

Call for participants:

International Study Visit:

Visiting at the speed of radicalisation

7th-12th of May 2017

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IT'S TIME TO START LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are happy to launch the call for participants for our first activity of 2017 - the **International Study Visit "Visiting at the speed of radicalisation"**.



With the support of the European Youth Foundation we will be able to organize the Study Visit between the 7th (arrival day) and the 12th (departure day) of May, in Brussels - Belgium.



7th May - arrival day
12th May - departure day



Brussels - Belgium

It's time to start looking for participants! In the next pages you will find already some basic information concerning the organisation of this activity. Also you will find attached one promotional info graphic, which you can use to spread the word in your movements about the International Seminar.



Please, read this document carefully and do not hesitate to contact us in case you need any clarification or further information:

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We count on you to nominate one participant from your organisation no later than the **20th of March**.



**20th
March**

Kind regards,
MIJARC Europe Team and Secretariat

CONTENT OF THE STUDY VISIT

Even though violent radicalisation is not a new phenomenon in Europe, the ways it has been manifesting recently, the scale of the events and the use of new communication tools is bringing about new challenges when it comes to how to address the phenomenon and identifying its root causes. Today extremist attitudes are not triggered by just one single event but they are the result of very intricate and sometimes long term processes based on drivers such as fear, a strong sense of personal or cultural alienation, social marginalisation, xenophobia, discrimination, limited education or employment possibilities, political factors and ideological and religious beliefs. Rural youth is especially vulnerable to this, because they are more affected by all these drivers, especially limited education and resources, high unemployment, uncertainty about their future and social exclusion. Therefore, they are more susceptible to radicalisation fuelled and inspired by violence-inciting narratives, ideologies and political propaganda online and offline.



The study visit is the first activity of the work plan and it aims at creating a group of 12 multipliers from 12 different countries who will acquire the competencies to plan, implement and evaluate quality learning events for young people from rural areas on the topic of preventing radicalisation leading to violent extremism.

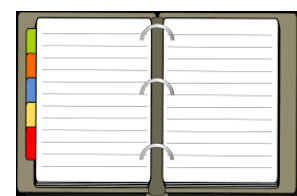


In order to achieve this, the study visit will pursue the following **objectives**:

- create a greater understanding of the root causes of radicalisation of young people and its consequences regarding violent extremism
- present research, best practices and approaches for combating radical propaganda targeting young people and any form of hatred based on intolerance online and offline
- give participants access to contact points in the European institutions and international NGOs that could support their daily work
- give the participants the chance to test the newly acquired knowledge and skills by preparing and/or facilitating the seminar



The **programme** of the visit will include meetings with representatives of European and international institutions with a role in fighting radicalization, visits to international NGOs who run projects on this topic and who work with young people at risk of radicalization and meetings with experts working with disadvantaged groups. Also, the participants will take part to short sessions on building facilitation skills and working with diverse cultural groups.



PROGRAMME*

*all the visit are to be confirmed in the final version of the programme

8th May

Session 1.1.

- Introduction
- Getting to know each other
- Presentation of the objectives and agenda
- Fear and expectations
- Setting learning objectives

Session 1.2.

• Team building

- "Giving you the wink" exercise
- "Sticking together" - obstacle course
- "The electric wall" - help the entire group go over the electric wall

Session 1.3.

• Kick-off discussion on the main concepts

- how the concepts of "radicalisation", "extremism", "terrorism", "hate speech" and "vulnerability" are understood in each movement
- realities of each movement and country in relation to the these concepts
- the role of my organisation in preventing radicalisation and fighting extremism - what have we done so far and what else we can do

Session 1.4.

• Exchange and feedback on the research each participant conducted at local level

- presentation of the main conclusions;
- expert input on recent studies and international strategies and policies

9th May

Session 2.1.

- visit to the European Foundation for Democracy - discussion on their work and presentation of the Counter Extremism Project

Session 2.2.

- meeting with representatives of Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs (European Commission);
- meeting with Alexandra Antoniadis, contact points for the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN)
- meeting with members of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights - focus on the European Convention for Human Rights

Session 2.3.

- visit to the European Youth Forum;
- focus on the actions of the YFJ members who work with young people from rural areas and the faith-based organisations

Session 2.4.

- Wrapping up the day - guided discussion the main points of the day

10th May

Session 3.1.

- visit to UNESCO Liaison Office In Brussels
- discussion on UNESCO's new integrated Framework of Action - Empowering Youth to Build Peace

Session 3.2.

- meeting with representatives of the Federal Public Service Home Affairs General Directorate Security & Prevention - Brussels
- discussion and presentation of the Bounce project focusing on the BOUNCE resilience tools

Session 3.3.

• The Council of Europe and its work on the prevention of radicalisation

- input from an expert of the Council of Europe
- moderated discussion on the COE "Action Plan on the fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism"

Session 3.4.

- Wrapping up the day - guided discussion the main points of the day

11th May

Session 4.1.

• Facilitation skills and working with multi-cultural groups

- short training session delivered by an external trainer

Session 4.2.

• What is an international seminar

- divided in two groups the participants will continue working on the content and the methods to be used during the International Seminar;
- brain storming about the International Seminar and the main elements that the participants will like to present to other youth;
- exploring examples of other International Seminars of MIJARC Europe

Session 4.3.

• Working on the International Seminar - continued

Session 4.4.

• Work groups:

1. Facilitating the seminar
2. Spreading our work and make the results useful at local level

the participants will split into two working groups based on their preference.

- one of the groups will work on defining how the seminar is going to be facilitated, who is responsible for what and what is the plan for the upcoming period

- the other group will work on ideas of how to make the results of the two international activities usable and useful for the local movements

Team Work



Strategy



Coffee Break



New Ideas



Target Audience



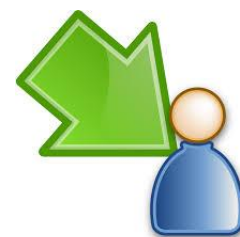
Social Media



PARTICIPANTS

We are expecting **1 representative** from each of our 12 member movements for a period of 4 full working days.

In the preparation phase (21st March - 31st April) each selected participant will conduct a small scale research at local level that will focus on the perception young people from rural areas have on extremism. The research will be conducted by means of a questionnaire that will be provided to the participants after the selection phase. They will have to collect answers from a minimum of 20 members of their organization and present the results of this small scale research during the study visit.



**1 participant per
member
organisation**

Profile of the participants

When selecting their representative, the member movement should have in mind the following criteria:

- young people aged between 18-30 years old,
- young people coming from rural areas from Europe, active in one of MIJARC Europe's member movements,
- interest in the topic of the rise of extremism in Europe,
- good command of English,
- access to a computer and Internet,
- committed to follow the activities of the work plan.

**PROFILE OF THE
PARTICIPANTS**

! Out of the 12 participants, 6 will form the facilitation team (Think Tank) for the international seminar but all 12 will be involved in designing the content and methodology of the seminar. Please indicate in your registration form if you are interested in joining the Think Tank.



! After the study visit, all 12 participants will be in charge of selecting and training the people who will take part at the seminar. They will work closely with their organisations and will be in permanent contact with the preparation team.

LOGISTICAL ASPECTS

Venue: Brussels

Accommodation: the exact venue for the accommodation will be selected soon

Meals: MIJARC Europe will cover the cost for three meals/day per participant

Travel:

- **arrival day** - 7th May, **departure day** - 12th May
- **costs** - MIJARC Europe will reimburse the maximum amount as written in the table below. This amount covers the total cost of the travel including local transportation, flight/train tickets. **Please, do not make any travel arrangements without first consulting with MIJARC Europe's Secretariat.**

Country	Amount covered per participant
Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Macedonia, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Spain	275 euro
Turkey	360 euro
Armenia*	530 euro
Belgium	180 euro

*visa cost will be covered up to 70 euro

- **travel arrangements** - we encourage you to make your travel arrangements as soon as possible in order to avoid high travel costs and to choose the most cost effective means of transportation. Please, contact the secretariat by the **10th of April** stating your travel details; may your email come afterwards and the travel expenses may be higher than the one stated above, we will not cover any extra costs.
- **reimbursement** - the reimbursement of travel costs will be done by bank transfer after MIJARC Europe receives all the financial documents, tickets and boarding passes. MIJARC Europe will **NOT** cover taxi rides, 1st class or business tickets unless dully justified. **Participants who have not sent their travel documents 60 days after the end of the activity will no longer be reimbursed.**
- Detailed information on how to get to the venue will be sent later on.
- **Participation fee** - the team decided that there will be no mandatory participation fees. A **voluntary** Carbon Offset fee of 5 euro is set.

! Attached to this call you'll find the Registration Forms to be completed by the participants.

! If you have any question, please contact us at: office-europe@mijarc.info

