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Wednesday 9 November 2016
Rotterdam, the Netherlands, hosted by the Mayor of Rotterdam

Draft Programme

Tuesday 8 November

20.00 Dinner offered by the Mayor of Rotterdam

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08.00-09.00 *Arrival of participants and registration*

09.00-09.40 **Opening session**

- **Ahmed ABOUTALEB**, Mayor of Rotterdam
- **Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- **Roger VICOT**, President of the French Forum for urban security, Mayor of Lomme, France, representing the President of Efus

09.40-10.00 **Keynote speech**

- **Dick SCHOOF**, Dutch National Coordinator on Terrorism and Security

10.00-10.30 *Coffee*

10.30-12.30 **Session 1: Preventing radicalisation leading to violent extremism: the state of play**

In the two years following the Paris attacks and the launch of the Council of Europe Action Plan "The fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism", there have been important developments regarding initiatives tackling the causes of radicalisation in different European cities, with an increasing number of diverse actors offering solutions to combat radicalisation. What is the current state of play in preventing radicalisation leading to violent extremism?

Moderator: **Andreas KIEFER**, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

- **Shpend AHMETI**, Mayor of Pristina, Kosovo*
- **Julio ANDRADE**, Deputy Mayor of Málaga, Spain
- **Hans BONTE**, Mayor of Vilvoorde, Belgium
- **Bernard CLERFAYT**, Mayor of Schaerbeek (Brussels Capital Region), Belgium
- **Marik FETOUH**, Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux, France
- **Amadeu RECASENS**, Commissioner for Security of Barcelona, Spain
- **Laurent RUSSIER**, Deputy Mayor of Saint-Denis, France
- **Andreas SCHÖNSTRÖM**, Deputy Mayor of Malmö, Sweden
- **Erion VELIAJ**, Mayor of Tirana, Albania
- **Leen VERBEEK**, Thematic Rapporteur on combating radicalisation, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- **Jacob BUNDSGAARD**, Mayor of Aarhus, Denmark (video message)

12.30-13.30

Lunch

13.30-16.00

Session 2: Preventing radicalisation on grassroots level. Study visits

Six visits will be proposed to explore counter-radicalisation initiatives in Rotterdam.

16.00-18.00

Session 3: Capacity building and training programmes

The complexity of the phenomenon of radicalisation, often accompanied by misunderstanding and inaccurate data, highlights the need for awareness-raising and training programmes. With an ever larger variety of training events on offer, how to select those that are fit-for-purpose and would best enable local elected representatives to deal with the issue?

Moderator: **Elizabeth JOHNSTON**, Executive Director of the European Forum for Urban Security

- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (**Bert BOUWMEESTER**, Mayor of Coevorden, Netherlands/ **Josef NEUMANN**, Member of Landtag Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany)
- European Forum for Urban Security, Efus (**Emilie PETIT**, Programme manager, European Forum for Urban Security, **Manuel COMERON**, Urban Security Analyst, city of Liège, Belgium)
- Radicalisation Awareness Network local, RAN Local (**Jessika SOORS**, Working group leader, RAN Local)
- Strong Cities Network (**Jonathan BIRDWELL**, Head of Policy and Research, United Kingdom)

18.00-18.15

Closing session: the Rotterdam Declaration

- **Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe