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The Steering Committee Meeting in Sofia (April 2017)

From April 19 to 21, the first Meeting of the Project's Steering Committee took place in Sofia, Ramada Princess Hotel.

The main subject of the Meeting concerned the in-progress QUESTIONNAIRE, which is being defined by the scientific Partners under co-ordination of the Syracuse ISISC Institute (Italy), as decided in the previous Kick-off meeting in Rome. In fact, as Mr Piedomenico Pastina underlined, on behalf of the project coordinator, scientific research is a relevant part in Rasmorad. This tool will be fundamental, in order to collect data and information to support the following work streams:

- *WP2 - KNOWLEDGE COLLECTION*
- *WP3 - RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND TOOL*
- *WP4 - DERAD AND EXIT STRATEGIES*
- *WP5 - NATIONAL NETWORKING*

Discussion on this topic was alive and rich of contributions coming from all the Partners.

MS Delphine Verheyde, on behalf of the Syracuse ISISC Institute, described the Questionnaire's outline. It is grounded on the analysis of the most important documents concerning international terrorism and radicalization, such as EU Recommendations, the PC-CP handbook, and the RAN collection of best practices.

MS Daniela Moza (West University of Timisoara - Romania) and MS Cristina Caparesi (Exit Onlus - Italy) underlined the need to approach the research activity, aiming to achieve scientifically validated/licensed results. The project's coordinator agreed to assign part of the research plan to the West University, in order to analyze the questions drafted by the ISISC Institute, evaluate them according to a scientific method, and cooperate in setting up a risk assessment common tool.

Another relevant issue of the Meeting concerned some technical aspects of budget management, following the new budget templates that the European Commission provided. All Beneficiary Partners are expected to fulfill, following the budget categories and description of costs as requested.

The Project's Coordinator presented an overview on the project's deadlines and future activities, which expect to be implemented, concerning the three main sections of the "Questionnaire": **Prison Regime – Risk Assessment Tool – Exit Strategies**.

The next Steering Committee Meeting will take place in Italy by the end of June, together with the first thematic workshop.

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