

European Regional Programme
Draft Agenda

Webinar on Tuesday 1 December 2020:

“Prevention and Response: the contribution of Religious Leaders to counteracting violent extremism and promoting social solidarity in Europe”

Time	Activity
16:00-16:10	Opening words from the organizing partners
16:10-17:00	<p>Moderated discussion concerning how to respond effectively in the immediate aftermath of acts of violence, and what is needed from the different parties to engage in successful longer-term initiatives to prevent radicalization and encourage inclusion, trust and social solidarity.</p> <p><i>Questions which could be considered include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What response from religious leaders to an act of violence can be considered “good” or constructive? • How can trust and positive relationships be maintained among religious communities, as well as between them and the public and government, in the immediate aftermath of an act of violent extremism? • What kinds of support/immediate action are needed by religious leaders from secular actors in order to be able to respond effectively in the aftermath of an attack? Are there good examples from past occurrences which can be drawn upon and possibly replicated? • Through what measures and initiatives do religious leaders best engage with those at risk of becoming radicalized or perpetrating acts of violence? • In what areas/through what mechanisms do religious leaders and policy makers communicate and collaborate most effectively to prevent alienation, radicalization and violence and achieve other shared goals for a peaceful, fair society?
17:00-17:30	Questions and answers including the audience