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YOUTH RADICALISATION

YEIP INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE TEACHES HOW TO PREVENT NOT TO COUNTER

On January 22nd, the [YEIP International Conference](#) took place at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE), bringing together over 100 young people, politicians, policy makers and scholars to debate the issue of youth radicalisation.

The event was organised by the social cooperative Anziani e non solo, in collaboration with Liguria Region, IARS international Institute of London and CRID - Interdepartmental Research Centre on Discriminations and vulnerabilities UNIMORE.

The conference presented the results of the first phase of the Erasmus + [Youth Empowerment and Innovation Project \(YEIP\)](#), whose aim is to create new tools for the prevention of youth radicalisation, based on the principles of positive psychology, Good Lives Model and restorative justice.

During the event [Theo Gavrielides](#) - founder and director of the IARS International Institute and coordinator of YEIP, launched the volumes [“Young, marginalised but not radicalised: A comparative study of positive approaches to youth radicalisation”](#) and [“Youth Radicalisation, Restorative Justice and the Good Lives Model: Comparative learnings from seven countries”](#), downloadable for free from the project website: www.yeip.org.

The volumes include original findings from 7 Member States: Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal, United Kingdom, Romania, Sweden, investigating the state of the art concerning the theme of radicalisation.

Antonella Inverno, Head of Policy & Law Unit of Save the Children Italia ONLUS, said “The youth participation at this event represents the occasion to empower young people as individuals, but also as members of the community, positively influencing their decisions and actions”.

“The importance of acting in prevention of all forms of extremism, through socio-educational interventions on the themes of identity, participation, empowerment and conflict mediation emerges clearly from the YEIP Conference”, said **Licia Boccaletti** from the social cooperative Anziani e non solo, responsible for the YEIP project

Stefano Dambruoso MP, the first signatory of the Italian draft law “Measures for the prevention of jihadist radicalisation and violent jihadist extremism”, underlined the importance of aligning national policies with the European strategy to counter extremism. This must be founded not only on prosecution and criminal response, but also on prevention, essential for the achievement of effective results, he said.

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- Project website www.yeip.org
- YEIP is developed in response to the Call for proposals EACEA No 34/2015 Key Action 3: Support for policy reform - Initiatives for policy innovation – [European policy experimentations in the fields of Education, Training and Youth led by high-level public authorities]. The project is co-funded under Erasmus+ Grant Agreement N° 2016-2927 /9.
- The IARS International Institute: www.iars.org.uk
- For more information: <http://yeip.org/international-conference-22-january-2018-modena-italy/>