

***Regional workshop on media coverage of terrorism and violent extremism
related topics for journalists from the Western Balkans
Budva, 25 October 2018***

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 25 October 2018	
10:00-10:40	<p>Keynote impulses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. Dragan Pejanovic, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior of Montenegro</i> <i>Mr. Amer Kapetanovic, Head of RCC Political Department</i> <i>Mr. Filip de Ceuninck, Regional CT/Security Advisor, European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> <i>Ms. Jelka Klemenc, Senior Advisor of the Integrative Internal Security Governance (IISG)</i> <p><i>Moderator for all sessions: Mr. Lutfi Dervishi, Political Commentator</i></p>
10:40 – 11:30	<p>Journalists talk – experts listen</p> <p><i>Tour de table</i> – participants reflect on keynote impulses, overall topic, and showcase their interest and knowledge, setting the tone for continuation of the dialogue. Focus to be put on issues of importance pertinent to unbiased and professional reporting on practical cases of violent extremism, terrorism, radicalisation and other related crimes.</p>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:00	<p>“Reflections on Effectively Covering Extremism, Violent Extremism, and Efforts to Counter these Phenomena – Lessons from Serbia and the Region”?</p> <p><i>In this session we will look into the crucial role of media in providing credible information, since they remain a key stakeholder when it comes to shaping the public opinion. In this respect, the issues of ethical, professional and independent reporting standards, the quality and responsibility for balanced and evidence-based reporting, the unintended damage of excessive reporting, access to real information and cooperation with government security agencies will be discussed. The</i></p>



	<p><i>debate will also include perspectives on the role of media in spreading the terrorist narrative, mood of fear and defeatism, and gaining new supporters.</i></p> <p>11:45 – 12:20 Intro by Ms. Valery Perry, Project Coordinator, OSCE Mission in Belgrade</p> <p>12:20 – 12:40 Reflection by Mr. Denis Dzidic, Editor and Journalist at BIRN</p> <p>12:40 – 13:00 Discussion</p>
<p>13:00 – 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch (Hotel Restaurant)</p>
<p>14:30 – 15:45</p>	<p>Social media and terrorism, including online radicalization: A new virtual battlefield?</p> <p><i>The use of social media by terrorists has been dramatically increasing and becoming the most favourite communication tool for recruitment, training, operational cooperation and communication as the cheapest, easiest and the fastest way of communication</i></p> <p><i>What should be done to break the close relationship between the social media and terrorists? How to prevent the spread of terrorist propaganda and online recruitment of new supporters? Is the new law on Social Media a solution, and if so, what kind of? How to bridge the discrepancy between the freedom of speech and hate speech; between freedom of expression and “freedom to hate”? Where is the tipping point when hate speech and fake news are turned into radical extremism, cyber violence and real terrorist attack?</i></p> <p>14:30 – 14:50 Intro by Ms. Sheelagh Brady, Independent analyst, Dublin University</p> <p>14:50 – 15:05 Reflection by Mr. Zoran Popov, RCC Security Policy Advisor</p> <p>15:05 – 15:45 Discussion</p>
<p>15:45 – 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>16:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>The role of the “Whole society approach” - How to build effective counter-narratives to radicalisation and violent extremism?</p> <p><i>We will familiarize you of who is who in the region of WB when it comes to P/CVE and CT efforts and give you an overview of the existing institutional frameworks in P/CVE in the Western Balkans and present the whole society approach with special emphasis on referral mechanisms that include other societal stakeholders.</i></p> <p><i>What should media do to raise awareness to counter-narrative of the terrorist propaganda? What would be the role of media in a broad institutional response to these challenges? Would amendments to the Law on media and communication or preparation of a new Law on social media help in this</i></p>

	<p><i>respect? How to improve the strategic communication as a part of the whole society approach?</i></p> <p><i>16:00 – 16:20 Intro by Mr. Sergej Erdelja, Expert and supervisor in the field of whole society approach to de-radicalization (social work)</i></p> <p><i>16:20 – 16:35 Reflection by Mr. Filip de Ceuninck, Regional CT/Security Advisor, European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></p> <p><i>16:20 – 17:00 Discussion</i></p>
<i>17:00 – 17:30</i>	Wrap up – all speakers to reflect on all topics including key suggestions, conclusion and remarks
19:30 – 21:00	Dinner (Hotel Restaurant)

