



CHAMPIONS



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Central and Eastern European Cities for Preventing Radicalisation Virtual Meeting

Date: 27 October, 2020, between 09.00–12.00 a.m.

In the framework of the EC-funded project CHAMPIONS (Cooperative Harmonized Action Model to Stop Polarization in our Nations) you are cordially invited to the upcoming virtual meeting to exchange views on countering polarization and radicalization at the community-level, and improving cooperation among cities and capitals in Central and Eastern Europe.

The event is organized for the first-line practitioners of the municipalities participating in the implementation of the project and cities and capitals of Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia as well as representatives of international organizations and institutions.

Agenda

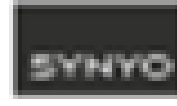
- **Welcome session**
- **Presentation of the process and outcome of the series of Roundtables convened at national level**
- **Presentation of early warning/response systems “Alert and Arena” and the capacity building system “Training Yard”**
- **Facilitated reflection on Cooperation of Cities and Capitals in Central and Eastern Europe**

If you wish to participate at the meeting, please register [here](#) until the 22nd of October.





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Central and Eastern European Cities for Preventing Radicalisation Concept

Given the advancing polarisation and radicalisation in Central and Eastern Europe, the project CHAMPIONS aims to

- establish permanent offline working groups combining first-line-practitioners of different disciplines, professions and institutions to jointly develop effective detection and response solutions to prevent and counter radicalisation, build resilience and protect vulnerable groups in their local communities;
- design pilot models "Alert", "Arena" and "Training Yard" which allow for direct communication and cooperation, and provide learning materials, video-tutorials, good practice guidelines and case study simulation exercises to address challenges of polarization and radicalization in their community;
- transfer the CHAMPIONS pilot model to other communities.

The virtual meeting convenes

- policy makers and first-line practitioners of cities and communities where the project has been implemented;
- managements of capitals in Central and Eastern Europe;
- representatives of international organizations.



Our goals are to

- present the CHAMPIONS model of multi-agency local groups tasked with prevention and countering of radicalisation developed in Cluj (Romania), Budapest (Hungary), Dąbrowa Górnicza (Poland) and Berlin (Germany);
- encourage the follow up of the series of roundtables launched in the above mentioned communities during the project;
- generate similar activities in and regional cooperation among the invited capitals in line with the "Pact of Free Cities" established on 16 December, 2019.

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The meeting is planned to be highly interactive.

In that spirit, the organizers will provide space for the participants to discuss the lessons learned during the series of roundtables assisted by the municipalities of Berlin-Neukölln, Cluj, 8th district of Budapest and Dabrowa Gornicza and exchange views on the application of the models of Alert, Arena and Training Yard.

The last part of the meeting will be a structured dialogue on the possibilities, forms and tools of regional cooperation to improve mutual understanding, respect and diversity.

The organizers will share short descriptions of the state of play in the series of roundtables and a proposal for the structure of the facilitated reflection with the participants prior to the event.

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