



Report on SERA Project Closing Videoconference

29th May 2019

SERA Project Closing Videoconference was held in “IMKB Tourism and Hotel School” on 29th May 2019 and started at 10:00 and finalized at 13:00. The participants were provided certificate showing their participation. To realize the International Conference, ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE Application and Simultaneous Translation were organized beforehand.

The **number of participants** attending the event was around 80. The audience was mainly made up of by 2 different groups. The first group was the teachers, and students from the 5 different High Schools, situated in the outskirts of city of Ankara. The invited persons were deliberately selected from these schools as they have high number of students at risk of social exclusion, tend to be addicted and commit offence. The number of teachers and students were totally 20. The second group was invited from Ministry of Justice. 2 Psychologists, 20 guard and the others were prison staff, I mean Guards. There totally 60 participants on behalf of Ministry of Justice. An educator from the Ankara general directorate of Security was also invited to give a speech in the title of “Cooperation of Police and Public for the Prevention of Crime.

The conference was separated into 3 parts. The first and the last part were National and the middle one was International Video Conference. The meeting was **opened** by Esma GÜLLÜ EĞİN, the coordinator of the project on behalf of Ankara il MEM. After the opening ceremony, she briefly overviewed the SERA PROJECT and explained the duration and the achievements got from the project. The second speaker of the National Part was



Hasan ATMACAOĞLU, a psychologist and responsible for the implementation of Sera Project Cycle 1 in Prisons to the inmates, informed the participants about the implementation phase. The other speaker, Meltem YAMAKOĞLU ÜLKER, a psychologist, was from General Directorate of Penitentiary Institutions, presented the educational activities that her institution run to its staff. The last speaker of the first part was Habil KANOĞLU, a director of Education for Adolescence Department from General Directorate of Penitentiary Institutions, addressed the educational and improvement activities realised for the benefits of inmates.

When the first part was over, a 15-minute break was given for preparations to the International Video Conference. While preparations, connections with ZOOM PROGRAM and the Simultaneous Translations were organizing by the staff of Ankara İl MEM, the guests were offered coffee, tea and some snacks.

The second part, **international part**, started with the speech of Mrs. Sandra SCICLUNA (coordinating the technical part and leading the interventions) from Malta. She introduced the event and, as agreed by the coordination, the schedule was changed and a speaker from Belgium started Mr. Marteen De Waele (*Local Governments and radicalization*).

The meeting continued with the Spanish speaker, Mr. Miguel Ángel de la Cruz His speech was about "*Prison policies regarding terrorism and prevention of radicalization*".

After the Spanish speaker, the French speaker, Mrs. Laurence Bindner (*The influence of media jihad in the EU*) started her speech in French but due to technical problems of translator equipment, she continued in English.

Then it was Turkey's turn with Mrs. Çiğdem EROĞLU (*Radicalization and education: implementation in prison*), who was followed by Malta with Mr. Andrew Willis (*British prisons and religious extremism*), speaker for Maltese side.



After the lunch break, the meeting was started with the presentation of **Mevlüt KARAAYTU** from Ankara general directorate of Security. His speech title was “Cooperation of Police and Public for the Prevention of Crime”. This part was very important especially for the students as in some parts of the speech he stressed the ways of how students protect themselves from the criminal groups. His presentation also included an “Educational Video” showing how the life of addicted people changed in a negative direction.

Finally, the meeting was ended with the thanks of **Esma GÜLLÜ EĞİN** to all participants. All in all, it was a very successful and well-organized seminar and enriched and valued with the positive and valuable feedback from the participants.