



Addressing radicalization through social inclusion

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Partnership proposal

ARTEMIS

Who we are?

“Atelier de Recherche, Traitement Et Médiation Interculturelle et Sociale” (Organisation for Research, Treatment and Intercultural and Social Mediation), is an association created in 2005 and member of the Groupe SOS since 2016. Artemis is specialized in the field of intercultural/social mediation and prevention of religious extremism leading to violence. Its activities focus mainly on follow-up of individuals on the brink of radicalisation, trainings of professionals in the medico-social sector, and media literacy activities for youngsters.

Who benefit from our action?

- Training of more than 8000 persons (public officers, professional in the social field, in the non-profit sector and citizens): territorial officers, social workers, public officers, public teachers, prison administration and religious executives
- Psychosocial follow up of 80 young people, mostly women (14—25) confronted to violent radicalization in France and pluridisciplinary care of convicted persons identified as radicalized by legal authorities
- More than 40 Media Information and Literacy workshops provided to 1000 Youths and youth workers in social centers for minors, high school and secondary school classes
- Since 2019, we are running a European project using innovative technology to empower NGOs to respond to radicalization among the young, in their communities (the project is funded by the European Union’s Internal Security Fund)

Our approach:

- A comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to address the diversity of situations
- A combination of 2 approaches: social and intercultural mediation and clinical psychology
- An inclusive process for the integration of the individuals followed up by our team

To train professionals for sustainable improvement of practices

- To allow youth to construct alternative speeches addressing online hate and conspiracy theories

Where we operate?

Based in Paris, France, we operate throughout the national territory but particularly in the Ile-de-France region and in the southeast of France, where the phenomenon is the rifest. The field of our action is defined by the urban area, one of the dimension of the phenomenon of violent radicalization.

GROUPE SOS

The Groupe SOS was created in 1984 with the ambition to fight against exclusions in all their forms. The Groupe SOS is the first European social enterprise. By placing social innovation at the heart of its practices, the Groupe demonstrates that it is possible to build a solid organization capable of creating and sustaining economic activities, while having a strong social impact.

GROUPE SOS SOLIDARITES & ARTEMIS

Artemis have a broad expertise in the prevention of radicalization and the Groupe SOS have a great experience in fighting against the various form of exclusion and support social and professional reintegration process of the most vulnerable. Artemis is a member of the Groupe SOS Solidarités since 2019. This rootedness allow us to draw from the interventions and tools and benefit from support mechanisms of the social and medical-social sector as platform for youth protection center, sheltering for vulnerable individuals, including migrants and rehabilitation center.

Objectives of this partnership proposal

Artemis is looking to integrate a consortium to collaborate with academic actors at a European level and carry out action-research. Artemis is a grassroots organization, able to quickly identify and reach at-risk groups and to provide strong empirical basis necessary to formulate policy recommendations. In responding this call for proposal, Artemis and the group SOS Solidarités aim also at building a comprehensive prevention methodology, from the early detection, to the follow-up of individuals under court supervision or in detention and in their social and professional reintegration in society.

Specific objectives

- Assess through the different programs carried out, the multiple drivers and manifestations of radical ideologies prone to incite or lead to violence and the physical and the online contexts for their propagation. Complementary knowledge on non-radicalizing identity, belonging, disengagement and detachment will also be formulated.
- Evaluate the impact of the programs for the at-risk demographics, in particular their awareness and resilience and improve the existing methodology. Comparatives studies might be conducted where appropriate.
- Create harmonized indicators and evaluation tools for civil society and policy makers in Europe.

- Promote best practices at European level.

Artemis Expertise

- **Follow up of radicalized individuals** (with support in their social and professional integration)
- **Trainings:**
 - Radicalized individuals' follow-up issues: Artemis provides knowledge on the radicalization process and to better diagnose cases and follow-up methodology.
 - Prevention trainings through awareness/in-depth sessions and analysis of professional practices sessions: this training aims at understanding the radicalisation process. The professionals are able to detect the “weak signals” of radicalisation in their respective professional environment, taking into account the legal framework.
 - Social and intercultural mediation and development of an inclusive dialogue: Artemis conducts trainings to executive's religious providing them with knowledge and skills to deal with religious based extremist digital contents, to quickly adapt their environment for those coming from abroad, and to interact with the young, more and more connected and exposed to conspiracy and/or radical theories.
 - Training as part of a socio-professional reintegration program for individuals prosecuted for charges connected with crime of terrorist conspiracy and common law detainees vulnerable to radicalization. The program includes also intercultural and religious mediation with the objectives to enable individuals to renounce an ideological-religious discourse leading to violence, to determine a set of common values and to develop critical mind.
- **Media and Information Literacy** with vulnerable youngsters (in closed centers for minors) and high school and secondary school classes, to develop media literacy, critical thinking, and fight conspiracy theory and hate speech online. From an in depth observation and analysis of these workshops' objectives and impact, Artemis is able to identify the triggers for adhesion to radical, extremist or violent theories, and can create a privileged environment to reflect on best counter-speech practices.



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