

Multi-Stakeholder seminar on Preventing Violent Extremism in the Euro-Med Region

INFORMATION ON SPEAKERS (by order of intervention)

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She served as Political Advisor in several French embassies including Oslo and Ottawa and occupied various positions at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has been Responsible for the Rule of Law, Human Rights and Reconstruction Division, in the Department of Democratic Governance and Deputy Director of Multilateral and Sectoral Issues at the Directorate General of Political and Security Affairs. Before joining the Secretariat, she was Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the Political and Security Committee of the European Union.

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President of the Catalan Federation on NGOs and Associate Professor of the Open University of Catalonia (UOC). Holds a Degree on Political Science and, between others, an Executive Education Diploma in Leadership, Organizing and Action by the Harvard University. More than 10 years of professional experience acting as international expert and team leader in the field of Human Rights, Conflict Analysis and Peacebuilding.

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Civil servant of the Barcelona city Council, acted as Director of the Youth Service and of Manager of one of its districts. Between 1992 and 1996, he was responsible of the Humanitarian Aid and he acted as Manager of the named 11th District of Barcelona in Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina). He has also acted as Director of the Educational Services, Director of the International Solidarity Area of the Barcelona City Council, Mayor's Commissioner for the International Cooperation, Director of the International Cooperation in the metropolitan area of Barcelona, and member of the Steering Committee of UNHCR.

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Solid mix of development experience in several countries including Yemen, Bangladesh, Lebanon and the USA with the UN system, World Bank and Mosaic Foundation focusing on good governance, youth inclusiveness, community centred projects, gender equality and women's empowerment.

Lurdes Vidal, IEMed Director of the Arab and Mediterranean Department.

She holds a degree in Translation and Interpretation from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and studied International Relations. She is Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly journal *afkar/ideas* and contributes to diverse media. Her notable publications include, among others, "Democracia islámica: ¿un debate envenenado?", in *Ámbitos de Política y Sociedad* (2008) ; "Islam político y democracia, riesgo u oportunidad?", in *Ámbitos de Política y Sociedad* (2006), "Syria, Vertigo in the Face of a Radicalised Revolution and an Uncertain Future", a *Med.2012 IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook* (2012), "Perceptions on Democracy and Islamism: Hypotheses and Second-Guessed Predictions", a *Euromed Survey 2011* (2012).

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Lawyer by the ENA of Tunis. He previously developed public functions at the Agriculture Ministry and the Public Function General Committee. Auditor of the National Defence Institute, participating in several international forums on the fight against terrorism and the prevention of extremism violence.

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Coordination and management in cultural patrimony cooperation projects. He has a 14 years of background experience on the management of international projects at the Health Ministry. She holds a degree on History and Geography, as well as Doctorate Studies in Arts History.

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secretary on diverse commissions. From 2006 to 2010 he was Secretary of Immigration of the Government.

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Former Associate Professor of Political Science at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Head of Unit of Multilateral Affairs at the International Relations Directorate of the Province of Barcelona, where he coordinated the UCLG Decentralisation and Local Governance Committee. He has also collaborated with the European Commission as expert evaluator for the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme.

Khadija Ryadi, CMODH President of the Coordination of Human Rights Organizations of the Maghreb.

Moroccan Human rights, feminist activist and former president of the Morocco Association for Human Rights (AMDH). In December 2013, she won the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights. Mrs. Ryadi graduated as a statistical engineer and worked at the Moroccan ministry of Finance.

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Coordinator of the Europe programs in the International Institute for NonViolent Action (NOVACT) and Associate Professor in International Relations at Ramon Llull University (Barcelona). Prior to joining NOVACT, he has lived during 6 years in African Sub-Saharan countries working in several posts, both in international NGOs and the UN system. Graduated on Sociology, postgraduate course on Culture of Peace, he has several publications on disarmament programs, conflict analysis and peacebuilding processes, especially in Africa.

Ines Tlili, Tunisian OPEV Hub

OPEV Training and public relations responsible in NOVACT. The human rights defence and promotion, as well as its commitment after several years. With cinematographically background, Mrs. Tlili has been part of Tunisian independent civil society organisations and movements working on justice and individual and collective rights and freedoms.

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The director of WE Center since 2008 and Trainer since 2001 in the field of Human Rights, Gender, Advocacy and Dialogue. Mahmoud an activist for women issues and youth. He is also

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