

2 POSSIBLE STRATEGIES TO COUNTER RADICALIZATION

Radicalization is not just a matter of religion and ideology. Personal discrimination, economic and social condition, political situation, social capital, individual and collective behaviors are key points that must be given greater attention.

4 spheres of action to fight Islamic radicalization



INCLUSIVE POLICIES

Policy makers should consider that:

Radicalization of young people is often linked to discriminatory experiences (enhancing “Us VS. Them” ideologies)

The victim of discrimination is searching for answers that extremist group seems to provide through of ideology

Violence as tool for emancipation, sense of community

Better knowledge about youth daily routine are key elements to fight radicalization

POLITICAL EDUCATION

Youth should understand that:

Muslim life and lived democracy are not a contradiction

The freedom to practice religion is a fundamental European right that has to be preserved

The participation of young Muslims in political sphere has to be incentivate



MEDIA EDUCATION

Practitioners should consider that:

Fake news and hate speech are the ground for radicalization

Success stories of European Muslims must be better disseminated and underline the positive contribution that Muslims make in Europe today

Muslim media and Muslim journalists are important partners for the dissemination of constructive and positive approaches

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We all should understand that:

Good islamic education (VS. simplistic religious education) protects against radicalization

Radical behaviors are a damage for the entire Muslims community

Muslim organizations and their mosque communities are key agencies against radicalization

