

EuroMeSCo Annual Conference "Confronting Violent Extremism in the Euro-Mediterranean"

City: Barcelona

Organisation responsible: EuroMeSCo (the Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission)

Date: 1-2 June 2017

Activity: Researchers and practitioners from 22 countries debated the scope of the threat of violent extremism in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Objectives

Building a EuroMediterranean approach in the prevention and countering violent extremism policy formulation and research.

Promoting a space for knowledge exchange between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

Description

The conference consisted of plenary sessions as well as smaller working groups. Plenary sessions explored how the Euro-Mediterranean region is affected by violent extremism, the specificities of violent extremism today and possible strategies to counter the phenomenon, as well as the complex drivers and root causes motivating the radicalisation of individuals across the Euro- Mediterranean.

Three different working sessions focused on more specific issues. The first dealt with the link between violent extremism and geopolitics, in particular in Sinai and Libya. The second one looked into the complex nexus between violent extremism and populist, nationalist, islamophobic and authoritarian trends. The last one discussed policy initiatives in Lebanon and Turkey in the fields of preventing and countering radicalisation.

In the framework of the Annual Conference, over 30 young researchers and practitioners gathered in the Forum 'Youth to Youth: How to Tackle Radicalisation of Young People?' where they presented research strands and initiatives taken in various countries from the Euro-Mediterranean region, including Turkey, Germany, Libya, UK, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, to counter youth radicalisation.

Stakeholders

EuroMeSCo network would like to convey to policy makers and stakeholders of the 43 member states of the Union for the Mediterranean, including the 28 member states of the European Union.



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(53) Promote agreements with the academia and think tanks to promote critical research on the causes conducive to and drivers of ALL violent extremisms.