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YEIP is led and co-ordinated by the **IARS International Institute** and delivered in partnership with 18 partners from seven EU countries.

**The partnership includes:**

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YEIP Youth Empowerment and Innovation Project

# YOUTH RADICALISATION: A NEW WAY OF THIKING

Admittedly, there are many projects that aim to prevent young people's radicalisation. Following the recent tragic events in Denmark, Paris, Brussels and London, and the need to focus on marginalised young people at risk of radicalisation, the European Commission acknowledges that new and innovative approaches must be supported.

The Youth Empowerment and Innovation Project (YEIP) was created in response to this urgent need for more effective youth policies that can enhance young people's social inclusion and minimize the risk of radicalization with greater 'buy in' from youth themselves. At YEIP we believe that solutions designed by young people themselves have more chances of being realistic and successful. We also believe that it is not through punishment, control and stigmatisation that young people will be "risk managed". We strongly believe in positive approaches to marginalisation and exclusion, which we think are the real causes of becoming radicalised.

# ABOUT YEIP

YEIP is a 3-year Erasmus+ funded programme that aims to design a youth-led, positive policy prevention framework for t**ackling and preventing the marginalisation and violent radicalisation among young people in Europe**. The project started in March 2017.

Led by young people and coordinated by Dr. Theo Gavrielides (Founder and Director of The IARS International Institute), YEIP is delivered in partnership with 18 partners from seven EU countries to construct and test innovative, policy intervention models founded on the principles of restorative justice, positive psychology and the Good Lives Model.

YEIP is implemented through the construction and field validation of tools (YEIP PREVENT model/ interventions, toolkit, training) in 4 environments (schools, universities, prisons, online) in the 7 participating EU member states.

YEIP will lay the foundations for systemic change at the national level and EU levels. The ultimate objective is for the project to help implement the EU Youth Strategy's objective of preventing the factors that can lead to young people's social exclusion and radicalisation. The project is also in line with the EU's Counter-Terrorism Strategy of 2005 (revised in 2008 and 2014).

The success of this youth-led project will demonstrate to European citizens the leadership and determination of EC institutions in rooting out the reasons that lead to young peoples' marginalisation and radicalisation, firming up in this way trust and confidence.

# WHY FUNDED AND SUPPORTED BY THE EU?

The EU Youth Strategy aims at reducing the factors that lead to young people becoming marginalised and radicalised. Furthermore, the 2014 EC report on youth workers is asking for a more coordinated effort in supporting young people with fewer opportunities by tapping into their talents and not by further marginalising them. The EU has a legal, moral and ethical obligation to protect its citizens and indeed safeguard its youth's future. Therefore, it made funds available through the Erasmus+ programme for youth-led policy initiatives and YEIP is the first youth-led project to be funded under this Call which is normally targeted for public authority led programmes.

# GET INVOLVED: WE NEED YOU

**Contact us to:**

- **Help us to build the YEIP evidence base**
- **Take part in our international conferences (bursaries available)**
- **Receive free face to face and online youth led training (for professionals and young people)**
- **Receive our newsletters, e-books and publications (all for free).**

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