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The recruitment of young people into the shanty towns of Western cities is a matter of concern in EU countries. Many of them have traveled from Spain to the Middle East to enlist as Islamist fighters. To prevent this, the police fight is not enough. A project promoted from the Universidad Camilo José Cela (Madrid, Spain), together with Campus de Paz (1), seeks to tackle the problem from the root.

Through educational, sociological and emotional tools, it aims to prevent the radicalization of adolescents and young people in those most vulnerable areas, where terrorist networks have the ability to attract new members. One of the keys to this project is the application of emotional intelligence through activities to manage emotions, such as fear, anger or disaffection.

This project plans to develop free access educational materials. It has a budget of 800,000 euros and awaits the final response of the European Commission for the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

(1) Campus de Paz is a pioneering project dedicated to the emotional development of children, young women and families affected by the terrorism. It is an initiative of the Foundation Victims of the terrorism and the University Camilo Jose Cela.