



STRIVE FOR IMPACT

CONCEPT NOTE

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INTRODUCTION

STRIVE Global is a program funded by the European Union (EU) through the Instrument Contributing to the Stability and Peace (IcSP). It started in May 2015 and will conclude in November 2021.

The overall purpose of the program is to build the capacity of state and non-state actors to effectively challenge radicalization and recruitment to terrorism while continuing to respect human rights and international law.

Through STRIVE Global, we have assisted local organizations in the design of projects on prevention of radicalization and violent extremism, empirical social research to understand the causes of radicalization at country level, and on capacity building of journalists and spokespeople to inform on violent extremist and terrorist acts. We have provided funds for the implementation of these projects along with continuous monitoring and evaluation.

The geographic focus includes Central Asia, South Caucasus, Turkey, Western Balkans, and MENA regions. Since the program started we have supported 36 local organizations and 39 projects in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tajikistan, and Turkey

The Counter Extremism Hub (www.counterextremismhub.org) is also a product of STRIVE Global. We developed it in partnership with the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the Hub features a variety of counter violent extremism (CVE) resources available per country among other tools.

Moreover, we developed a CVE curriculum, in partnership with Search for Common Ground to introduce government officials and civil society organizations (CSOs) to CVE and to collaborative approaches. We adapted this curriculum to Central Asia, MENA regions and Georgia, and it is available in English, Russian, Arabic and Georgian. Together with our partners, we implemented the curriculum in Georgia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan. Upon request, a team of trainers from Hedayah can also deliver the curriculum at country level. Lastly, a comprehensive online toolkit for practitioners and civil society engaged in radical right extremist counter narrative campaigns have been created.





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ABOUT THE STRIVE FOR IMPACT EVENT

With 39 projects in 11 countries, STRIVE Impact will showcase the efforts of governments, civil society organizations, and communities in countering violent extremism under the STRIVE Global program.

We are bringing together actors from across the Balkans, Central Asia, the Middle East, and South Caucasus regions to share their experiences of tackling violent extremism.

The event is an opportunity to learn more about innovative approaches and connect with governments and civil society organizations on how we can counter violent extremism.

Our goal is to:

- Present the logic of intervention and impact of the projects developed under STRIVE Global program.
- Share projects' innovative approaches with the CVE community, allowing the opportunity for synergies, scaling up, replication and to increase coordination.
- Open spaces for dialogue between CSOs and CVE units at country level with other international and national stakeholders.
- Stimulate the network among CSOs, national stakeholders, and international organizations (including donors) on CVE.
- Show STRIVE Global program strengths and create opportunities for near future collaboration with other local CSOs, international donors, and stakeholders involved in CVE.

THE FORMAT

In response to the COVID-19 global health crisis, we are holding this event virtually. It will consist of country sessions where each organization will present its project, followed by participants' questions and answers.

Through networking circles, participants will have the opportunity to engage with each other and the speakers at the end of the day.

THE LANGUAGE

The sessions will be in English. However, interpretation is available if required by speakers and participants.

