

**POLICY PLANNERS' NETWORK
ON COUNTERING POLARISATION AND RADICALISATION (PPN)**

16th – 17th October, 2008
The Craven Room, The Commonwealth Club,
25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP

AGENDA

Thursday 16th October

- 13.00** **Welcome Lunch and introductions**
- 14.15 – 15.15** **SESSION I: Overview of major developments in network countries
and at EU level: Latest policy innovations and programmes**
- Chairing: Sasha Havlicek (Institute for Strategic Dialogue)*
- Paul Morrison (Home Office, UK)*
Jane Everton (Communities and Local Government, UK)
Julie Christine Cold (Integration Policy Division, Denmark)
Touda El Ouargui (Security and Intelligence Service, Denmark)
- *Presentation of UK developments*
 - *Presentation of the Danish action plan*
 - *Brief review of background dossier*
 - *Presentation of key issues at the top of agendas across network countries*
 - *Overview of latest developments in government initiatives to counter radicalisation and polarisation*
- 15.15** **Coffee**
- 15.30 – 17.00** **SESSION II: Religious Institution Building I – Mosque Capacity
Building and Bolstering Resilience to Extremism**
- Caroline Harman (Communities and Local Government, UK)*
Saskia Tempelman (Interior Ministry, Netherlands)
Colin Mellis (City of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Bernard Godard (Interior Ministry, France)
- *Presentation of UK government approaches to Mosque capacity-building including:*
 - *questions of government funding and regulation;*
 - *Mosque governance, management & role of women;*
 - *relations with foreign governments.*
 - *Engagement with local authorities/ role of municipalities*
 - *Dutch guidelines on separation of faith and state at the local level*
 - *French dialogue with Muslim authorities/ accommodation of laïcité*
 - *Constitutional obstacles and methodologies for state funding*
- 17.00** **Coffee**

17.15 – 18.45

SESSION III: Religious Institution Building II: Training for Muslim Faith Leaders

(The Thorne Room, The Commonwealth Club)

Liz Sleeman (Communities and Local Government, UK)

Juan Ferreiro (Ministry of Justice, Spain)

- *Training for Muslim Faith Leaders (imams, scholars, chaplains), including initial training for new faith leaders, continuous professional development for existing faith leaders, and training for Muslim faith leaders coming from overseas;*
- *Update on Spanish lead on Imam training under European Council CTC priorities, including initial results from questionnaire on existing provision for imam training in European countries and discussion on the pros and cons of an European institute for Imam training.*

19.00

Dinner

(The Atrium, 4 Millbank, Westminster, London, SW1P 3JA)

Stephen Rimmer (Director, Prevent and RICU, Home Office)

- *Dinner address*

Friday 17th October

9.00 – 12.00

SESSION IV: Religious Education and How to Support Resistance to Violent Ideology

Lizzy Amon (Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills)

Ghulam Abbas (Department for Children, Schools and Families, UK)

Juan Ferreiro (Ministry of Justice, Spain)

- *How religious education is used as part of the UK Prevent agenda*
 - *Religious instruction in primary/ secondary schools (including update on Spanish Islamic education curricula)*
 - *Citizenship education & theological instruction for Muslim communities and wider society;*
 - *The role of religion in higher education and in counter-radicalization;*
 - *Regulation of faith schools and Madrassahs and dissemination of citizenship-related materials*
- *Islamic studies and academic scholarship in higher education*
- *Centres of Excellence for Islamic scholarship*
- *Developing an understanding of Islam in the wider society*
- *Levels and distributions of government funding*

(Informal Coffee in the middle of the session)

12.00 – 13.00

SESSION V: Discussion of Mapping Movements, Organisations and Ideologies and Standards for Programme Evaluation

(Including participation by Dilwar Hussein, Advisor, Institute for Strategic Dialogue; Research Fellow, the Islamic Foundation)

Saskia Tempelman (Interior Ministry, Netherlands)

Colin Mellis (City of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

- *Can there be 'objectively verifiable' indicators underpinning a mapping of Muslim movements, organisations and ideologies in Europe-what would the purpose of such a mapping be? Is it feasible/ desirable?;*
- *How to manage 'façade' politics in assessing organisations and movements;*

- *Exchange of practices in evaluation methodologies;*
- *Discussion of a possible PPN portal/databank of policy and programming practices including potentially harmonised evaluation methodologies?*

13.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

SESSION VI: Network Management and Next Steps

- *Next steps and Interim work/deliverables*
 - *Mapping/ Template and portal for (best) practices compilation*
 - *Activities to feed into other initiatives (i.e. European Council CTC five domain work) and other inter-governmental processes*
 - *Other programmes for implementation (research, translations, exchange programmes, website)*
 - *Possible transatlantic engagement/ other international engagement*
- *Network management*
 - *Resources and discussion of circulated budget*
 - *Agenda-setting for next meeting*