

PEACE ACTION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF ROMANIA (PATRIR)

Addressing Radicalisation, Violent Extremism and Polarisation

PATRIR

AN OVERVIEW OF THE INSTITUTE

Since its foundation in 2001, the Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) has become one of the world's leading centres for peacebuilding and prevention, supporting peace operations in communities and countries affected by conflict, training and capacity building for practitioners and experts in the field, and evidence-based research and evaluation to improve policy and practice. Since 2002 the Institute has had an active programme line on radicalisation, violent extremism and terrorism implemented in Europe and internationally.

THE CORE OF OUR APPROACH

The Institute's approach is based upon 3 pillars: operations, research, and training and capacity building. Through operations we engage directly in communities and countries working with partners to address the root causes, drivers and dynamics of radicalisation, violent extremism and armed conflict.

Our research line is dedicated to improving policy and practice through developing front-line experience and understanding of 'what works', 'what doesn't work' and 'why', and implementing joint evaluation with practitioners and agencies in the field to gather lessons identified and practices that can improve the field.



Our training and capacity building programmes are implemented through the International Peace and Development Training Centre (IPDTC).

IPDTC has provided more than 400 training programmes for senior government leadership and officials, UN missions and agencies, armed forces, security actors, and local, national and international organisations. IPDTC trainings are highly practical and customised to meet the needs,

contexts and objectives of our partners on the ground.

At the core of our approach is the commitment to effective means, multi-agency and multi-sectoral cooperation, upstream prevention and comprehensive approaches, and using evaluation to effectively understand what practices and policies work - and which may contribute to making situations worse.

NEPAL

PATRIR worked over years in Nepal to support GIZ's programming, integrating former combatants and addressing the root causes and drivers of polarisation and violence in the country



IRAQ

We headed the UNDP-backed engagement in Nineveh, Nineveh Paths to Peace, working with local authorities, religious leadership, youth, women's organisations, civil society and media to strengthen social resilience, reconciliation and recovery from polarisation and violent extremism.

LIBYA

Our programmes have been based on strengthening the capacities of municipal authorities, traditional leaders, militias and civil society organisations to implement sub-national peace processes and overcome drivers and conditions of radicalisation and violent extremism.



NORTHERN IRELAND

The Institute's Department of Peace Operations (DPO) worked upon request with former armed actors and combatants to improve joined-up prevention of incidents during marching season.



SYRIA

We support local organisations, communities and professionals working to rebuild the social fabric of the country, address wide-spread availability of weapons, and develop people-centred and community-based approaches to addressing and preventing radicalisation and violent extremism.

A BRIEF RESUME:

FROM NEPAL TO IRAQ, LIBYA, SYRIA AND THE EU

TAKEDOWN

Identify . Prevent . Respond



PROJECT TAKEDOWN: EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY, PRACTICE AND RESOURCES FOR FRONT-LINE PRACTITIONERS

In 2016 the Institute also became active in the European-wide project 'TAKEDOWN' supported by the European Commission (H2020). This project has focused on extensive EU-wide research, drawing lessons from policy makers and front-line practitioners, and innovating and improving on-line resources, toolkits and a library of practice for law enforcement agencies and practitioners. The online platform will go live in 2019.

PATRIR has been tasked with designing and delivering an Open Library of Responses - analysing the best and worst practices in the fields of countering Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Organised Crime in Europe - which will be presented and made available to front-line practitioners, law enforcement agencies and policy-makers. Throughout 2018, PATRIR will be further developing customised toolkits for front-line practitioners to improve their effectiveness in upstream prevention efforts.



OUR TEAM

Our team is international made up of practitioners, experts, analysts and researchers from across Europe and internationally. In addition to a core programme team addressing radicalisation, violent extremism and terrorism at the Institute we have associates working in the field world-wide.

PATRIR: 3 DEPARTMENTS

The Institute engages across a wide-range of programming areas in addition to working on radicalisation, violent extremism and polarisation. Key areas include: mediation and peace process support; early warning and prevention; peacebuilding; and post-war recovery, reconciliation and peace consolidation. The Institute's work is implemented through 3 Departments: the Department of Peace Operations (DPO), the International Peace and Development Training Centre (IPDTC) and the Department of Education for Peace and Development.



DEPARTMENT OF PEACE OPERATIONS (DPO)

Works upon request from conflict parties and local, national, and international organisations and agencies to support violence prevention, peacebuilding, mediation, and post-war recovery through peacebuilding and peace support operations. The mission of the DPO is to strengthen capacities and infrastructures for peace operations, to gather best-practices and lessons learnt, to improve the quality and effectiveness of peacebuilding programmes in conflict affected countries, and support on-going mediation and peace processes around the world, including in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Nepal, Nigeria, Armenia, Crimea-Ukraine and elsewhere. The Department has an extensive research arm focusing on development of evidence-based policy and practice addressing radicalisation, violent extremism, terrorism, armed conflict and war prevention, peacebuilding, and post-war recovery, reconciliation and peace consolidation.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT (DEPD)

The platform through which PATRIR engages in peace education programs in schools and in the community of Cluj-Napoca and with partners internationally. The mission of the DEPD is ensure the integration of peace education into formal and non-formal schooling and in the community more broadly.

Activities and programming in the past have included incorporating non-formal education activities to reduce incidents of bullying based on anti-Romanism, anti-Semitism or anti-LGBTQ+ sentiments that are occasionally present in schools.

The team actively work to innovate and adapt their education programmes to most effectively and sustainably achieve impact in the partner schools.

THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE (IPDTC)

Provides programmes at the Global Academy in Cluj, Executive Leadership Programmes in London, and custom-designed field-based trainings for governments, missions, agencies and organisations in addressing radicalisation, violent extremism and terrorism; peace building; violence prevention; mediation and peace processes; and post-war recovery, reconciliation and healing. IDPTC works to support agencies and practitioners in the field to have the skills, capabilities and support they need to achieve a meaningful impact on the ground, and to strengthen the ownership and capacities of local and national partners. IPDTC also assists universities, training institutions and academies to develop and improve graduate and skills-based programmes in its areas of expertise.



FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The Institute's approach is to work both (upon request to support programming in communities and countries affected by war and violent extremism and to develop or take part in European and international partnership-based consortiums and joint efforts to improve international cooperation and direct programming to improve policy, practice, and resources for practitioners.

We focus on improving collaboration and joined-up approaches, and overcoming key 'blockers' of effective practice.

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