

# Newsletter #4 Cyprus

## EDURAD: ADDRESSING VIOLENT RADICALISATION: A MULTI-ACTOR RESPONSE THROUGH EDUCATION

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## EDURAD Hub in Cyprus

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In the design of the EDURAD PVE-E Hub in Cyprus, we considered the lack of a national network dedicated to the training of teachers, trainers and educators to address challenges of extremism in educational settings.

Despite being rich with organisations, local initiatives and programmes that promote diversity, inclusivity, and civic values, needed coordination and support to develop opportunities for collaborations on pedagogical approaches to extremism. For these reasons, CSI emphasized actions with the following objectives:

- a) introduce EDURAD's PVE-E approach to organisations in Cyprus
- b) create conditions for future collaboration between local actors

### RESEARCH & HUB DESIGN

As a first step, we researched local organisations, institutions, and actors to help conceptualise our approach for the Hub in Cyprus. This research led to a mapping of existing network structures for educators to identify the relevant stakeholders in youth, education, democracy and peacebuilding (the latter two being essential aspects in the case of Cyprus and the priorities placed in civil society actions). Initial contact with these stakeholders

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### CYPRUS NETWORKING FESTIVAL

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2021, EDURAD actively participated in the first annual Cyprus Networking Festival, extending the efforts to inform local organisations about the project's actions.



The Cyprus Networking Festival was an intercommunal networking event hosted in the Nicosia buffer zone to bring together organisations from all island communities. During the event, all attendees had the opportunity to learn about EDURAD and the work the project produced up to that point through a presentation. The Cyprus Networking Festival proved an excellent way to outreach local stakeholders and invite them in subsequent EDURAD actions to set up a PVE-E Hub in Cyprus.



### **EDURAD HUB - CSI OFFICES MEETING**

During October & November 2021, CSI contacted the organisations interested in the project and reached out to other possible stakeholders. These efforts culminated in a networking event on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, hosted by CSI, with representatives from 10 different organisations participating. While the event was primarily set up as a networking event, mirroring the Cyprus Networking Festival (although smaller in scale and with a more focused scope), it also functioned as an info session about the project's latest developments.



### **NEXT STEPS**

The 26<sup>th</sup> of November Hub meeting was also an excellent opportunity to promote the project implementation activities that will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December

and emphasise the capacity building of youth workers/mentors and NGOs that work in fields relevant to youth and education.

The actions leading up to the project's current state have shown that organisations in Cyprus are very eager to learn more about projects and actions such as EDURAD. These organisations want more opportunities for collaboration, promotion of shared values, access to more resources, and develop tools for a critical pedagogical response to extremism.

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