

RADEX – Mobilising against Extremism through Countering and Diverting Radicalisation of Young People

MEETING MINUTES – SHORT REPORT **2nd SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING**

16TH June 2022, 14:00 CET Time, Zoom meeting

	Name of the participant	Role
1	Mrs. Sofia Tsiortou	Project manager
2	Dr. Stella Papamichail	Sociologist / Criminologist
3	Dr. Jenny Robson	Senior Lecturer
	Apologies from the rest of the panel members	

The meeting started at 14.00 am CET time with the above people participating. Sofia Tsiortou welcomed everyone to the 2nd Scrutiny panel meeting where the following topics were on the agenda:

- Welcome and meeting introduction
- Very short introduction to the Scrutiny panel, role and responsibilities by Sofia
- Discussion on IO2 proposed modules and the RADEX positive impact approach
- Any other issue related to the RADEX project or possible exploitation of project results.

It was reiterated that the panel's role is to support the project's efforts and provide valuable input to its results, based on their expertise and know-how.

The four modules were briefly presented on a PPT and a discussion and overview by both experts took place. Their comments were the following:

Dr. Stella Papamichail: very rich material and well organised which provide a general overview and opinion on the topics at hand. Furthermore, all modules can be used combined or autonomously while containing many practical and hands-on activities. The material was briefly overviewed due to lack of time and more input will be sent. The modules can and will be used by Stella as supportive material for social workers or those who supervise young social workers with initial experience on the field. Finally, a new university curriculum is expected in September and this material can be integrated within as reference or supportive resources.

Dr. Jenny Robson: all 4 modules have a clear and focused structure which is very helpful when reading them. There seems to be an overarching and positive theme of citizenship running through the modules and each is facilitating skills and understanding of citizenship and enabling positive participation. Overall, the modules have clear outcomes.

M1 (Positive Political Participation): Clear activities which will support people with learning about negotiating skills – this is a very clear module strength. The module gives vocabulary to conduct debates and help young people build their confidence. Youth workers can select and adapt activities which is very positive. According to Jenny, this is the strongest module that can easily be used by their organisation for their BA Hons degree for social workers.

M2 (Critical thinking and creativity): Creative thinking is very important to be taught among young people since it helps them explore their assumptions and possible stereotypes. Looking forward to reading the final version of the module with a more practical approach perhaps.

M3 (Critical thinking and content filtering): a very important aspect and theme that can be used as a tool to support youth workers in providing them with tools around the use of social media. The content is relevant and appropriate in identifying fake news and radical content. Will be useful since radical and extremism content is being normalised by young people thus, young people do not see how problematic this is. The module builds skills.

M4 (Resilience): Presents a theme which is consistent with youth work and working with young people. It builds on practical information and that is both useful and important since it helps people build confidence when delivering similar modules or themes. The module builds skills and the activities can build the sense of identity thus, contribute to citizenship and build the necessary capacity in young people to engage in society.

Since the time both experts had to review the modules in depth, the following timeline was proposed:



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- Provide more feedback and input to the modules until the
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- Provide comments on the remaining modules until Mid-August so that any input can be integrated prior to RADEX's LTT activity in Cyprus.

The next online meeting will take place in October 2022. A doodle will be set up and circulated to the panel members to finalise date and time.

The meeting was concluded by Sofia.