



Comune di **Rimini**

## The rise of polarisation and radicalisation in Europe Tackling all forms of violent extremism at the local level

Local institutions against violent extremism II  
(LIAISE 2)

4<sup>th</sup> LIAISE 2 European seminar  
19 May  
Rimini, Italy

### Programme

08:30-09:00 Registration & coffee

**09:00-09:30** **Opening and welcome**  
Andrea Gnassi, Mayor of Rimini, Italy  
Willy Demeyer, Mayor of Liège, Belgium

**09:30-10:15** **The vicious circle of polarisation and extremism in Europe**  
Dr Eolene M. Boyd-MacMillann, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Presentation by an expert on the European situation regarding the current mutual reinforcement between different forms of extremism. Particular attention will be paid to the way in which medium and long-term effects of extremist acts can engender division and polarisation, eventually giving rise to more extremism and reactionary views within certain sectors of society.

moderated by Juan Cristellys, Programme manager, European Forum for Urban Security

Questions from the audience

**10:15-11:00** **National strategy against radicalisation and local needs in Italy**  
Lorenzo Vidino, Director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University, United States  
Rossella Selmini, Researcher, University of Minnesota, United States

This panel will include two presentations, followed by a discussion among both speakers. The first, given by an expert who has contributed in the

design of the Italian national strategy against radicalisation, and the second, by an expert specialised on extremist movements in different Italian sub-urban areas. This session will give the opportunity to analyse the extent to which local contexts, needs and specificities are taken into account within national strategies. Special attention will be paid to existing local initiatives that could contribute to strengthen the national one.

moderated by Gian Guido Nobili, Coordinator, Italian Forum for Urban Security

Questions from the audience

**11:00-11:45**

**Tackling polarisation at the local level: European experiences**

Anna Rau, Member of the State Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony, Germany

Luca Guglielminetti, Member of the Leon Battista Association, Italy

This panel will focus on initiatives that aim at preventing polarisation, mainly through primary and secondary prevention interventions.

animated by Emilie Petit, Programme manager, European Forum for Urban Security

11:45-12:30

Coffee break

**12:30-13:30**

**Towards Efus manifesto's recommendations on the prevention of radicalisation at the local and regional level**

Willy Demeyer, Mayor of Liège, Belgium

Jordi Jané, Minister of the Interior, Government of Catalonia, Spain

Carmella Rozza, Deputy mayor for security of Milano, Italy

This session will aim at defining the main recommendations to be included in Efus' next manifesto with regards to the prevention of radicalisation, to be adopted and presented during its next international conference in Barcelona, November 2017. This document, which defines the values and principles shared by Efus members, constitutes the network's roadmap regarding prevention policies.

Moderated by Elizabeth Johnston, Executive Director, European Forum for Urban Security

**13:30-14:00**

**Closing remarks**

Andrea Gnassi, Mayor of Rimini, Italy

