

SIDE EVENT: Youth and Radicalization

When: 14 – 15h Where: Room North

Violent extremism and radicalization is one of the most worrying contemporary phenomena and as such, it has been recognized as crucial on the OSCE agenda. Throughout the year, Chairmanship-in-Office also prioritized the topic in various ways, one of them being by enabling participation of youth voices in rethinking phenomena, its causes and possible counter-measures. In September 2015, the CiO with its Special Representatives on Youth and Security organized an OSCE-wide conference in Belgrade “*Working With Youth For Youth: protection Against Radicalization*”, which had the purpose to foster discussion on combating radicalization using the potential of the OSCE, including its cross-dimensional approach to security threats.

This side event will tackle main ideas discussed during the conference, compiled into a Report on Findings and Recommendations. Perspectives and ideas of youth will be explored as well as examples of youth organizing in regard to VERLT.

Why do we need youth mainstreaming? What is youth angle in countering VERLT and protecting human rights as mutually reinforcing goals? Is youth political participation in participating States threat or a remedy in this regard? How bridges and trust are built in this context through Economic and Environmental Dimension? – are some of the questions is looking into.

Speakers:

Ambassador Dejan Sahovic, Head of the OSCE CiO Task Force

Anna-Katharina Deininger, Special Representative of the CiO on Youth and Security

Dejan Bojanic, Board member of the European Youth Forum

Hillary Briffa, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Malta

Aaron Joshua Pinto, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Canada

Paul Steiner, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Germany

Elvira Kalmurzaeva, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Kyrgyzstan

Blaz Grilj, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Slovenia

Peter Sharpe, OSCE Youth Ambassador from United Kingdom

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Milena Stosic, Special Representative of the CiO on Youth and Security