



SPAIN

Mr. Miguel Ángel de la Cruz has been the manager at El Acebuche prison in Almeria (Spain) since 2009. He graduated in Law and later got a Higher Certificate in Criminology. His track record in the prison system so far includes the roles of prison officer, Security Assistant Manager and even trainer at the School of Prison Studies. As manager at El Acebuche prison, he stands out for his work as promoter of the coordination between prison-education - volunteering, by giving visibility to the work carried out by all the groups aiming at reeducating and reintegrating prisoners.

Mr De la Cruz will speak about “Prison policies on terrorism and prevention of radicalization”

BELGIUM

Maarten De Waele is project officer for the prevention of radicalization and polarization of the VVSG (Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities) On March 22, 2016, Belgium was shocked by the coordinated suicide attacks. The threat of Daesh may have been reduced as a result of their military defeat, but the legacy and impact of jihadism persist. To counteract the dynamics of harmful polarization, VVSG trains local officials to recognize the dynamics of polarization and the ways in which someone can depolarize us - and them thinking.

Maarten De Waele will speak about “Radicalisation and local authorities”.

FRANCE

Laurence Bindner is the co-founder of the JOS Project. Her expertise focuses on the analysis of the dissemination of jihadist content online, its dynamics and rhetorics. Her work also covers analysis of ISIS financing and the links between terrorism financing and illicit trade. She is the former Director of Development of the Center for the Analysis of Terrorism in Paris and member of the UN-CTED (Counter-Terrorism Executive Directory) global research network. She has a business strategy background, after graduating from HEC School of Management

Ms Bindner will speak about “The influence of Media Jihad in the European Union”

TURKEY

Çiğdem Eroğlu, Psychologist. She is working for General Directorate of Prison and Detention Houses in the Ministry of Justice and is responsible for Research, Development and National and International Projects in the Foreign Relations Department

Ms Eroğlu will speak about “Studies related to terror and radicalization”.



MALTA

Professor Andrew Willis is a longstanding occasional Visiting Professor at the Department of Criminology, University of Malta. He is a former Head of the Department of Criminology at the University of Leicester, UK. He has career long experience of working with skilled criminal justice practitioners – prisons, probation and police – in over 100 countries worldwide, in the interest of promoting research-led practice.

Professor Willis will speak about “British Prisons and Religious Extremism”