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### CIRCULAR NOTE No.14

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia presents its compliments to the Missions and Delegations accredited to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, the Asian Partners for Co-operation, the OSCE Secretariat and International Organizations, and has the honour to provide the information:

Participants of the OSCE Ministerial Council are kindly invited to support the “[OSCE United in Countering Violent Extremism](#)” (#UnitedCVE ) campaign, jointly launched earlier this year by the Serbian Chairmanship and OSCE Secretary General.

A **#UnitedCVE campaign corner** will be set up on in the Press Centre of the Kombank Arena, Belgrade, starting with the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 until the meeting is closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

At any point during this period, participants are welcome to visit the campaign corner to pick up information on the campaign and advocacy materials, watch the campaign videos, and/or make pictures with their camera to share on social media.

Occasionally there will also be a **photographer at the campaign corner**. You will be able to download your photos from the [OSCE Flickr account](#) and share them via your social media channels.

Participants are strongly encouraged to use the [#UnitedCVE](#) hashtag when tweeting, or making posts on Facebook, Instagram, Google Plus, or other social media platforms.

More information about the OSCE #UnitedCVE campaign: [www.osce.org/unitedcve](http://www.osce.org/unitedcve)

If you have any further questions with regard to the campaign, please contact [unitedcve@osce.org](mailto:unitedcve@osce.org)

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## TERRORISM IS A CRIME THAT HAS NO JUSTIFICATION.

It should not be associated with any race, ethnicity, nationality or religion. Every act of terrorism is a denial of the core principles and goals of the OSCE. No state alone can counter violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism.



Terrorists are taking advantage of modern communication technologies to spread their messages more effectively than ever, especially targeting young people in order to get support, publicity, recognition and legitimacy for their cause.

It is crucial that we engage in formulating and amplifying counter-messages and alternative narratives: both by raising awareness and giving the space for everyone to speak up and contribute to the discussion.

### WE MUST CO-OPERATE AT ALL LEVELS:

Across cultures, across generations, online and offline.

Violent extremism fuels divisions, marginalization, bigotry, discrimination, and other human rights' violations.

We must all rise to the challenge of promoting tolerance, mutual respect, pluralism, inclusion, and cohesion, in response to the corrosive and pervasive appeal of violent extremism.

### WHAT IS #UNITEDCVE CAMPAIGN?

To underscore that we at the OSCE stand as one in countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, the OSCE Secretary General together with the OSCE Serbian

Chairmanship have launched an open-ended social media campaign: OSCE United in Countering Violent Extremism. Visit [www.osce.org/unitedcve](http://www.osce.org/unitedcve) to learn more.

**IN ITS FIRST FOUR MONTHS,**  
**#UnitedCVE** reached more than 3 million people across the OSCE region, establishing an active social media presence.

This success wouldn't be possible without the support from the international community. The campaign has been welcomed by all OSCE

institutions, as well as a number of international and civil society organizations, who help us amplify our message.

## WHERE CAN YOU FIND #UNITEDCVE?

Live discussion and raising awareness can make a difference. That is why not only #UnitedCVE contributes important messages, but also offers to social media users space to engage. Follow @OSCE on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and

Google Plus. You will find #UnitedCVE updates on OSCE efforts in countering violent extremism and radicalization leading to terrorism, but also see what others do – let's speak up together loud and clear for peace and security!

## HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN?

Make a statement and show or tell us how you are united with the OSCE in countering violent extremism. Each of us has a network to share the

campaign with - tag your posts with @OSCE and #UnitedCVE, or share your project with us directly by sending an email to [unitedcve@osce.org](mailto:unitedcve@osce.org).



OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Dunja Mijatovic, representative of the incoming German Chairmanship Gernot Erler, High Commissioner on National Minorities Astrid Thors and Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) Michael Link.



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