



„United In Countering Extremism“

Invitation for our Side Event @ HDIM 2017
September 15, 1:30 pm
Plenary Hall

Extremism is the threat of our time. To continue to live in a peaceful and economically successful common world, we must resist religious and political extremism with all opportunities our liberal societies have !

Violent extremism is a crime that has no justification, and it should not be associated with any race, ethnicity, nationality or religion. No state can counter violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism alone: all OSCE member states must co-operate at all levels, this including the engagement of civil groups, governmental and non-governmental organizations. The OSCE underlines that we all „must rise to the

challenge of responding to the corrosive appeal of violent extremism by promoting tolerance, mutual respect, pluralism, inclusion, and cohesion.“ We all are determined to prevent and combat terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, while upholding human rights and the rule of law.

„Stop Extremism“ is a European Citizens' initiative that has led the European Commission to a comprehensive anti-extremism-package of measures at the legal level which would allow an effective and joint action by all member states against extremist tendencies. Politicians and society must act! Our aim is to protect the people and the values in the European Union which are defined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the

European Union! We no longer tolerate terror, hate and violence. To effectively protect ourselves from extremism, we must not be indifferent to intolerance and hate as they are the source of extremism. All of Europe is requested to seize measures to correct the mistakes of the past and to effectively push back extremism in all its forms. For this aim, we have prepared a legal package of measures that includes some radical changes in dealing with extremism.

The Speakers

Seyran Ateş

At the forefront of „Stop Extremism“ stands the German lawyer and author Seyran Ateş. She has kicked off a broad debate on integration and Islam in Europe with her books and public debates in Western media, Seyran consults the German Government. She advocates a peaceful, equitable and reformed Islam, far away from violence and outdated structures. Fighting for a liberal Islam resulted in death threats against her and since 2006, she is under police protection.



Efgani Dönmez

The conflict and mediation consultant Efgani Dönmez, a former member of the Austrian Federal Council, is one of Austria's prominent warning voices on adherence to basic and human rights and has been active in social work and caring for refugees and migrants for many years. He is a college lecturer and MP candidate for the upcoming general Parliamentary Elections in Austria.



Agenda for the side event

- **Keynote by Seyran Ateş:** How to fight extremism in the OSCE region; challenges, threats and perspectives
- **Keynote by Efgani Dönmez:** „Stop Extremism“ - our EU-wide initiative and its legal proposals for a better engagement by key institutions with civil society in the fight against extremism
- **Discussion:** Ways of cooperation between the EU and the OSCE in fighting political extremism

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Language: English

Drinks and a light lunch will be served

