

WHAT CONCORDIA IS ABOUT...

The CONCORDIA project addresses two certainties for all EU Member States, namely;

- The radicalization threat to vulnerable young people throughout Europe,
- Youth professionals which face the thankless task of trying to address newly emerging and persistent problems without proper training, resources or support.

The radicalization threat to vulnerable young people throughout Europe is the latest issue that these front-line professionals are being asked to address. This issue is perhaps one of the most serious threats and one of the most damaging to the entire European project and family of Nations.

Radicalization is an insidious threat; it lurks in the shadows of social media, preying on the most vulnerable in our society. It is a by-product of the digital era and is both ruthless and determined in its intent. Digital media and social media channels are the platforms and places where this threat flourishes and it is essential that the battle to suppress this threat is targeted at these environments.

CONCORDIA will develop a bespoke continuous professional development training course to support youth professionals and other front-line workers respond to the threat of radicalization through the very channels where it currently flourishes.

WHAT CONCORDIA DOES...

CONCORDIA proposes a multi-faceted response to support front-line professionals develop and deliver counter arguments to de-construct the misguided extremist narratives that predominate in on-line environments and communities. CONCORDIA will ensure that front-line workers are suitably trained, fully resourced and supported by a suite of on-line platforms.

CONCORDIA will bring skills of front-liners right up to date where the production of digital media and the managing of social media platforms is concerned promoting high quality of youth work in response to the radicalization threat.

The project will focus on training front-liners to harness the full potential of readily available technology apparatus like smart-phones and tablets as media production devices. It will also demonstrate how to achieve high production values using open source editing and production software.

WHAT CONCORDIA WILL ACHIEVE...

1. The development of a Summary Research Report & Needs Analysis
2. The creation of Countering Radicalization Continuous Professional Development Training Curriculum
3. The production of Sample Media Content Tool-kit with Tip-sheets
4. The launch of an E-learning Portal
5. The launch of an On-line Observatory of Best Practice
6. The drafting of a policy paper "Countering the Radicalization of Vulnerable Youth - A Front-line Approach"

WHO CONCORDIA IS...

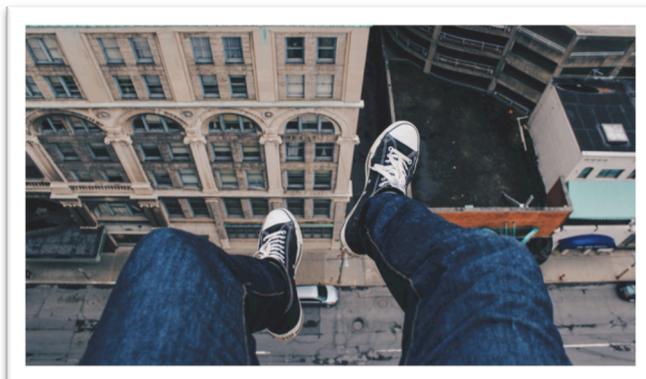
The CONCORDIA consortium consists of 8 partners representing 8 Member States: Germany, Romania, Austria, Czech Republic, Ireland, France, Cyprus, Finland.



WHAT ALREADY HAPPENED...

During the kick-off meeting in October 2016 the consortia met for the first time in Trim, Ireland to get to know each other, to talk about the project objectives and activities and to start planning the first working tasks for all partners. Besides fruitful discussions and exchange of knowledge and experience it was also time to explore Ireland history and enjoying the Trim Castle.

The 2nd meeting in February 2017 in Joensuu, Finland marked the ending of the first research phase of the project.



COMING NEXT...

- Setting up national stakeholder groups to support the project on the long-term. The stakeholder groups will consist of representatives of the main target groups: *youth, adult education, social services, security services and community based front-line workers.*
- The continuous professional development (CPD) training course for youth professionals.



HOW TO GET CONNECTED WITH CONCORDIA...

If you would like to join the *stakeholder* groups please contact the partner in your home country or the project coordinator for further information.

If you are *front-line workers* and you are interested in developing and/or delivering the CONCORDIA training course please contact the partner in your home country.



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