

# **THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

## **Conclusions and Recommendations Working Group 1**

1. It is necessary to ensure the support of all education authorities for implementation of the programmes for prevention of extremism, with support by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the OSCE.
2. To develop the prevention programs and designate the levels: Elementary Schools and High Schools.
3. To establish and enable the educators network.
4. To involve the NGOs in the extremism prevention program.
5. To develop the inter-departmental co-operation (include teacher of religious education, through their regular channels and hierarchy, as well as the Inter-religious council in the support of implementation of these contents in the religious education lectures)
6. Develop the program of prevention of violent extremism through the Student Council.
7. In the elementary school, in 8th and 9th grade, cover the topic on violent extremism during the class hour.
8. To educate people on a comprehensive approach and view to violent extremism, for example: include different examples such as the problem of violence and extremism among the youth belonging to the hooligan groups.
9. It is necessary to develop and print the materials on the dangers of violent extremism, and make them accessible through different channels, for example post them on the websites of municipalities, non-governmental organisations etc.

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### **Working Group 2**

1. Increase co-operation of the media with the security and criminal justice structures, taking into account the importance of provision of initial and timely information for the media.
2. To consider introduction of measures that will adjust videos games, cartoons, etc. for the youth.
3. Additional education of the journalists and the PR officers in the security structures on violent extremism.
4. Confidence building among the citizens through the media, including the public broadcasting service.
5. More professionalism is required in order to ensure the responsibility of the state apparatus.

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### **Working Group 3**

1. Co-operation of civil society organisations with the security forums at the local level.
2. To incorporate the NGO recommendations in the Action Plan stemming from BiH Strategy on Prevention and Combating Terrorism.
3. Development of mutual confidence between the citizens and the security sector.
4. Development of individual responsibility of the citizens to recognise negative occurrences of violent behaviour.
5. To recognize the police as the service of the citizens.
6. Periodical consultation and exchange of information between the security sector and the local authorities with the local level NGOs.
7. Intensive co-operation with local authorities.
8. The NGOs need to articulate their requests to the security sector (call us to help you, to answer questions, to provide information, etc.).
9. Necessary education of both, the NGO and the security sector on the methods for achieving mutual co-operation.