National and International Dissemination Activities CI since 2015

First quarter 2015


On the 21st Jan., HW participated in the RAN Steering Committee meeting in Brussels on the RAN Handbook and CVE strategy, giving input on youth work and the European Fair Skills (EFS) and the WomEx project.

In Jan. 2015 HW and the EFS team drafted a project proposal in cooperation with Women without Borders (WwB)/ Sisters Against Violent Extremism (SAVE), Edit Schlaffer, on: “Mothers Schools Europe (MSE) – engaging mothers as security partners in counter radicalisation and resilience building” proposing to combine MSE, European Fair Skills (EFS) and WomEx project tools.

During first and second quarter of 2015 HW and OK worked on a draft of ‘„Words do matter!“ - Begriffe und terminologische Klärungen im Bereich Extremismusprävention in der nationalen, europäischen und internationalen Arbeit' (Concepts and terminological clarifications in the area prevention of violent extremism in national, European and global perspective). To be published on: http://cultures-interactive.de. This draft discusses terminological issues of how to speak about EFS project work both in the international expert community and with the local stakeholders in the partner countries.

On 19th March, 2015, HW gave an interview on “prevention and derad in psychological perspective” to Catherine Jackson, Deputy editor, “Therapy Today”, British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, BACP House, 15 St. John’s Business Park, Lutterworth Leicestershire LE17 4HB, www.bacp.co.uk

In Feb. 2015, HW began consulting the first French Program in CVE and Deradicalisation in a Paris workshop («Détection et prise en charge de la radicalisation religieuse des personnes détenues» Numéro de marché: 14SD5021 D). Here HW also started talks with AfVT and ADC (Association française des Victimes du Terrorisme; Association Dialogues Citoyens) on introducing European Fair Skills (EFS) work and other youth-oriented prevent projects in the region of Paris and in France, in the context of the new French governmental prevention scheme.

On 5th March, 2015, HW meets with Margit Helle Thomsen und Henning Thomsen from Copenhagen; Dk., finalizing the Dk EU proposal “Community Counteracting Radicalization. A project to develop and test effective methods for preventing radicalization through bottom up action in Muslim communities” introducing the element of youth work, EFS and WomEx into the proposal.
On the 24th March, 2015, the CI-EFS team AP, HW, OK, SB organized and hosted a meeting with French State Secretary of Urban Development, Myriam EL KHOMRI, (politique de la ville) and the French embassy team in CI premises on EFS and other issues of national prevent work with young vulnerable citizens were discussed (Manuel BOUGEARD, Botschaftsrat für Sozialpolitik).

Second quarter 2015

In April, HW completed work on a draft of the GIZ position paper (German Government Developmental Assistance / Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) on „Preventing Violent Extremism in the context of Developmental Assistance in the Third World“, including issues of youth radicalisation prevention and gender awareness.

On April 9 & 10th, 2015, HW presented on „De-radicalisation? Good Practice in Rehabilitation from Violent Extremism - Narrativity, Gender, Media, Commuity and Youth“ at the conference Countering Violent Extremism in the United States and European Union in Pittsburgh, USA, organized by the The European Union Center of Excellence and European Studies Center (EUCE/ESC) of the University of Pittsburgh’s University Center for International Studies (4201 Bigelow Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15213).

On April 14th 2015 HW meets with Geoffrey Harris, Deputy Head of European Parliament Liaison Office with the US Congress in Pittsburgh, USA.

On April 13th HW is invited by Prof. Peter Biehl and Prof. Deborah Reed-Danahay to the Center for European Studies at Buffalo University, New York State, to present on "Deradicalisation - Principles of Good Practice in Rehabilitation from Violent Extremism in Europe – including gender and youth work aspects”.

On 21st May, 2015, HW participated in the IMPACT Europe Work Package 4 Kickoff Meeting in view of European Fair Skills evaluation research and evaluation tool, at RAND EUROPE Offices (82 Rue de la loi, 1040 Brussels).

On 22nd May, 2015, HW participated in the 1. Project Review Meeting with the European Commission regarding the Impact Europe project in view of European Fair Skills evaluation research and self-evaluation tool, at the European Commission, Covent Garden, Research Executive Agency (COV 2, 19-SDR1, B-1049), Brussels/Belgium, on 22 May 2015.

On 1st July, 2015 HW and Hungarian EFS partners organized and moderated an extra-curricular European Fair Skills Roundtable in Budapest.

On 4th of July 2015, SB and HW held an extra-curricular project meeting with European Fair Skills and CoCoRa partners, in Budapest, Hungary.

On 25th of June 2015 HW continued talks in Paris with AfVT and ADC (Association française des Victimes du Terrorisme; Association Dialogues Citoyens) on introducing European Fair Skills methods (EFS) and other youth-oriented prevent projects in the region of Paris and in France, in the context of the new French governmental prevention scheme (while consulting the
first French Program in CVE and Deradicalisation in a Paris workshop, «Détection et prise en charge de la radicalisation religieuse des personnes détenues» Numéro de marché: 14SD5021 D).

In June 2015 HW drafted the second, fully revised edition of the “RAN Derad Declaration of Good Practice – principles of good practice interventions of disengagement and rehabilitation (deradicalisation) from involvement in violent extremism and group hatred” to set the foundation for drafting the Evaluation tool.

**Third quarter 2015**


On 20-22nd July 2015, HW is invited to The United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Africa, to the High level experts meeting on “Framing the Development Solution to Radicalization in Africa” from in Nairobi, Kenya.


In August, 2015 HW drafted the note: “Short Notice: Counter narratives don’t work – it is proven”. http://cultures-interactive.de/fachartikel.html

On 12th of August, SB and HW meet with Prof. Lasse Lindekile and Prof. Wulf Kansteiner, Aarhus University, Denmark.

On 13th of August, SB and HW meet with Jesper Holms, at Aarhus prevention center – as well as with the program director Allan Arslev and the team of 12 colleagues from the crime prevention, inter-agency team Aarhus.

On 14th of August, HW meets with Prof. Preben Bertelsen at Aarhus University, Psychology Dept. regarding RAN, CI and European Fair Skills cooperation and preparation of the November Aarhus conference.

On 27/ 28th of August 2015, HW participated in the IMPACT Europe Project Meeting, in Tel Aviv, Israel, lead by the RAND Europe Corp. in view of EFS emphasis on evaluation (in coop with Phineo).

On 31st August 2015 HW meets with the Prefect of the Interministerial Committee on Prevention (CIPD) from Paris, Pierre NGAHANE, and his team as well as the French embassy team in Berlin, in view of a possible EFS France.

On 3./4th 2015 Sept., HW gave a presentation, a workshop, and 8 interviews to CZ media (and life TV broadcast) at the Internal Security Forum Prague, in view of the EFS partner countries and emphasis on WomEx and Eastern Europe. The conference was held under the auspices of the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies of Parliament of the Czech Republic, Mr. Jan Hamáček, in cooperation with the Czech Ministry of the Interior and supported by the US Embassy Prague, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.


On Sept. 30th HW participated in the RAN Steering Committee meeting in Brussels on transfer towards RAN Center of Excellence, in view of the new RAN group on Youth work and education.

Fourth quarter 2015


On 4th-5th November, 2015, HW spoke on RAN approaches, gender and youth work aspects at the EuroMesco-meeting on “Radical Groups: Security Threats in the Euro-Mediterranean” at the Al-Ahram Center, Cairo, Egypt.

In October HW drafts the paper: “Why are we still messing it up? A new Marshall Plan for preventing violent extremism – youth work, gender, mental health” to be published in: Per Concordiam, the George Marshall Center’s quarterly European security and defense journal (catering to over 9,000 diplomats, military officers, politicians, ambassadors, legislative figures and other officials). The journal is published in English and Russian and is sent to the American and German embassies throughout Europe and Eurasia, in addition to many academic institutions.

Previous editions can be accessed here: http://perconcordiam.com/
On 12th November HW participated in the IMPACT Europe project meeting, in view of European Fair Skills evaluation research and evaluation tool, in Utrecht, Netherlands.


On 3rd-4th December 2015, HW gave a talk on “The WomEx and European Fair Skills approach of Cultures Interactive”, at the Lisbon Forum 2015 on “How to combat radicalisation and terrorism: Prevention Tools and Shared Knowledge in the Mediterranean and European space, organized by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, at the Ismaili Centre, Lisbon, Portugal.

On 10th – 11th December 2015, HW presents EFS in the kick-off meeting of the CoCoRa project in Denmark (“Community Counteracting Radicalisation”). First Partner Meeting Elsinore/ Denmark. Erasmus+ (round 1 Cooperation for Innovation and the exchange of good practice – Strategic Partnerships, organized by http://mhtconsult.dk).

2016 CI National and International Dissemination Activities

First quarter 2016

In Jan. 2016 HW published the paper: “Civil society in preventing violent extremism: European Fair Skills (EFS), Women/ Gender in Extremism and Prevention (WomEx), Community Counteracting Radicalisation (CoCoRa) – within the EU Radicaliation Awareness Network (RAN).” In the: BBE Europa-Nachrichten/ Europa News – Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement (BBE), – Newsletter für Engagement und Partizipation in Europa.


On 12th Jan. 2016 HW gives a workshop on RAN, EFS and WomEx principles of prevent and derad work at the Vienna bureau of the Donau University Krems, Austria.

On 18th Jan. 2016 HW has a telephone interviews with National Public Radio, USA, in view of a radio documentary broadcast which does hour long, in depth formats – in this instance about the various deradicalization programs in Europe with emphasis on gender issues and WomEx. contact: Hanna Rosin <HRosin@npr.org>

On the 28th January SB participates in the RAN Youth, Families and Communities (YF&C) kick-off meeting in Munich, SB spoke on the European Fair Skills project including WomEx method-
ical elements of gender oriented intervention work, also in reference to the current Cocora Erasmus+ partnership with mth consulting from Denmark.

In February an abstract of the European Fair Skills project is published in the ex-post RAN paper on YF&C inauguration (Youth, Families and Communities/ YF&C).


On 19th of Feb. HW co-moderated and was guest speaker in the RAN Austria meeting in Vienna, speaking on community and youth based prevention and on the RAN network (together with Prof. Rüdiger Lohlker and Dr. Nico Prucha), in the Ministry of Interior, Vienna.

On 23. April 2016 HW participates as panel member in the panel discussion of the conference "Vergleich der Extremismusformen", representing WomEx and CoCoRa, in Bremen, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V., Politisches Bildungsforum Bremen.

On 13-15th June 2016 HW participates as panel member, speaking on gender and violent extremism in reference to WomEx, during the International Security Forum 2016 in Geneva. The panel is titled “Violent Extremism as a Gendered Threat”.

On 30./31.05.2016 HW is invited to the Workshop "Nationale Strategie Terrorismus-/Extremismusprävention" in Schloß Waldthausen in Mainz-Budenheim, organized by the Federal Criminal Police Office’s Research Department (Wiesbaden).

31.05 – 01.06, 2016, SB and OK are invited to speak at the OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference “Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism” in Berlin, organized by the 2016 German Chairmanship of the OSCE.

On 6./ 7. June, SB and HW speak at the German Crime Prevention Congress (DPT) in Magdeburg on 16/17th April and at the Annual International Forum (AIF) on Fair Skills, WomEx and the CoCoRa project.

Since March the CI team AP, SB, and OK is drafting a paper, “Gender and Far Right Politics in Europe.” for a volume, eds. By Prof. Renate Bitzan, Michaela Koettig, Andrea Peto, to be published by Palgrave.