



# Annual Report 2020

*If hope is to be real, we must be the ones who create it, not as something vague or ephemeral, but as the concrete results of our choices and actions. It's up to us to choose how we want our lives and our world to be. To choose – and to act.*

## **DEAREST FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AROUND THE WORLD,**

Our world today is facing many challenges – armed conflicts, demagoguery, challenges to good governance, the global environmental crisis, attacks on the rights of women, rising extremism, fake news and hate and much more.

This is happening. We need to address it. It is not all that is happening. Around the world more and more citizens are getting involved in issues – from local to global. Many governments, companies, NGOs and others are rising to meet these challenges. Every day we become more aware – and more engaged.

PATRIR is committed to meeting the challenges we face bravely – with dedication, innovation and the creativity and inspiration that is at the heart of peacebuilding.

We believe that there is much in our world that is beautiful – and that we can do still more to create a world of dignity, rights, and well-being for all human beings. That challenge both excites and inspires us. We are on a threshold. 'Towards what' is up to and depends upon all of us.

To being – together – the change we want to see in the world.

*As we go forward, as we make our choices every day, let them be guided by joy, by love – by choosing to be the best we can, and bringing that forward in our relationships with each other, and our selves.*



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# Born in Romania, Impacting the World

From its headquarters in Cluj-Napoca in the heart of Transylvania, the Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) is impacting the world.

Recognised as one of the leading institutes in its field internationally – having been awarded both the World Vision International Peace Prize and the Luxembourg International Peace Prize – PATRIR has been engaged in peacebuilding and peace support operations in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Afghanistan, Darfur, South Sudan, Colombia, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka and elsewhere, since 2001.

In Romania, we work across a range of programmes, from improving women's rights and overcoming domestic and gender-based violence to youth empowerment, civic participation, peace education in schools, and working to celebrate and promote inclusion and multiculturalism while challenging hate speech and polarisation. With the world facing increasing challenges, conflicts and crisis, Romania's first international organisation in the country's history is making an impact at home and abroad – and transforming the way the world deals with conflicts.

The institute is made up of 3 Departments including:

- The Department of Peace Operations (DPO)
- The International Peace and Development Training Centre (IPDTC)
- The National Peace Department

Over its 20 years, PATRIR has worked on request to support peacebuilding, prevention and post-war recovery around the world. The Institute is regularly asked by governments, UN Missions and Agencies, and national and international organisations to assist in improving capabilities, programming and policies for mediation, peacebuilding and prevention.

The Institute has received outstanding ratings in all of its audits. It has regularly received large-scale grants and led multi-country, multi-partner programming supported by the European Commission, the UN and other large donors. platforms to improve multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder policy and practice. PATRIR is a Consortium Leader or partner in several major EC projects addressing radicalisation and violent extremism and specialises in support to first-line practitioners, improving evidence-based input to policy and practice, strengthening inter-institutional collaboration, and evaluation to improve evidence-based practice and policy.

# Tackling Hate Online

## Do One Brave Thing Project



Do One Brave Thing (BRAVE) aims to empower youth aged between 16 to 25 years old with the skills, knowledge and tools they need to engage constructively to challenge polarisation and extremism in their daily lives in their communities, countries and in Europe, and to address key issues affecting their communities, countries and Europe through practical action and policy engagement. The project brings together 7 partners from 4 focal countries (Hungary, Italy, Poland and Romania) in an effort to promote democratic civic engagement and EU values and empower citizens to be active agents shaping the future of Europe. PATRIR is the consortium leader of this project.

### Youth becoming upstanders in their own communities

In 2020, PATRIR organised **6 bootcamps** as part of the Do One Brave Thing project where youth were given the tools and resources to **become upstanders and get involved in their communities**, become **confident in their voice and abilities to produce positive change**, but also be more **aware of the road of radicalisation** and how to counter it. In addition, they learned how **to answer hate using non-violent-communication**, and how to plan and implement their own campaigns in the community.



After participating in bootcamps, during March-April 2020 when the situation with the pandemic came, the youth saw the need in the community to help people understand the importance of staying at home to protect themselves and others.

They developed **their own Social Media Campaign** with videos made by influencers/known people in our cities, about the **importance of staying at home, creative activities, and how youth can protect their mental health during the pandemic**.

A second social media campaign was developed, this time for raising awareness about **pollution, food waste, consumerism, the 5 R's principles as refuse-reduce-recycle, the importance of trees and how to reach eco-friendly habits into your life**.

"Știri Multe, Adevăr Puțin" was another campaign created by youth involved in the project, with the purpose to help students **counter fake news and develop critical thinking skills**.



# How youth can be brave online

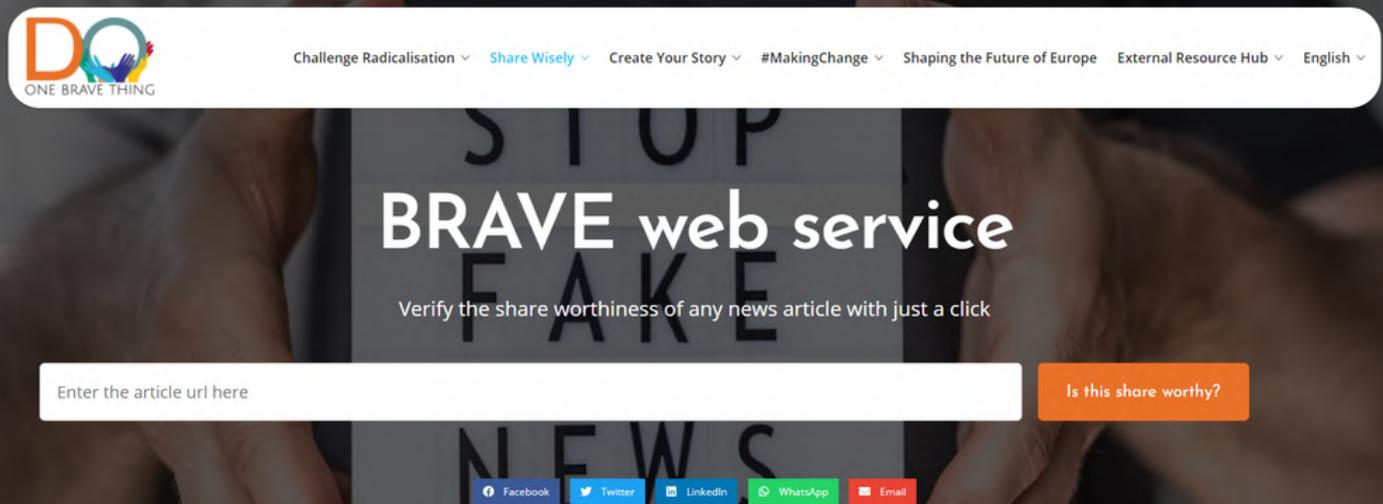
## Do One Brave Thing Resources

The project also developed a number of **useful tools such as guides and interactive presentations, videos with activists in the field, resource libraries, but also a plug-in and online service for detecting and dismantling fake news.** All these resources, but also information on the project and its results can be found on [www.onebravething.eu](http://www.onebravething.eu), in five different languages, including Romanian and English.

### Is this newsworthy?

### BRAVE Web Service

Within the Do One Brave Thing project, a Web Service and a Plug-In have been developed, available online, which help the beneficiaries to check any article on the internet, in order to analyze its quality. The two tools can be found on the project website ([here](#)).



# 10 Ways to be Brave

A practical guide on how to challenge radicalisation in your daily life

Facebook Twitter LinkedIn WhatsApp Email

STEP 1 →  
Identify radicalisation

STEP 2 →  
Reduce the effects and deconstruct radical messages

STEP 3 →  
Measures you can take once you have identified radicalisation

## How to challenge radicalisation?

We have developed a guide where young people can learn to identify warning signs and how to counteract extremism when they see it, especially among friends. The interactive guide can be found [here](#).

## 5 inspiring stories youth-led initiatives

We collected 5 inspiring stories of successful youth-led change! We collected details and testimonies of these initiatives, the challenges and the actions promoted to achieve change, [here](#).



## Playlist for Democracy Stories from activists

We talked with 20 activists from Hungary, Italy, Poland and Romania and by reading their stories, youth will discover what keeps them motivated and focused, as well as some tips and tricks on how to deal with hatred and extremism. It can be found [here](#).



# Upcoming events 2021

## Shaping the Future of Europe Initiative



The Do One Brave Thing will come to an end in 2021, but its resources will continue to be available to young people all over Europe, while its impact will be seen through more campaigns created by youth, online and in schools.

At the end of 2020, the Shaping the Future of Europe Initiative was also launched as part of the project. The main purpose of the initiative is to bring forward the **voices of young people** across Europe to enable them to **create the future they want for Europe**, and to support **empowering youth to engage directly** on key issues affecting our community and Europe, and build our alliances and movement. The initiative will also include conversations with inspirational activists across Europe, stories of change, youth debates about hot topics like anti-gender movements, conspiracy theories, fake news, collection of creative pieces, game nights and much more.

The series of events will end with the **Shaping the Future of Europe: Youth Summit**, as the final event, bringing together youth all across Europe and organisations working with young people and developing projects to make their voice heard globally, on different issues. You can find more information about the initiative coordinated by PATRIR, but also about the Youth Summit and other activities on its official website, [here](#).



# SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EUROPE YOUTH SUMMIT

13TH MAY 2021 | ONLINE



# Championing Inclusion and Youth Well-Being in Cluj, Challenging Polarisation and Hate in Europe

## CHAMPIONS Project

The CHAMPIONS project, funded by the ISFP-2017-AG-RAD grant agreement, aims to establish permanent working groups combining first-line practitioners of different disciplines, professions and institutions/agencies, to jointly develop effective detection & response solutions to counter polarisation, build resilience and protect vulnerable groups in their local communities against extremism. The project aims to come with a toolkit to address these issues in social interactions, public policy and education.



At the European level, PATRIR works together with the other partners in a transnational consortium, coordinating and joining forces in understanding the phenomena across these spaces, but with first national orientations. In Cluj, in 2020, the main focus of the project was to organise **roundtables for practitioners, presentations and seminars for local stakeholders** on topics that represent a priority for national contexts, in the wider project objectives. The main topics of this year's roundtables were **inclusive education and youth well-being**, with also a special event on combating **bullying in schools**. The events have helped extract **relevant overviews** and helped create **well-tailored solutions** for communities.

## Cluj Collaboration online magazine

Within the Roundtables, PATRIR developed a local monthly magazine, "Cluj Collaboration". The magazine shares each month news about events in Cluj, Europe and around the world of interest to Roundtable partners – as well as updates on upcoming Roundtables, reports from previous ones, and news on trainings and conferences. It can be found [here](#).

## COLABORAREA CLUJEANĂ

EDIȚIA I  
NOIEMBRIE 2020

Consolidarea parteneriatelor  
colaborative pentru un Cluj  
mai bun pentru toți.



ALERT provides support to First-line Practitioners who have witnessed a case of radicalization and/or polarization and would like to address it.

Register a case of radicalization or polarization and receive recommendations for action in 4 easy steps.

**Specify date & location**

Tell us:

- the date
- the city
- the country

where the incident happened

**Classify the incident**

Type

- Extremist propaganda
- Hate speech
- Property damage

Place

- Internet & social media
- Residential
- Office

Target

- Religious minority
- Women
- Migrants and refugees

**Provide a detailed description of what happened.**

Example:

Scenario: Hate speech on social media

One of my seventh grade students posted and shared hateful content on facebook. In particular the student shared posts that targeted Roma and Sinti communities. We have several students from the Roma and Sinti community in our school. How can I address this issue?

**Receive recommendations**

First, you will receive a confirmation that your alert has been created.

A national moderator will confirm your case submission.

Then, you will receive recommendations based on your case description.

If there is no similar case in our data base, your case will be sent to the ARENA where experts will work on your case and issue recommendations.

In the Arena, expert groups tackle cases of radicalization and/or polarization.

Register as a First-Line Practitioner/Expert and provide us with your specialized expertise. Connect with other experts, review cases of radicalization and/or polarization, recommend actions, share best practices and support fellow First-Line Practitioners.

**Expert registration**

We need some personal information, including name, email, institutional affiliation, years of professional experience and work location.

Select your profession:

- School teacher
- University lecturer
- Researcher
- Municipal Employee
- NGO Worker
- Police Officer
- Social Worker

**Get verified**

After review by our national moderators, you will receive an e-mail confirming your registration as an FLP Expert.

**Review**

Login to review cases of radicalization and polarization. On your dashboard you will be presented with cases that match your personal expertise.

Click on the subject line to read details about the case

Join the discussion or decline

**Engage**

Recommend actions and or invite other experts to join the discussion.

Add recommendations and sources of information

Invite FLPs and experts via email to join the case



# First-Line Practitioners Online Platform

Among the outcomes of the project, first-line practitioners are trained to build capacity to design solutions and programmes to most effectively address the drivers of polarization and to collaborate most efficiently by breaking down institutional barriers concerning a tailored and coherent response to this phenomena. To facilitate these processes of offline joined-up solution development, an online platform was produced. More information can be found on [www.firstlinepractitioners.com](http://www.firstlinepractitioners.com).

European Conference on Preventing Polarization & Violent Radicalization:  
**Strengthening Resilience, Fostering Innovation, Consolidating Lessons & Pioneering New Frontiers**

**April 26th-29th**  
 #EUPrevent

1  
Online Joint EU Conference

6  
EU projects under ISF-Police Program

15  
EU countries involved

## #EUPrevent Conference upcoming event in 2021

Between 26-29 April 2021, specialists from across Europe on issues such as social polarisation, extremism and radicalisation, will meet at the European Conference on Preventing Polarization & Violent Radicalization: Strengthening Resilience, Fostering Innovation, Consolidating Lessons & Pioneering New Frontiers. The event is co-organized by six European Commission-funded projects ending in 2021: Rhizome against Polarization, CHAMPIONS, YoungRes, WayOut, ARMOUR and BRIDGE. PATRIK and the CHAMPIONS project are represented in several sessions, especially focusing on initiatives in Cluj on youth well-being, inclusive education and equal opportunities as pilot projects to prevent social polarization and extremism. More information [here](#).



# Empowering youth to combat hate speech & promote European values

## EUact Project

PATRIR is part of the consortium partners of the **Active European Citizens against Hate Speech European** project. The project is directly aimed at encouraging democratic and civic participation of young European citizens at the Union level by understanding the EU policies of initiatives on combating hate speech and xenophobia. Exchange of ideas will promote critical thinking among young people and make them debate on the European values which are attacked by Eurosceptics. Awareness-raising about the consequences of hate speech will help to combat the stigmatisation of minority groups.

On the 5th of October, PATRIR took part in a seminar, bringing together practitioners and people from across Europe working to challenge hate in our communities and stand up for vibrant, democratic, healthy and inclusive communities. On the 8th of October, PATRIR and the other partners from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Croatia and Bulgaria continued with the kick-off meeting of the project to discuss the outcomes of the seminar and planning further project events.

At the end of 2020, PATRIR started, as the first phase of the project, to conduct desk research on how hate speech promotes Euroscepticism and threatens democratic values in Romania, while analysing the main targets, civic initiatives, but also what is needed to combat it effectively and strengthen democratic values. In 2021, the desk research will be improved by conducting interviews with experts in the field and a survey for young people in Romania. Trainings for youth on the topic of hate speech will also be organised during the summer/autumn of 2021.

# Facilitating the integration of third-country national women victims of trafficking

## HEAL Project

PATRIR was actively involved in 2020 in the HEAL project (enHancing rEcovery and integrAtion through networking, empLoyment training and psychological support for women victims of trafficking), as part of the European consortium. The general objective of HEAL is to facilitate the integration of third-country national women victims of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation through promoting a comprehensive healing process based on competence-building, psychological support to women and enhanced cooperation between key actors. You can find more about the project [here](#).

### European Networking Day

On the 13-14th of July experts and practitioners from support services, employers, as well as women VoT themselves or their representatives came together to this online event. The participants had the opportunity to exchange experiences about their respective national contexts, about opportunities and challenges in the labour market and the social service sector, as well as find new and relevant ways of international cooperation.

### Local Roundtables

In 2020, local roundtables in Italy, Greece, Spain and Romania were organised following the first stage of activities, where the three target groups were involved in interviews, workshops and focus groups (each group separately) to collect first information on the needs of the women, the existing support services and the local labour market. You can read the report of the events, including its main findings are further recommendations [here](#).



HEAL

The logo features the word 'HEAL' in a white, serif font. A small, stylized plant sprout with three leaves is positioned between the 'A' and 'L'. The background is a vibrant, abstract watercolor wash of colors including pink, purple, blue, and yellow.

# Supporting the Integration of the Resettled

## STIRE Project



The overall objective of the STIRE project was to foster the resettlement process by contributing to the social and cultural support (prior to departure and after the arrival) of the resettled, by facilitating capacity building activities in the receiving communities and by enhancing cooperation and partnership between resettled and host communities in Austria, Croatia, Italy, Ireland, Romania and Slovenia. As part of the consortium of partners, PATRIR organised different activities and events in the second year of STIRE implementation, mainly between January 2020 - January 2021.

### Community Talks

Several Community Talks events were organised in May and November 2020, aimed to provide an informal space for discussions and exchange of experiences for people working with TCNs on topics such as the impact of the coronavirus outbreak, migrant's engagement in the local community, and igrant children access to education.

### Socio-cultural workshops

Four Socio-cultural Workshops were implemented face-to-face and online with 29 participants from Bucharest, Constanța and Tîrgu Mureș, aimed to facilitate the integration of resettled third-country nationals into their host communities. Three of these workshops were organised in partnership with Jesuit Refugee Service.



### Volunteer Partnership Fair

On November 7, the Volunteer Partnership Fair fostered the communication between migrants and civil society, bringing together migrants interested in volunteering with civil society organizations. Apart from the information sessions hosted by civil organizations, also a common workshop about “Rights & Responsibilities” was conducted. During the online presentations, civil society organizations presented their profile, activity, and volunteering opportunities, as well as the qualifications that they are looking for in the potential volunteers.

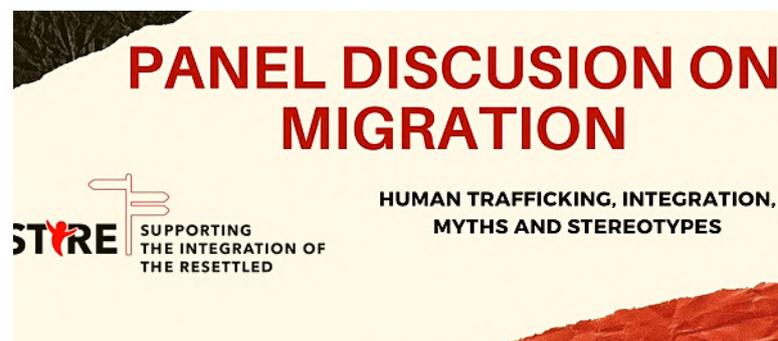
## Seminars & Workshops

The team organised two seminars aimed to bring together teachers, educators, and pedagogies, but also cultural mediators and volunteers that work with TCNS and migrant children, offering them an informal space where to discuss topics such as culture, interculturality, cultural dialogue, multiculturalism, but also challenges and methods for a faster and better understanding between migrants and their communities.



## Panel Discussion

Two more seminars, about advocacy and responsible journalism and one about working rights for migrants in Romania, were organised as part of the project. In addition, a panel discussion was planned for January 2021, aimed to bring together people from different social and cultural origins, break down barriers and build networks among them, and provide space for discussions and exchange of experiences on different topics



## Cultural Market

In November 2020, PATRIR organised a Cultural Market, designed as a social interaction three-day event aiming to bring together the resettled TCNs of Syrian/Middle East origin with established diaspora and refugee organizations in the region from a similar origin. It consisted of a series of activities such as a Cooking show, Movie night, Storytelling night, a Concert.



## Photo Exhibition

The STIRE online Participatory Photography Course was designed to involve resettled people in an activity developed to encourage participants to express their identity through their own "lenses". The photos created by the participants during the participatory photography course will be displayed in a photo exhibition in January 2021, in the Central Park of Cluj-Napoca.



# Making Cluj more inclusive and open to people from all over the world

## EPI Project

On October 7th, 2020, at Casino – Urban Cultural Center, in the Central Park of Cluj, the Open Days event of the **EPI – European Pact for Integration** project took place, in the presence of the representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Romania, Nasreen Rubaian, who visited Cluj-Napoca for a series of related events. The event was a starting point for future activities on the calendar of this project, namely the organization of thematic meetings to develop a **strategy for the inclusion of third-country nationals**, as well as to **promote the mission of cities to meet the needs of this category of inhabitants and to identify local solutions**. The event also brought together representatives of the migrant communities in the city, the diplomatic environment and business in Cluj-Napoca.



The EPI project aims to develop and improve local inclusion and integration strategies addressing migrants living in seven different cities across Europe – Cartagena (Spain), Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Dietzenbach (Germany), Linkoping (Sweden), Lublin (Poland), Ravenna (Italy), and Riga (Latvia). In order to boost civil dialogue and initiate concrete partnerships in the target cities, EPI gathers together a variety of local authorities' representatives, welfare institutions, experienced CSOs and grass-root NGOs building a transnational network of partners and stakeholders seriously interested and committed to foster the integration of third-country nationals. PATRIR, the coordinator of the consortium and the technical partner, supported the accession of the Cluj municipality to this project. Within the EPI consortium, the city will strengthen its efforts to achieve a strategic process to harmonize local public policies with the European and international agenda on this issue, which will also be synergistic with the intercultural nature of the city.



“How can we make sure that cities can be more inclusive and open to people from all over the world who choose to live here and make Cluj their home? In the project, we aim to better understand who these people are and what their needs are. These efforts will then be integrated into the development processes of the communities, whether we are talking about education, sustainable development or gender equality.”

Kai Brand-Jacobsen, President of PATRIR.

## Happening in 2020

- **Intercultural City Review** – January to July 2020 – Cities, supported by the Technical Partners, are using the InterCultural City Review methodology, as well as conducting a desk research analysis to identify the areas of priority they want to improve.
- **Participatory Policy Process** – August to December 2020 – An Open Days event is organized in each city, to present the results of the InterCultural City Review and research process and to identify and engage relevant local stakeholders in the process of defining and implementing the strategies.
- **Three Round Tables** are organized in each city (October to December 2020), where the Thematic Core City Group in each city gathers to define the recommendations for the integration strategies, on the selected areas of priority.

You can learn more about the project here:

- Facebook Page
- LinkedIn Account
- Official Website



# Combating All Forms of Gender-Based Violence & Sexual Harassment

## 16 Days Campaign Empower Cluj

The **16 days Women Empower Cluj Campaign** took place from November 25 – December 10 2020. The Campaign was part of the Global 16-Days Campaign Against Violence Against Women, organised in Cluj by an alliance of civic and cultural institutions, consulates, and companies. The Women Empower Cluj Campaign was a very special approach to the Global Campaign. Here in Cluj:

- We focused on implementing the campaign as an alliance, with local authorities, Cluj Police, civic organisations, cultural organisations, and both local and international citizens all working together;
- We focused both on raising awareness and working to stop violence against women, while also promoting positive examples of success, showing how gender rights and equality are better for men and women, and strengthening women's achievement, leadership and success across all fields – media, business, sciences, arts and culture, politics, sports and more.



Gender-based violence is not a ‘women’s issue’ or a ‘girl’s issue’. It is an issue for every single human being. Men and women together need to be involved and work together to overcome every form of gender-based violence, discrimination and inequality. Having healthy relationships helps for healthy human development, healthy childhoods and healthy lives. Advancing gender equality has been shown to have proven benefits for improving corporate performance and quality of life and well-being for citizens. The Campaign was working to make Cluj a city committed to gender equality.

# WOMEN EMPOWER

25 NOV. -  
10 DEC.

## 16 DAYS OF INSPIRING LEADERSHIP AND CHANGE IN CLUJ-NAPOCA

A powerful and inspiring collaborative project by an alliance of organisations and initiatives in Cluj, inspired by the United Nations' endorsed global 16-day campaign against gender-based violence

In 2020, the campaign had a lot happening! The amazing alliance involved in the 16 days campaign organised a huge number of inspiring events. These included:

- Art exhibits, artists campaigns, musical webinars, photography exhibits and more!
- Legal question and answer sessions on legal interventions in cases of domestic violence and events consisting of the stories of survivors
- Discussions about 'healthy relationships' and 'toxic relationships'
- Cluj Police wearing ribbons showing solidarity with stopping violence against women
- The 2nd 'Women Empower Forum' Cluj Edition & 1st Global Women Empower Forum
- Roundtables with women in politics and on gender studies and feminism in Romania
- Self-defence and self-discovery through martial arts courses
- Spoken word poetry slam – online storytelling through spoken word poetry festival
- TEDxZorilorWomen 2020 "Fearless" event
- Training programmes on child protection and preventing sexual abuse in sports
- An online 'bravery gallery'
- Information posters in Iulius Mall

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, the majority of events happened online.

The 16 Days Campaign in Cluj is committed both to overcoming all forms of inequality, discrimination and gender-based violence, and to positively advancing women's rights, gender equality and healthy relationships; to achieving real change on policy levels, to making a difference in people's lives who have been affected by gender-based violence. It's about raising awareness, empowering survivors, mobilising our commitment together as a community for a better future for all – and helping us all see how we can have a world based upon gender-equality, dignity and safety, and free from violence, trauma and abuse. Learn more about the campaign on its official Facebook Page ([here](#)).

# Addressing the use of advanced technologies and artificial intelligence in the world of security and prevention

## J-Safe Project

The judicial strategy to combat violent radicalisation and terror-related crimes or illegal hate speech in prison were at the heart of the **J-SAFE project** (in which PATRIR is a partner). Therefore, the project developed a set of comprehensive guidelines to support judges in making informed decisions on sentences related to radicalisation.

Through training activities, a new approach to train LEAs in understanding the processes of radicalisation in prisons, forensics operations for prevention and investigation and activities related to data surveillance within the prison environments has been developed. In order to do the training, several scenarios were created within virtual environments to address the potential of the risks and train counter-terrorism officers and prison staff administrations. This enhanced decision making, situational awareness and emotional resilience during dangerous, threat-to-life scenarios

**FINAL CONFERENCE**

Webinar 1  
9th DECEMBER

**THE BENEFITS OF BLENDED VIRTUAL REALITY FOR SECURITY AND JUSTICE TRAINING**

Webinar 2  
16th DECEMBER

**NEW TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION IN PRISON**

Webinar 3  
13th JANUARY

**GUIDELINES FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DEALING WITH RADICALISATION CASES**

**J-SAFE** Joint Strategic Alliance of the European Union

**3 WEBINAR SESSIONS FROM 10.00 - 11.30AM**

At the end of 2020, two webinars were organised in order to highlight the profound change that digital and communication technologies have brought to the world of security and prevention, but also how they have led to solutions that revolutionised the operational practices of police forces and practitioners. Each webinar focused on one of the three main results of the project: VR trainings, Innovative technologies in prison, and Guidelines to support the decision making of the judicial staff.

It came at the end of the project and consisted of a sequence of three online events that form, altogether, the Final Conference of the project.

# Preventing violent extremism in Europe

## RETHINK Project



In 22nd October 2020, the RETHINK project organised its International Final Conference. In this event, over 100 people, including practitioners, experts and policymakers addressing violent extremism in Europe, joined and actively participated in the "Prevention of Violent Extremism in Europe" Conference, to address and discuss issues of violent extremism in Europe. The event gathered together experts, practitioners and major projects from across Europe addressing the violent extremism, views from the field, tools for practitioners - from law enforcement agencies to local and national governments, NGOs, youth workers, schools, media and more - and the Way Forward: Innovations, Pathways and New Frontiers in Europe & Globally.

The general objective of the RETHINK project was to prevent vulnerable audiences from starting a process of radicalisation by offering them resilience and critical thinking mechanisms, as well as convince those already engaged within a process of radicalisation to abandon it or dissuade them from going further by providing an alternative narrative that deconstructs extremist rhetoric, in order to change violent behaviour.

**RETHINK**  
**BEFORE ACT** ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN EUROPE**

**OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**ZOOM**  
**THURSDAY 9:30 AM**

**PROGRAMA**

- 09:30 WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION  
Professor Ana Cunha, IJND/ULHT  
Professor José Pablo, Project Coordinator
- 10:00 THE STATE OF EUROPE: ADDRESSING THE GROWING CHALLENGE OF RADICALISATION, VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND 'HATE-BASED' MOVEMENTS IN EUROPE DURING COVID AND BEYOND
- 11:00 LESSONS FROM THE FIELD: EXPERIENCES OF COMMUNITIES AND FRONTLINE PRACTITIONERS CHALLENGING HATE, EXTREMISM AND RADICAL NARRATIVES AND BUILDING INCLUSION - ONLINE AND IN COMMUNITIES
- 12:30 EUROPEAN POLICY & PRACTITIONERS FORUM: A SPECIAL SESSION ENGAGING PARTICIPANTS' INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES AND DEVELOPING TOGETHER PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE FIELD
- 13:30 LUNCH
- 14:30 TOOLS FOR PRACTITIONERS & COMMUNITIES: INNOVATIVE TOOLS AND SOLUTIONS FROM SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING PROJECTS IN EUROPE TODAY
- 15:30 THE WAY FORWARD: INNOVATIONS, PATHWAYS AND NEW FRONTIERS IN EUROPE & GLOBALLY
- 16:30 FINAL REMARKS

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You can learn more about the conference and the project by visiting its [official website](#).



# Multilateralism, Peace and Security

Strengthening the Rules-Based  
Multilateral Framework to Sustain Peace



## Strengthening the Rules-Based Multilateral Framework to Sustain Peace International Event

From the 6th to the 8th of October 2020, the Club of Madrid, in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and Crisis Management Initiative (CMI), organised the virtual Policy Lab “Multilateralism, Peace and Security – Strengthening the Rules-Based Multilateral Framework to Sustain Peace”. Kai Brand-Jacobsen, President of PATRIR and Director of the Department of Peace Operations was a keynote speaker at the event. His speech on October 6th at 4:33 pm (CET) provided a powerful, innovative, and practical vision for how the private sector can play a key role – together with governments and whole-of-society approaches – to achieve sustainable development and peace, and find answers to the greatest challenges facing us in our communities, countries and the world today.

Other experts and international decision-makers such as Ban Ki-Moon (UN Secretary-General 2007-2016), José Manuel Ramos-Horta (President of the Democratic Republic of East Timor from 2007-2012), Alexander Stubb (President of the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) and Prime Minister of Finland from 2014-2015), and Laura Chinchilla (President of the Republic of Costa Rica in 2010-2014) or Melanne Verwee (Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security) were also speaking at the virtual Policy Lab.

*‘Finding the keys to effective multi-stakeholder collaboration – and the value each can bring to solutions – is essential if we are to develop the comprehensive solutions that are required to build the foundations of sustainable peace. As the UN75 Political Declaration states, “today’s challenges require cooperation not only across borders but also across the whole of society. We have to make the United Nations more inclusive and engage with all relevant stakeholders, including ... the private sector, ... to ensure an effective response to our common challenges.”*’ said Kai Brand-Jacobsen.



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