisor to the Counter Extremism Project (CEP) - 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

Comments by
• Mr Luigi SORECA, Director for Security, European Commission, DG Home - European Internet Forum

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 of Belgium - 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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