

## Workshop

# “What is the Role Played by Regional and Local Authorities in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism?”

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023

Venue: University of Minho (Braga, Portugal)

The University of Minho is honoured to organize and host the Workshop, within the framework of the European Project “Participation”, on the topic “What is the Role Played by Regional and Local Authorities in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism?”, which will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

We invite submissions for papers from postgraduate students on all areas of the prevention and countering of violent extremism (P/CVE) research. Submissions should include an author/presenter full name(s), email address(es), current position(s), paper title(s) and abstract (max. 500 words) by **9th of June 2023**. Please submit proposals electronically to [participation.uminho@gmail.com](mailto:participation.uminho@gmail.com).

P/CVE policies came into light in 2001 and although some countries already displayed a solid prevention framework, these policies began to be considered by many as a necessity in 2015 with the wave of attacks that struck Europe. Most countries have already had to deal with violent extremism at some point even in the form of domestic terrorism, under left and far right movements. However, it was with the increase of extremist Islamic movements that these states realized the need for a solid and consolidated preventative framework. There is increasing recognition among the international community that local officials and practitioners can play a crucial role in addressing conditions that create an enabling environment for violent extremism to thrive. A growing number of regions and cities are developing strategies and initiatives that address radicalization and violent extremism.

### Papers are invited for themes including but not exclusive to:

Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) • Violent Radicalization • National P/CVE Action Plans • Root Factors Encouraging Violent Extremism • Counter-Radicalization • Left, far right, separatist and religious extremism • Civil Society Actors • Opportunities to

Engage in Violent Extremism • Social Polarization, Extremism and Radicalism • Awareness-raising Campaigns • Schools • Public Information Dissemination • Community Debate Campaigns • Inter-religious Dialogue • Capacity Building of Teachers and Community • Increasing Public Trust in Police • Drivers for Involvement in Violent Extremism • Deradicalization or Exit Programs • Legal and Judicial Tools.

### All proposals should include (where applicable):

- Author/presenter full name(s);
- Email address(es);
- Current position(s);
- Paper title(s);
- Abstract (max. 500 words).

### Important deadlines

Proposal submission: by 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Notification of acceptance: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Full paper submission: 1<sup>st</sup> September

Final programme: 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Cost, Accommodation and Travel

The workshop is totally free. Registration is mandatory for all conference participants, whether they are presenting or attending.

Accommodation and travel, if required, are at the attendees' own expense. The lunch is provided as part of the registration for your noon meals on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>. A list of local accommodation and advice on travel will be made available upon request. In general terms, the closest airport to Braga is Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport, in Porto, which stands some 45 km away from Braga. The easiest way to get to Braga from the Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport is by using the shuttle "**getbus**". Information on bus prices and timetables can be found in the [getbus website](#). Alternatively, participants of the workshop can take the subway, Line "Violeta" to the Campanhã train station (about 33 minutes, between 6am and 1:30am). From there participants should get the train to Braga. Information on train prices and timetables can be found in the [CP website](#). To get to the University of Minho from the train station in Braga, participants of workshop need to take the city bus 24. Information on bus prices and timetables can be found in the [TUB website](#).

The university location is School of Economics and Management, Campus de Gualtar, Building 8, 4470-057 Braga, Portugal).

All queries and submissions should be sent to [participation.uminho@gmail.com](mailto:participation.uminho@gmail.com).

**Keynote Speakers:**

Maria do Céu Pinto Arena (University of Minho)

Carola García-Calvo (Elcano Royal Institute)

William Stephens (Utrecht University)

Ana Leão Varela (International Coordination Unit at Social Security Institute/Lisbon Nova University Portugal)

Pina Sodano (University degli Studi Roma Tre)

Santina Musolino (University degli Studi Roma Tre)

Isabella Pirlogea (Isabella Pirlogea (Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania – PATRIR, Romania)

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