



Anti-Semitism, Radicalisation and Violent Extremism Thematic Meeting

Preliminary programme

30 September 2015

Vilnius

I. Anti-Semitism in Contemporary World

1. Contemporary forms of anti-Semitism in Lithuania
2. What is and what is not anti-Semitism – distinction between anti-Semitism and criticism of Israeli government
3. The crime of Holocaust – how it all started, how it all ended
4. Holocaust denial and distortion – why is it dangerous?

II. Radicalisation and Violent Extremism

1. Radicalisation and violent extremism – where does it come from
2. Radicalisation and violent extremism – trends and dynamics
3. Individuals at risk of radicalization and recruitment: who are they and how can they be stopped?

III. Building Bridges: Ways to Prevent Anti-Semitism, Radicalization and Violent Extremism

1. Open society: respect, diversity, dialogue
2. Jewish-Muslim relations in the UK
3. Response by international community to radicalization that leads to violence
4. Strengthening political leadership and involvement in the fight against radicalisation: impact of national policies, practices and legislation
5. Role of civil society in addressing anti-Semitism (presentation of implemented projects):
 - a. The power of education
 - b. The rights of Holocaust victims
 - c. Fighting hate via the prism of social life
 - d. Empowering young people

About the Thematic Meeting

The event organized by the HRMI will aim to contribute to deeper discussions among the NGO Fund Operators, project promoters and other entities within the Beneficiary States and Donor States on countering anti-Semitism, as well as radicalisation and violent extremism. It is foreseen to produce a list of possible common actions in this area that might be taken jointly by the participants within their future projects or activities.

Shortly, the meeting will discuss the contemporary forms of anti-Semitism, analyse the root causes, trends and dynamics of hate crimes, radicalisation and violent extremism that keeps spreading across Europe and beyond. Participants shall also discuss what individuals are at the highest risk of becoming radical and violent, and what actions are needed to prevent that. With the input of NGOs from both Beneficiary and Donor States, as well as representatives of international organisations active in this field, the participants will aim to identify useful and necessary steps that could be taken in the future in order to address the issue and fight these so immense threats.

The participants of the event will include experts of human rights, practitioners working in the field of inclusion, de-radicalisation, prevention of extremism, as well as representatives of international organisations and NGOs.