

High-Level Ministerial Conference

Criminal justice response to radicalisation



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European Commission

Charlemagne Building / Alcide de Gasperi Room (2nd floor)

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Prisons are sometimes referred to as a breeding ground for radicalisation, which may in turn lead to terrorist acts. The European Agenda on Security of 28 April 2015 and the Council Conclusions on the Renewed European Union Internal Security Strategy 2015-2020 of 16 June 2015 prioritise the prevention of radicalisation in prisons, and the development of effective disengagement and de-radicalisation programmes.

This High-Level Conference, organised jointly by the European Commission and the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union, together with the support of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, aims to allow policymakers, legal practitioners and experts to exchange views on effective interventions, management and sentencing practices. The ultimate aim is to avoid the spreading of radicalised ideas that could lead to acts of terrorism, both in and outside prisons in the European Union.

The conference hopes to find responses in the criminal justice sector on how to best deal with this sensitive and complex problem. The conclusions of the Conference will be presented at the Justice and Home Affairs Council of December 2015.

09:00 **Registration and coffee**

10:00 – 12:30 **High-level plenary morning session
with the presence of Ministers of Justice**

Scene-setting: the nature and extent of radicalisation leading to violent extremism and challenges for policymakers; the importance of dialogue and exchange of best practices among Member States and the role of the EU.

10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

10:10 **Working together to prevent radicalisation**

Félix Braz, Minister of Justice of Luxembourg, Presidency of the Council of the EU

10:20 **Radicalisation in the security context**

Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs

10:30 **An EU response to tackle radicalisation**

Claude Moraes, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee

10:40 **Ministerial Panel on challenges and the role of the EU**

Introduced by Christiane Taubira, Minister of Justice of France and Koen Geens, Minister of Justice of Belgium

General Discussion among Justice Ministers **Tomáš Borec** (Slovakia), **Wolfgang Brandstetter** (Austria), **Félix Braz** (Luxembourg), **Rafael Catalá Polo** (Spain), **Robert Marius Cazanciuc** (Romania), **Koen Geens** (Belgium), **Hristo Ivanov** (Bulgaria), **Jari Lindström** (Finland), **Andrea Orlando** (Italy), **Dzintars Rasnačs** (Latvia), **Andrew Selous** (United Kingdom), **Christiane Taubira** (France), **László Trócsányi** (Hungary), Deputy Minister of Justice **Petr Jäger** (Czech Republic), State Secretary **Catharina Espmark** (Sweden), Undersecretary of State **Wojciech Węgrzyn** (Poland) and Head of Division, Ministry of Justice **Rasmus Kieffer-Kristensen** (Denmark)

With the participation of **Michèle Coninx**, President of Eurojust and **Gilles de Kerchove**, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

Moderator: Diana Madill, BBC Journalist

12:30 **Buffet Lunch** for conference participants

Foyer of Gasperi Room, Charlemagne Building

13:00 **Ministerial Working Lunch** hosted by Commissioner Jourová

13th floor, Berlaymont Building

14:30 **Press statement** by Commissioner Jourová and Minister Braz

VIP Corner, Berlaymont Building

14:30 – 16:30

Afternoon Session – Two Parallel workshops

Workshop 1:

Preventing radicalisation to violent extremism – special focus on prisons

This workshop deals with the identification and risk assessment of radicalised or extremist prisoners; the prevention of recruitment in prisons and regime choices (e.g. isolation, dispersion, combinations); risks of radicalisation linked to detention conditions; the experience from de-radicalisation programmes in prisons; and the role of religious counselling.

Jenkins Room (Ground floor)

Chair: Vincent Theis, Director of Luxembourg Penitentiary Centre

Scene setter: Andrew Silke, Head of Criminology and Director of Terrorism Studies, University of East London, United Kingdom

First Panel:

How can our prisons deal with radicalised or extremist prisoners?

Santi Consolo, Chief of the Department for Penitentiary Administration, Italian Ministry of Justice

Mark Hamm, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Indiana State University, United States of America

Koen Lambrechts, Director Dendermonde Prison, Belgium

Magnus Ranstorp, Director of the Centre for Asymmetric Threat Studies, Swedish National Defence College

Tinka Veldhuis, Researcher Prison Radicalisation, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, the Netherlands

Second Panel:

Experience from de-radicalisation programmes in prisons and the role of religious counselling

Mohamed Ajouaou, Head of Prison Imams, Ministry of Security and Justice, the Netherlands

Iván Calabuig-Williams, Counter-terrorism expert, Spain

Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc, Association française des victimes du terrorisme, France

Brian Gowans, President of International Commission of Prison Pastoral Care, Scotland

Marie Louise Jörgensen, Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration, Department of the Prison and Probation Service, Denmark

Eelco Kessels, Global Center on Cooperative Security, United Kingdom

Elaine Pressman, Senior Fellow in the Centre of Intelligence and Security Studies at Carleton University, Canada

Workshop 2:

The role and challenges for criminal justice practitioners when dealing with radicalised and violent extremists

This workshop deals with the consequences of increased criminalisation of terrorist offences related to foreign fighters and increasing numbers of returnees; the use of rehabilitation programmes in criminal proceedings as alternatives to detention, both in pre-trial and trial stage, and post-release rehabilitation; distinguishing between different types of terrorist offenders; the involvement of victims; and balancing of public protection and integration.

Gasperi Room (2nd floor)

Chair: Michèle Coninx, President of Eurojust

Scene setter: Gilles de Kerchove, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

First Panel:

The role of the judiciary in disengagement, rehabilitation and de-radicalisation - discussion among judges and prosecutors

Ann Fransen, Federal Prosecutor, Belgium

Bart den Hartigh, Public Prosecutor, the Netherlands

Vincent Le Gaudu, Vice-President, Court of First Instance, Paris, France

Francois Molins, Public Prosecutor, Parquet de Paris, Section Terrorism, France

Nicola Piacente, Public Prosecutor, Head of the anti-terrorism section, Tribunal of Genoa, Italy

HH Judge Michael Topolski QC, The Central Criminal Court, London, United Kingdom

Second Panel:

How to develop rehabilitation programmes to be used in criminal proceedings?

Umar Al-Qadri, Founder Irish Muslim Peace & Integration Council, Ireland

Marc Cerón, President of Confederation of European Probation

Gisela Diewald-Kerkmann, Professor, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Patrick Loobuyck, Professor, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Julia Reinelt, Violence Prevention Network, Germany

Mark Singleton, Director, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, the Netherlands

16:30

Coffee break

16:45 – 18:00

Closing session – Outlook and Conclusions

16:45 **Progress at European level**

Council of Europe: Guidelines for Prison and Probation Staff

Francesco Ragazzi, University of Leiden, the Netherlands

Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN):

Prison & Probation Working Group Declaration; Presentation of Centre of Excellence

Yola Wanders, RAN Prison & Probation Working Group and Magnus Ranstorp, Quality Manager of RAN Centre of Excellence

17:00 **Inspiring practices in EU Member States – Reports from the Workshops**

Workshop 1: Daan Weggemans, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism

Workshop 2: Valsamis Mitsilegas, Queen Mary University, United Kingdom

Discussion

17:45 **EU Council Conclusions and Follow-up**

Luc Reding, Conseiller de direction première classe, Presidency of the European Union

Closing remarks

Paraskevi Michou, Acting Director-General, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Moderator: Diana Madill, BBC Journalist

18:00 **End of the High-level Conference on radicalisation**

Ministers



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang BRANDSTETTER 

Federal Minister of Justice



Mr Koen GEENS 

Minister of Justice



Mr Hristo IVANOV 

Minister of Justice



Mr Petr JÄGER 

Deputy Minister of Justice



Mr Jari LINDSTRÖM 

Minister of Justice and Employment



Ms Christiane TAUBIRA 

Minister of Justice
Keeper of the Seals



Mr László TRÓCSÁNYI 

Minister of Justice



Mr Andrea ORLANDO 

Minister of Justice



Mr Dzintars RASNAČŠ 

Minister of Justice



Mr Félix BRAZ 

Minister of Justice



Mr Wojciech WĘGRZYN 

Under Secretary of State



Mr Robert Marius CAZANCIUC 

Minister of Justice



Mr Tomáš BOREC 

Minister of Justice



Mr Rafael CATALÁ POLO 

Minister of Justice



Ms Catharina ESPMARK 

State Secretary



Mr Andrew SELOUS 

Minister for prisons and rehabilitation
as Parliamentary under Secretary of
State at the Ministry of Justice

Speakers and panellists



Mohamed AJOUAOU

Dr. Mohamed Ajouaou (1968) is a Dutch citizen of Moroccan origin and has lived in the Netherlands since 1991. He is currently Head of Islamic Chaplaincy at the Correctional Institution Services, Ministry of Security and Justice, assistant professor of Islamic Theology at VU University Amsterdam and visiting professor at KU University (Belgium). Dr. Ajouaou has worked as a senior staff member and advisor on religion and integration at the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice (Immigration and Integration), senior advisor on well-being and education, and taught religion and philosophical education at secondary school level. He studied philosophy at the University of Fes, Morocco. In 1996 he received his Master's degree in Theology and Religions from the University of Amsterdam, and in 1997 he was awarded his Post Master's Teaching Qualification Degree (Biblical Knowledge and Cultural History of Christianity) by Utrecht University. In 2010 he gained his doctorate degree at the Faculty of Humanities (Tilburg University) in 2010, with a dissertation called *Imam Behind Bars: A Case Study of Islamic Spiritual Care in Dutch Prisons towards the Development of a Professional Profile*. Dr. Ajouaou has gained extensive and wide-ranging experience in the fields of Islam and integration, religion in the public domain in the broad sense of the word, public governing board, politics, and policy and education. He has spoken and written on these subjects frequently. His most recent book, *Wie is moslim? Geloof en secularisatie onder westerse Moslims (Who is a Muslim? Faith and secularisation among Western Muslims)* was published in 2014. An English version is currently under preparation. For more information see www.mohamed-ajouaou.nl



Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS

Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship. Dimitris Avramopoulos started his term as Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship on the 1st of November 2014, together with the other members of the Juncker Commission. Before becoming European Commissioner, Mr Avramopoulos was Minister of National Defence of Greece, as well as in 2011. In the year 2012 he was Minister of Foreign Affairs. During 2004-2009 he was Minister of Tourism Development and Minister of Health and Social Solidarity. Mr Avramopoulos was a two-term Major of Athens from 1995 until 2002. In 2000-2002 he served as the President of the Summit Conference of the 'Mayors of the World'. Dimitris Avramopoulos served in the Diplomatic Service of Greece from 1980 until 1993. In 1992 he was appointed Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in 1993 he was appointed Director of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Greek Prime Minister. Mr Avramopoulos was elected Member of Parliament in 1993, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2012, and is also Vice President of the New Democracy party of since 2010. Dimitris Avramo-

poulos completed his studies at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences at the University of Athens and his graduate studies at Boston University. He is married to Vivian and has two sons, Filippos and Iasonas.

Iván CALABUIG-WILLIAMS

Iván Calabuig-Williams is a counter-terrorism expert with an academic background in political science and a practitioner background in radicalisation and de-radicalisation issues, with substantive experience in capacity building programmes in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, where he has designed and helped set up several related programmes. He has substantive experience in the formulation and the provision of technical support to national governments and several international organisations. The model counter-radicalisation and de-radicalisation programme that has consistently emerged from his work is that of a whole of society effort, with a top-down (government) and bottom-up (local communities and civil society) approach, aiming to integrate reliable field data for project formulation; early warning awareness for intervention; and monitoring and evaluation to report the iteration of experiences through trial and error.



Marc CERON

Marc Cerón i Riera holds a university degree in Psychology, specialised in clinical psychology, University of Barcelona (1986); Master in Clinical Psychology, University of Barcelona (1988); civil servant (psychologist) at the Justice Department of Catalonia since 1992; current Deputy Director General of Probation in Catalonia since April 2005; CEP (www.cep-probation.org), Board Member from September 2007 to May 2010; President from May 2010 to October 2013; current re-elected President since October 2016. Regular teacher at the Centre of the Judicial Studies and Specialised Training of the Justice Department of Catalonia; regular teacher at the Judicial School of Spain.



Michele CONINSX

Michèle Coninx has been President of Eurojust since May 2012. She was appointed President of Eurojust by the Council of Ministers of the European Union following her re-election by the College of Eurojust in May 2015. In addition, Ms Coninx is National Member for Belgium at Eurojust and Chair of Eurojust's Counter-Terrorism Team. Eurojust is the European body that stimulates and improves the coordination of investigations and prosecutions related to organised crime and terrorism between the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union. Ms Coninx is a Deputy Prosecutor General who holds the noble title of Baroness (Royal

Decree of 8 July 2013). She also holds the title of Fellow of Law and Criminology at the University of Brussels (Vrije Universiteit Brussel; 2014-2017) and Visiting Professor in the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London (2015-2018). Ms Coninx has a Master's Degree in Law, a Master's Degree in Criminology, and is a specialist in Air Law and Aviation Security (UK – USA). While with the Brussels Public Prosecutor's Office, Ms Coninx gained extensive practical experience in the prosecution and trial of major criminal cases, including terrorism (GIA Islamic Armed Group), organised crime (Cali Drugs Cartel) and murder (serial killer András Pándy). In addition, she served for nine years as an expert in aviation security for the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), where she was in charge of anti-terrorism training related to aircraft sabotage and hijacking. From 1997 until 2002, Ms Coninx was one of three Belgian National Prosecutors in charge of the coordination of judicial and police efforts in combating terrorism and organised crime throughout the whole of Belgium. In this position, she played a key role in improving evidence gathering, the arrest and conviction of Animal Liberation Front (ALF) activists, streamlining and optimising the coordination of the fight against large-scale petrol fraud and VAT carousel fraud, and the structuring of the analysis of terrorist threats (GIA-threat '99, EURO 2000). From January 2001, Ms Coninx was asked to represent Belgium in Pro-Eurojust, where she assumed the Presidency in the second half of 2001. She was Vice-President of Eurojust from December 2007 until April 2012.



Santi CONSOLO

Born in Gangi (Palermo), on 4 September 1951. He graduated from Palermo University and he joined the Magistracy in 1978. He worked as Supervisory Judge ('Magistrato di Sorveglianza') from 1978 to 1981, and subsequently worked both as judge and as public prosecutor in different Judiciary Offices in Sicily. He was appointed as Deputy Public Prosecutor General at the Court of Appeal of Palermo, and he dealt with several trials against mafia organisations, including the so-called 'maxi-one', the suit 'Paziente + 37' and some trials for massacres, such as 'Alletto Croce Benvenuto + 69'. From 1998 to 2002, as a member of the Higher Council of Magistracy, he participated in the Joint Commission for the study of the problems of the supervisory magistracy ('Magistratura di Sorveglianza'), established within the same Council, and he was appointed as President of the X Anti-mafia Commission. In 2003, he was appointed as General Prosecutor at the Court of Cassation, and was assigned to the civil law sector and then to the criminal law sector. In that capacity, he dealt with more than 50 appeals, which were pointed out by the Office for their importance. He was also a member of the Committee for Access to Justice in the European Union at the Department of EU Policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Observatory for the implementation of Community Directives. In 2008, he was appointed as Deputy Head of the Department of Penitentiary Administration, with competence over many matters, including: Prisoners and their Treatment, Execution of Sentences in the Community, Higher Institute of Penitentiary Studies, Office for Studies and Researches. From 23 June 2011

to 6 March 2014 he acted as General Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal of Catanzaro (Calabria). From 7 March 2014 until December 2014 he acted as General Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal of Caltanissetta (Sicily). He was appointed as Head of Department of Penitentiary Administration on the 12 December 2014.



Gilles DE KERCHOVE

Gilles de KERCHOVE was appointed EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator on 19 September 2007. In this function, he coordinates the work of the European Union in the field of counter-terrorism, maintains an overview of all the instruments at the Union's disposal, closely monitors the implementation of the EU counter-terrorism strategy and fosters better communication between the EU and third countries to ensure that the Union plays an active role in the fight against terrorism. Before that he was Director for Justice and Home Affairs at the Council Secretariat. He is also a European law professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, the Free University of Brussels and at the Université Saint Louis-Brussels. He was deputy secretary of the convention that drafted the charter of the fundamental rights of the European Union from 1999 to 2000. He has published a number of books on European law.



Bart DEN HARTIGH

Bart den Hartigh is a senior prosecutor at the National Prosecutor's Office in Rotterdam. He is the Dutch National Prosecutor on Counter Terrorism. He has been head of the Counter Terrorism & War Crimes Unit since 2012. Mr. Den Hartigh has been a prosecutor since 1999. He worked for several years as a regional prosecutor in Rotterdam and Saint Martin (DWI). As a National Prosecutor, he dealt with terrorism cases for several years and also headed the High Tech Crime Unit.



Guillaume DENOIX DE SAINT MARC

Guillaume DENOIX de SAINT MARC was born on 2 May 1963. He spent his childhood in the United Kingdom, Nigeria, Uganda and Kenya before returning to France. He became involved in the fight against terrorism and violent radicalisation following the death of his father in a terrorist attack: on 19 September 1989, UTA flight 772 took off from Brazzaville (Congo) towards Paris before exploding over the Sahara desert in southern Niger, killing all 170 people on board, including Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc's father. An examination of wreckage later revealed that the explosion had been caused by a bomb. Following this event, Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc became chairman and spokesman for the 'les familles de l'attentat du DC-10 d'UTA', an association of the victims. In 2002, he instigated and took part in negotiations with the Gaddafi Foundation, headed by the son of Colonel Gaddafi, to obtain compensation for the families of the victims. After two years of struggles, they finally reached an agreement. Libya denied any link to the bombing but agreed to pay \$1m to the families of each of the victims. This led to Guillaume working within the foundation created to receive the funds obtained and

distribute them to the 1625 beneficiaries of the victims, a mission that took 6 years to complete. He wrote a book 'Mon père était dans le DC10' published in May 2005 about these events. In 2007, Guillaume travelled to the remote crash site, along with 140 people, first with relatives and then with 140 local people in order to build a memorial to the UTA flight 772 bombing. This memorial is fully visible from the sky: the life-size silhouette of the aircraft lies inside a circle more than 200ft in diameter, created using dark stones set into the sand. Surrounding this circle are 170 broken mirrors, representing those who died, and arrows marking the points of the compass. At the northern point, part of the right wing of the DC-10 has been erected as a monument, with a plaque commemorating the victims. A documentary was made about the construction of this memorial. Guillaume is the co-leader of one of the European Commission's Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) working Groups named 'RAN - Voice of Victims of Terrorism'. He is also the managing director of the 'Association française des Victimes du Terrorisme', which he created in 2009 to meet the needs of victims and help prevent violent radicalisation after the void left by the dissolution of 'SOS attentat'. In this capacity he organised and headed the VII International Congress of Victims of Terrorism that took place in Paris on 15, 16 and 17 September. It was during this event that the creation of the International Federation of Associations of Victims of Terrorism (IFAVT) was decided, of which Guillaume became the first president. This association gathers 17 associations of victims of terrorisms from all around the world in order to better assist victims of terrorism and create a network strong enough to stand against the spread of radicalisation.



Gisela DIEWALD-KERKMANN

Gisela Diewald-Kerkmann is Professorin of History (Modern and Contemporary) at the University of Bielefeld, Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology. Her research interests include the history of National Socialism, history of political violence in the 19th and 20th century, and history of terrorism and legal history post 1945. Her habilitation thesis (postdoctoral qualification), which was published in 2009 in the series 'Writings from the Federal Archives', was on the subject: 'Women, Terrorism and Justice. Trials against female members of the RAF and Bewegung 2. Juni'. Her research and writings explore the reciprocal relationship between politics, government, the judiciary and terrorist groups. Email: gisela.diewald-kerkmann@uni-bielefeld.de



Ann FRANSEN

Brasschaat, 21 November 1969

PRESENT POSITION

Head of the Counter Terrorism Unit of the Federal prosecutor's office of

Belgium (since 2007)

PREVIOUS POSITION(S)

Lawyer (1992-1993),

Assistant at the KUL University (1992-1997)

Deputy Public Prosecutor of Brussels (1993-2002)

Federal magistrate (2002-2015)

LANGUAGES

Dutch, French, English



Brian GOWANS

Born on 6 February 1957 in Kirkcaldy, Scotland. Educated at St. Andrew's College, Drygrange (Edinburgh) and St. Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, (Durham)

Studying Philosophy and Theology

Ordained Priest on 13 July 1985 at St. Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield

1986-1990 Secretary-General to the Conference of Priests in England and Wales

1993 joins Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh and appointed as prison chaplain to a Young Offenders Institution in 1994

1994-2006 specialising in young people in prison

1998 to present Specialist Adviser in Religion to the Scottish Prison Service

2007 appointed Vice-President of ICCPPC at a congress in Rome

2011 appointed President of ICCPPC at a congress in Cameroon

2015 Represented the Holy See at a Council of Europe Meeting in Bucharest

Co-Author of Basic Principles; religion in prison (ICCPCC).

Well travelled, visiting prisons around the world and has also represented the ICCPPC at the UN Crime Commission in Vienna each year since 2000.



Mark HAMM

Mark Hamm is a former prison warden from Arizona and currently a professor of Criminology at Indiana State University and a Senior Research Fellow at the

Terrorism Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. In the 1980s and 1990s he wrote widely about right-wing extremists in the United States, as well as subjects as diverse as apocalyptic violence, cop killer rap, and ethnography and terror. His books include The Spectacular Few: Prisoner Radicalization and the Evolving Terrorist Threat (2013); Terrorism as Crime: From Oklahoma City to Al-Qaeda and Beyond (2007); In Bad Company: America's Terrorist Underground (2002); Apocalypse in Oklahoma: Waco and Ruby Ridge Revenged (1997); and American Skinheads: The Criminology and Control of Hate Crime (1993). Professor Hamm received three major grants from the National Institute of Justice: one to study crimes committed by terrorist groups; one to study terrorist recruitment in American correctional institutions; and the other to study lone wolf terrorism in America.



Marie Louise JØRGENSEN

Has worked for the Department of Prison and Probation in Denmark for more than a decade. Previously, she worked for more than 15 years in various areas and

departments within the Danish Prison and Probation Service. She has a professional background as a social worker, and she holds a diploma in Globalisation and Integration. In the last couple of years, Ms. Jørgensen has been the lead in developing and implementing exit programmes for gang members and the de-radicalisation programme. She is also a member of RAN Prison and Probation.



Věra JOUROVÁ

Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. Ms Věra Jourová is currently European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. In 2014, before coming to the European Commission, Ms Jourová held the position of Minister for Regional Development in the Czech Republic. Previous to this, from 2006 to 2013, she worked in her own company as an international consultant on European Union funding, and also was involved in consultancy activities in the Western Balkans relating to the European Union Accession. In 2003 Ms. Jourová was appointed Deputy Minister for Regional Development, a position which she held for three years. Previously she worked as Head of the Department of Regional Development in the Vysočina Region, from 2001, and before that as Secretary and Spokesperson of the Třebíč Municipal Office, from 1995 to 2001. Ms Jourová holds a Degree in Law (Mgr.) from the Charles University, Prague and a Master's degree (Mgr.) in the Theory of Culture from the Charles University, Prague.



Elco KESSELS

Elco Kessels is Director of the London Office and Senior Analyst at the Global Centre on Cooperative Security. He coordinates research and programming activities related to managing and rehabilitating violent extremist offenders, countering violent extremism, and rule of law-based approaches to counterterrorism in the Middle East, across Africa and in Southeast Asia. He is currently providing support to the Global Counterterrorism Forum's Detention and Reintegration Working Group, and is developing several guidance documents and training programs, including on: 1) the identification, prevention, and mitigation of radicalisation within prisons; 2) the role of civil society actors in reintegrating terrorism offenders; and 3) intake and risk assessment tools and procedures for VEOs. From 2010 to 2014, he worked as Programme Manager at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in The Hague, where he was responsible for the development of several training courses on the management of terrorism offenders and their reintegration into society. Previously, he was a researcher in counterterrorism at Leiden University and worked for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence in London. He holds a BA (cum laude) in international law and conflict studies from University College Utrecht and an MA (with distinction) in international peace and security from King's College London. Publications include: Matthew Schwartz et al., Strengthening the Case: Good Criminal Justice Practices to Counter Terrorism, Global Center on Cooperative Security, September 2015; E. Kessels et al., Countering Violent Extremism and Promoting Community Resilience in the Greater Horn of Africa: An Action Agenda, Global Center on Cooperative security, May 2015; E. Kessels et al., Addressing the Foreign Terrorist Fighters Phenomenon From a European Union Perspective, Global Center on Cooperative Security, Human Security Collective, and ICCT – The Hague, December 2014; T. Veldhuis & E. Kessels, 'Asking the Right Questions to Optimize Detention and Rehabilitation Poli-

cies for Violent Extremist Offenders' in Canadian Diversity, Vol. 9, No. 4, 2012, pp. 33-37; (Editor), Countering Violent Extremist Narratives. National Coordinator for Counterterrorism (NCTb), The Hague, January 2010; B. de Graaff & E. Kessels, 'Prison Radicalisation in the Netherlands: Not a Captivating Problem', background study for P. Neumann (ed.), Radicalisation, De-radicalisation and Disengagement in Prisons: Lessons from 15 Countries. ICSR, London, 2010.

Koen LAMBRECHT

Koen Lambrecht works as prison governor in Dendermonde, Belgium. He is a member of the Cell Extremism within the Belgian Prison Service, where his main task is developing the regime in terrorist wings and preparing a disengagement programme. With an intelligence service background, he has knowledge of both radicalisation processes and the prison reality. His work in the RAN (Radicalisation Awareness Network) allows him to analyse regimes and disengagement programmes on a European level.



Vincent LE GAUDU

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ÉTUDES

Licence économie appliquée PARIS-

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Diplôme de l'INSTITUT d'ETUDES POLITIQUES de PARIS-1986

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Juge d'instance - Tribunal d'instance de SENLIS 1991-1994

Juge des enfants - Tribunal pour enfants de PONTOISE 1994-1998

Juge Tribunal de grande instance de BASSE TERRE (GUADELOUPE) 1998- 2002

Vice-président chargé de l'application des peines - Tribunal de grande instance de BEAUVAIS 2002-2005

Vice-président - Tribunal de grande instance de SENLIS 2005-2007

Vice-président - Tribunal de grande instance de PARIS 2007-2009

Vice-président chargé de l'application des peines - Tribunal de grande instance de PARIS 2009-2013

Vice-président chargé de l'application des peines (Terrorism) - Tribunal de grande instance de PARIS 2013



Patrick LOOBUYCK

Patrick Loobuyck (Bruges, 1974) studied religious studies at the Catholic University of Leuven and ethics at Ghent University. He is associate professor in religion and worldviews at the Centre Pieter Gillis of the University of Antwerp and guest professor in political philosophy at Ghent University. His research focuses on political liberalism, church state regimes, religion in the public sphere, religious education, multiculturalism, and Islam in Belgium. He has published in several international journals such as Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations,

the Netherlands Journal of Legal Philosophy, Religious Education, Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs, Political Quarterly, Journal of Church and State, British Journal of Religious Education, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, and Ethnicities. He is the editor of a Dutch book volume about Syria fighters and (de-)radicalisation: LOO-BUYCK, P. (ed.) (2015), *De lokroep van IS. Syriëstrijders en (de)radicalisering*, Pelckmans, Kalmthout



Umar MEHR

Shaykh Umar Al-Qadri is an Islamic scholar who was brought up in the Netherlands and studied Islamic Law in Pakistan. After completing his studies from Minhaj-ul-Quran Islamic University he moved to Ireland in 2004. He is the Head Imam of the Islamic Educational & Cultural Centre Ireland and also the founder of the Irish Muslim Peace & Integration Council. He is one of the leading Muslim clerics in Europe that promote an inclusive and plural society, and is a firm believer in inter-faith and intrafaith relations. Shaykh Al-Qadri promotes the integration of Muslims in Ireland and has spoken on many public platforms and stressed the importance of the integration of the Muslim community in the West. He has spoken against extremism within Muslims and believes that it is his responsibility as a Muslim to contribute to a peaceful society and to fight against extremism. In January 2004 he launched an anti-radicalisation website www.jihad.info to promote the true concept of Jihad and stop Muslim youth from radicalising. In June 2014 he organised the first of its kind protest against ISIS in Dublin, Ireland and launched a guide to prevent radicalisation among the Muslim community in Ireland. Shaykh Al-Qadri lectures regularly in various Irish mosques, Muslim community centres, Colleges and Universities on Islam and contemporary issues, and his lectures are aired regularly on various Islamic TV channels across the globe. Shaykh Al-Qadri represents the Muslim Community of Ireland in various governmental and non-governmental bodies in Ireland and has also written in the Irish Media on Muslim-related affairs. Shaykh Al-Qadri lives in Dublin with his wife and three children.



Paraskevi MICHOU

Since 1 October 2014, Ms Michou has been Acting Director-General for Justice and Consumers at the European Commission, dealing with civil justice, criminal justice, fundamental rights, including data protection and free movement, and equality. Since 1 January 2015, the DG is also in charge of consumer policy and company law. She has been Director for Civil Justice since January 2011. This Directorate deals with civil justice policy, contract law, company law and all financial programmes of DG Justice. Previously, Ms Michou headed various units in the Directorate-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology. In the European Commission she has also worked in the Directorates-General for Enterprise and for Internal Market.



Valsamis MITSILEGAS

Valsamis Mitsilegas is Head of the Department of Law, Professor of European Criminal Law and Director of the Criminal Justice Centre at Queen Mary University of London. From 2001 to 2005 he was legal adviser to the House of Lords European Union Committee. His interests and expertise lie in the areas of EU law (with particular focus on the evolution of the Union into an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice), global security governance and human rights. He has published widely in the fields of European criminal law, immigration and asylum and security and counter-terrorism law. He is also an expert in the field of legal responses to transnational organised crime, corruption and money laundering. His work explores the impact of globalisation and Europeanisation on the relationship between the individual and the state. Professor Mitsilegas is a member of the Management Committee of the European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN), a Europe-wide network which brings together academic experts from the EU-27 and beyond. He was General Rapporteur to the 2012 Congress of the International Federation for European Law (FIDE), held in Tallinn (stream on the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice). He is currently the Queen Mary Principal Investigator on a multinational interdisciplinary research project on EU Action to Fight Environmental Crime (EFFACE) funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme for Research. This 40-month project (2012-2016) aims to assess the impact of environmental crime and develop effective and feasible policy options for combating it at EU level. Professor Mitsilegas is also a regular consultant to parliaments, EU institutions and international organisations. Professor Mitsilegas is a member of two Commission Expert Groups: the Commission Experts Group on European Criminal Policy and the Commission's Expert Group on needs on data on crime. He provides regular advice to members of the European Parliament, including the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and the European Parliament Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering (CRIM). Professor Mitsilegas was Specialist Adviser to the House of Lords European Union Committee for their inquiry on the European Borders Agency (FRONTEX report [pdf]) and was invited to submit evidence on the Lisbon Treaty to the House of Lords Committees on the Constitution European Union (Amendment) Bill and the Lisbon Treaty: Implications for the UK Constitution [pdf] (6th Report, session 2007-08, HL Paper 84) and the European Union (The Treaty of Lisbon: An Impact Assessment [pdf], 10th Report, session 2007-08, HL Papers 62-I and 62-II). In April 2009, he gave oral evidence to the House of Lords EU Committee for their inquiry on Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism [pdf] (19th Report, session 2008-09, HL Papers 132-I and 132-II). Professor Mitsilegas provides regular advice to the UK Government and the Judiciary of England and Wales. He is actively engaged with the legal profession as regards the impact of European Union law on the domestic legal system. He is the first contributor of a specific chapter on the relationship between EU law and domestic criminal law in Blackstone's Criminal

Practice. He is member of a team drafting case commentaries for the Criminal Law Review. He is also Consultant Editor to EU Law in Criminal Practice (OUP, 2013). Professor Mitsilegas is also active with NGOs, think tanks and academic networks aiming to shape European and domestic law and policy on immigration and crime. He is an active member of the European Union Sub-Committee of the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA). He was member of a Working Party convened by the Federal Trust which in 2007 produced a Report on EU Justice and Home Affairs and a member of the International Advisory Group to the Refugee Council which, in December 2008 produced a Report entitled Remote Controls: how UK border controls are endangering the lives of refugees which informed the Council's policy in the field.



François MOLINS

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62 ans
Marié, 3 enfants

24 novembre 2011 - Avocat général à

la Cour de cassation pour exercer les fonctions de procureur de la République près le tribunal de grande instance de Paris

16 novembre 2010 - Directeur de cabinet du ministre de la justice, garde des sceaux

26 juin 2009 - Directeur de cabinet du Ministre d'Etat, garde des sceaux, ministre de la justice et des libertés

15 novembre 2004 - Procureur de la République près le tribunal de grande instance de BOBIGNY

Août 2001 - Directeur adjoint des affaires criminelles et des grâces - Ministère de la justice

Septembre 2000 - Procureur de la République près le tribunal de grande instance d'ANGERS

Septembre 1996 - Premier procureur adjoint près le tribunal de grande instance de LYON - Suivi de l'action publique et animation de la lutte contre le trafic de stupéfiants et la criminalité organisée

Novembre 1993 - Substitut général près la cour d'appel de LYON - Secrétaire général du parquet général

Juillet 1991 - Substitut général près la cour d'appel de BASTIA

Septembre 1988 - Procureur de la République près le tribunal de grande instance de VILLE FRANCHE SUR SAÔNE

Septembre 1986 - Procureur de la République près le tribunal de grande instance de MONTBRISON

Janvier 1979 - Substitut du procureur de la République près le tribunal de grande instance de CARCASSONNE

Janvier 1977 - Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature

1976 - Maîtrise en Droit - Certificat d'études judiciaires

Décorations: officier de la légion d'honneur (11 juillet 2014), officier de l'ordre national du mérite (7 mai 2007), médaille pénitentiaire (échelon argent), médaille de la protection judiciaire de la jeunesse



Claude MORAES

Claude Moraes is Labour Member of the European Parliament for London and Deputy Leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party (EPLP) and Chair

of the European Parliament's Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE). First elected to the Eu-

ropean Parliament in 1999, Claude was the first Asian origin MEP. He was reelected in 2009 where he led the London list. He was the Socialists and Democrats Group Spokesperson in the European Parliament for Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs from 2009 -2014. In July 2014 he was elected Chairman of the European Parliament's Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE). Claude was previously Director of JCWI, the national migration and refugee charity and Chief Executive of the Immigrants' Aid Trust. Before his NGO work he was a House of Commons adviser and was a national officer at the TUC in Congress House and a representative to the European TUC. He was a Council member of Liberty. With a legal background, Claude has campaigned, written widely and provided regular media commentary on human rights and migration issues including co-authoring the 'Politics of Migration' (Blackwells, 2003) and 'The European Union after the Treaty of Lisbon' (Cambridge University Press, 2012), as well as organising legal test cases in UK and the European Courts. Claude Moraes was named Dods and the Parliament Magazine's 'MEP of the Year' for his work on Justice and Civil Liberties in 2011.



Nicola PIACENTE

Nicola Piacente
Born in Italy on 13 April 1961,
Public prosecutor
CAREER HISTORY

Since 6 December 2011: Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the Prosecution Office in Genova (Italy)- coordinator of the Financial Crimes Unit and of the counter terrorism Unit

From November 2005 - December 2011: Member of the Prosecution Office-anti terrorism Unit and Anti Mafia Unit in Milano;

March 2002 - November 2005: Member of the Prosecution Office Anti-Mafia Unit in Genova

June 2001-February 2002: member of the magistrates' and legal advice Unit at the European Antifraud Office/ European Commission-Brussels

1 June 1999- 31 May 2001: Trial Attorney at the International Criminal for former Yugoslavia/Office of the Prosecutor in The Hague/Investigative Section

Since April 1988: Public Prosecutor

OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Scientific expert (under special appointment of the Council of Europe) of the Committee of Experts on the Protection of witnesses and collaborators of justice (October 2004-February 2005).

Short-term expert in the Twinning project between the Ministry of Justice in Rome, the Public Prosecution of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the European Agency for Reconstruction, for the implementation of a European-funded initiative aimed at contributing to the effectiveness of the fight against organised crime and corruption through a capacity building programme (2008); short-term expert under appointment of the Ministry of Justice within the EU-financed project JLS/2008/JPEN/028: 'PROVIDING PROSECUTORS WITH THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO FIGHT CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES'(2009);

short-term expert under appointment of Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura within the Twinning Project AL 05 IB JLS.01 on the Albanian public Prosecutor (involving an

analysis of the current National legislation on the Public Prosecutor (2010);

short-term expert under appointment of Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura within the EU-financed project 'trafficking in Human beings' (2011).

Currently: Chair of Codexter (Committee of experts on terrorism) at the Council of Europe; Italian contact point in the EU Genocide network.



Elaine PRESSMAN

Dr. Elaine Pressman is a recognised world expert in the risk assessment and analysis of violent political extremism.

She is the developer of risk assessment tools for violent extremism which are currently being used on four continents by national and regional police agencies, intelligence services and with detained violent extremists. The risk assessment approaches that she has developed are grounded in an evidence-base and related to the rule of law that can apply to differing legal jurisdictions. The approach uses a transparent and systematic method to assess individual risk related to radicalisation. Her work is being applied to the assessment of returning foreign fighters, prospective foreign terrorist fighters, to identify early warning signs and indicators of violent extremism in persons of interest, to assist workers engaged in community intervention with vulnerable youth, to support the integration of returnees and to support rehabilitation programmes with convicted or detained extremists. Dr. Pressman has a background in behavioural science and defence-related communication science. She obtained her B.A. Degree from the University of Manitoba, (Winnipeg, Canada: Political Science), M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees from The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio: (Psycholinguistics, Defence and Communication Sciences) and completed post-doctoral training in forensics (Michigan State University/ Michigan State Police) and in Psychology (Carleton University, Ottawa, and Zurich, Switzerland). Dr. Pressman has advised at the senior government level in Asia, the Pacific Region and in North America. She been a subject matter expert in the area of radicalisation and defence in Europe and has trained forensic specialists and law enforcement analysts in Europe. Her work is being translated into German and Dutch and is available in English, French, and Bahasa. She is currently a Senior Research Fellow in the Canadian Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada and an Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in The Hague. She has been a Research Fellow in the FBI Behavioral Informatics & Technology Studies (BITS), the FBI Terrorism Research and Analysis Project (TRAP- Critical Incident Response Group) and is an invited lecturer at the FBI National Academy at Quantico Virginia, USA. Dr. Pressman has over 25 years of clinical experience, university teaching, and research. She is the recipient of many major government research grants, contracts and awards. She has published articles and chapters in the risk assessment field of violent extremism and related areas and is widely cited. She has won professional peer recognition for her work and is an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Forensic Practice formerly the British Journal of Forensic Practice) and Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice. She is a Canadian and Dutch citizen, currently a resident in the EU.



Francesco RAGAZZI

Dr. Francesco Ragazzi is a lecturer of International Relations at Leiden University (Netherlands), Associate Fellow at the Center for International Studies (CERI / Sciences Po, France) and at the Centre d'Etudes sur les Conflits, Liberté, Sécurité (CCLS, France). He obtained his PhD in political science from Sciences Po (Paris) and Northwestern University (Chicago). Prior to his appointment at Leiden University, he worked as a Research Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. Francesco Ragazzi provided expertise to the French Senate, the European Parliament and the Council of Europe. His research interests include diaspora politics, migration, citizenship, radicalisation and terrorism in International Relations. He serves on the editorial board of the journal Cultures & Conflits and International Political Sociology. His current research project explores the effects of security practices of counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation on contemporary meanings of community.



Magnus RANSTORP

Dr Magnus Ranstorp is the Quality Manager of the EU Radicalisation Awareness Network - Centre of Excellence.

For the last 25 years Dr Ranstorp has conducted research on terrorism and counterterrorism issues around the world, focusing on the behaviour of violent Islamist movements and violent jihadists, and has conducting extensive field research in Middle East. He is the author/editor of several books such as Hizballah in Lebanon (1996); Mapping Terrorism Research (2007); Understanding Violent Radicalisation (2009); Unconventional Weapons & International Terrorism (2009); and Understanding Terrorism Innovation & Learning (2015). He is working on a co-edited volume on Jihadist Mobilisation in Western Europe (Columbia University Press). Since 2005 he has also been Research Director of the Centre for Asymmetric Threat Studies at the Swedish Defence University where he has conducted several Cabinet assignment reports. He completed a SIDA-report on Countering Extremism in Indonesia (2009); Armed Forces Headquarters report on terrorism forecasting (2009); Cabinet assignment on the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Third Countries (2013); Prevention and CVE Programmes in Sweden and EU (2015) for the Swedish National CVE Coordinator. He is currently conducting an assignment on Countering Terrorism Finance for the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority. Dr Ranstorp has worked on countering violent extremism for over ten years, having been part of the EU's first Expert Groups on CVE. He has also been the EU RAN INT/EXT Working Group Leader on foreign fighters since 2011. In 2015 he chaired the Copenhagen's Expert Group on Antiradicalisation, producing a 50-page action plan to counter violent extremism in the city.



Luc REDING

Luc REDING was born in 1968 in Bettembourg (Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg) where he still lives.. After having obtained his bachelor's degree, he worked for two years as civil servant in a local administration before he studied law at the University 'Robert Schuman – Strasbourg III' in France. Holding a Master's degree in law (specialisation 'judicial careers'), he was admitted to the Luxembourg Lawyer's Bar in 1995. In 1998, he joined the law firm Arendt & Medernach as 'Avocat à la Cour', where he specialised in the areas of administrative law, real estate law and civil litigation. Since May 2001, he has been a civil servant at the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice, Department of Criminal Affairs, where he is dealing more particularly with the legal aspects of prisons, firearms, private security companies, terrorism, gambling, as well as information exchange and data protection in the area of international law enforcement cooperation. He is co-author of a compendium of the case law of the Luxembourg State Council ('Recueil de la jurisprudence du Conseil d'Etat luxembourgeois 1985-1995'), the Luxembourg Chapter of 'Lobbying, Government Relations and Campaign Finance Worldwide' (Editor: Thomas D. Grant, Oceana Publications / Oxford University Press, 2005), as well as of the Luxembourg Chapter of 'A Guide to Asylum Law and Practice in the European Union' (Immigration Law Practitioner's Association, ILPA, London, 1995), and contributed, to research publications and articles like 'Le Traité de Prüm : Une étroite coopération entre la France et l'Allemagne?' by Marion Gaillard and Nele Wissmann, in 'L'atelier du consensus: Processus franco-allemand de communication et de décision', C. Demesmay, M. Koopmann & J. Thorel, Editor: Centre d'information et de recherche sur l'Allemagne contemporaine (CIRAC), 2014), and 'Sharing Criminal Records: The United States, the European Union and Interpol Compared', by James B. Jacobs, Professor of Law at the NYU School of Law, 2009). Under the current EU Presidency of Luxembourg, he is chairing the Council working group negotiating the data protection directive in the law enforcement area, as well as the working group on General affairs, including evaluations.



Julia REINELT

Julia Reinelt is the Head of International Affairs, Violence Prevention Network in Germany. She has recently worked on the EDNA project (European Platform of Deradicalising Narratives). She has received training to become an 'Antiviolence and Responsibility Trainer' (AKT®), based on Violence Prevention Network's Verantwortungspädagogik® and on Competencies for active engagement against right wing attitudes – Further education for dealing with right-leaning Youths, conducted by Cultures Interactive.



Andrew SILKE

Professor Andrew Silke is internationally recognised as a leading expert on terrorism in general, and terrorist psychology in particular. He has a background in criminology and forensic psychology and has worked both in academia and for the government. He has researched and written extensively on terrorism and counter-terrorism, and his books include The Psychology of Counter-Terrorism (2011) and Prisons, Terrorism and Extremism: Critical Issues in Management, Radicalisation and Reform (2014). Professor Silke served on the British Psychological Society's working group on the Psychological Risk Assessment of those Convicted or Detained under Terrorist-Related Offences. He serves by invitation on the United Nations Roster of Terrorism Experts and the European Commission's European Network of Experts on Radicalisation and formerly on the European Commission's Expert Group on Violent Radicalisation. He has provided research advice to the Royal Society in the UK, the National Academy of Sciences in the US and the Israel Science Foundation. He has provided invited briefings on terrorism-related issues to Select Committees of the UK House of Commons and was appointed in 2009 as a Specialist Advisor to the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee for its inquiry into the UK Government's programme for preventing violent extremism. In 2010 he gave invited oral testimony before the Canadian Special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism. He is a member of the UK Government's Cabinet Office National Risk Assessment Behavioural Science Expert Group. He is the Head of Criminology at the University of East London and also the Programme Director for Terrorism Studies.



Mark SINGLETON

Mark Singleton, Director of the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, is a career diplomat with over 25 years' experience in foreign affairs, development cooperation and security. Mark has worked in The Middle East, Afghanistan, East and West Africa, Georgia and Europe in a variety of multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental organisations, in advisory and senior management posts. Previously, he was Acting Head of Mission of the Office of the Quartet Representative, Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, in Jerusalem leading an international team and working closely with the Israeli and Palestinian parties and the international community. Other posts include Senior Political Advisor to the ISAF Commander in Kandahar, Special Assistant to the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process in Jerusalem and SNV Country Director in Mali.



Vincent THEIS

Vincent Theis is Director of the Luxembourg Prison and former Director of the Givenich Prison (Luxembourg) since 1983. He was a member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) elected in respect of Luxembourg from 2010 to 2013. He has been involved as Council of Europe expert in a number of

assistance and cooperation activities in the prison field aimed at helping the Member States acceding the EU in 2004 to reform their penitentiary system in line with the European standards. He has participated actively in numerous international conferences in the correctional field and has visited more or less 140 prisons in his lifetime.

His Honour Michael TOPOLSKI QC

HHJ Michael Topolski QC. Between 1974 and 1986 he practiced as a solicitor specialising in crime, family and environmental law. 1986 to 2012 he practiced at the bar, first as a junior and then, from 2001, he was appointed Queen's Counsel and a part-time judge. His practice involved defending in highly complex and very serious criminal cases. The particular focus was on murder, terrorism and serious organised crime. He has defended members of at least six international terrorist groups including the IRA, ETA, and Al Qaeda. Since becoming a full-time judge in 2012, he began by sitting at the high security court for England at Woolwich, and since the early part of this year at the Central Criminal Court (The Old Bailey). His work is now almost entirely homicide and terrorism. He is a tutor judge appointed by the Judicial College training the judiciary on courses covering trials and sentencing, serious sexual offences and homicide. In addition he travels regularly on behalf of the College, training and speaking in several other jurisdictions, both inside and outside the EU, on the management and conduct of terrorist trials.



Tinka VELDHUIS

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Yola WANDERS

Since 2009 Yola has been Director of the high-security prison in the Netherlands where the terrorist wing is housed. These inmates are suspected or convicted of terrorism-related crimes. At the beginning of this year the Secretary of State decided to reform this form of detention. Yola is very closely involved in the reformation process with the aim of differentiation and customisation. In the last 4 years, Yola has been the Working Group leader of RAN Prison & Probation. The aim of P&P was to gather practitioners working within prison and probation programmes to exchange experience and interesting practices between the various existing programmes. Specifically on preventing inmates from becoming radicalised during their stay in prison, thus preventing society from harmful situations after radicalised prisoners are released and free of probation, as well as providing more knowledge among practitioners about recognizing signs of radicalisation and about prevention/ deradicalisation within prison and probation.



Daan WEGGEMANS

Daan Weggemans is a Research Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague, and a researcher at the Centre for Terrorism & Counter-terrorism of Leiden University/Campus The Hague. In his research, Daan Weggemans focusses on processes of (de)radicalisation and re-integration. He studied, among other things, the radicalisation and preparatory processes of Dutch Foreign Fighters. His recent book focussed on the re-integration of (former) extremist detainees. For his projects, Daan interviewed dozens of security professionals and multiple (former) violent extremists and their peers. Earlier publications also focused on new counter-terrorism measures and, with his colleagues, on an in-depth study of the Anders Breivik trial in Oslo. Daan is also the country coordinator for the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) and a member of the board of the Dutch-Flemish Network for Terrorism Researchers.

