
DHS-Europol/EU Partners CVE Work Plan

Overall Purpose

Share information to improve the quality and effectiveness of law enforcement activities to prevent violent extremism in Europe and the United States. This will be achieved by sharing of best practice between DHS and Europol in concert with European partners. This best practice can then be shared with other European partners less active in this area and be implemented to improve overall best practice in the United States and Europe.

Main Objectives

1. **Improve knowledge of indicators and behaviors of violent extremism among DHS and European law enforcement.**
2. **Identify best practices for training of law enforcement to prevent and detect violent extremism in the United States and Europe.**

Deliverables

1. Exchange case studies and behaviors and indicators of violent extremism;
2. Exchange best practices of national and local law enforcement coordination and community oriented policing to prevent and detect violent extremism;
3. Exchange information on current and future CVE training curricula and identify CVE training best practice;
4. Learn about threats involving travel patterns of violent extremists between Europe and the U.S.; and
5. Exchange case studies on internet usage by potential violent extremists.

Case Studies: DHS, Europol and European partners will share case studies of violent extremism to demonstrate patterns of behaviors and indicators. Analyses of the Norway attacks will be prepared in coordination with the FBI, NCTC and DOJ and shared with state and local law enforcement (SLLE) officials in the United States and Europe via briefings.

- 1) DHS I&A will deliver a briefing of all existing case study behaviors and indicators to European law enforcement officials
 - a. DHS/I&A provided a briefing to European law enforcement partners on behaviors and indicators of violent extremism at the White House CVE Conference and the two-day Europol workshop.
- 2) DHS and Europol officials will complete open-source research on the July 2011 Norway attack.
- 3) Europol will compile all existing information held by European law enforcement officials that is approved for sharing and will brief DHS on available information on the Norway attacks.
- 4) DHS and Europol will conduct interviews with 2-3 key law enforcement officials affiliated with the Norway attacks.

- a. DHS is working with Europol to set up a 4 way video conference with Norwegian officials, Europol, European partners, DHS, and U.S. State and Local LE.

Goal: Product to be completed by Feb 20.

Training: An analysis will be conducted of training curricula being used by U.S. and European law enforcement for CVE to identify best practice. The product will be disseminated to U.S. and European partners. U.S. and European partners will identify effective elements of CVE curricula.

- 1) LAPD Deputy Chief Michael Downing will provide a briefing on the State and Local CVE curriculum on the next video conference with Europol
- 2) DHS and Europol will compile CVE SLLE training curricula among U.S. and EU partners and any other examples.
- 3) DHS and the EU will identify open-source resources on training materials in other countries, e.g. India.
- 4) DHS will be briefed by key EU Member State officials will brief on CVE training curricula that has shown promise
 - 1) Europol is working to set this up for a future video conference.
- 5) Europol and DHS staff will combine info from the U.S. briefings, European briefings and open-source research to identify best practice, including necessary elements for effective CVE curricula. After these analyses are presented to the working group, they will decide on further recommendations for improvements.

Goal: Product to be completed by March 19.

Internet Usage – DHS will work with Europol to exchange general information on behaviors, indicators, and trends of the use of the internet by violent extremists. Relevant information will also be shared with state and local law enforcement (SLLE) officials in the U.S. and Europe via briefings. DHS will work with Europol and European law enforcement partners to address the following questions:

- 1) What are examples of violent extremist convictions in which Internet usage had a prominent role and what type of content was a contributing factor?
- 2) Are there trends of activity on the internet by violent extremists that could be useful in informing longer term countermeasures?
- 3) How could the internet and social media be used for counter-messaging?

Goal: Product to be completed by April 2.

Multi-level and Multi-Agency Coordination to Prevent Violent Extremism: Share best practices for coordination of national, federal, state, and local authorities (e.g. fusion centers) to enhance information sharing to prevent violent extremism.

- 1) European law enforcement officials will attend a DHS briefing on fusion centers and other initiatives like Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR), including a tour of DHS facilities.
 - a. European officials received a tour and briefing of the Harrisburg Fusion Center on January 20, 2012.
- 2) DHS officials will tour select fusion center operations in Europe, e.g. Belgium.
 - a. DHS officials will tour a fusion center in Europe in March.

- 3) DHS and Europol in concert with European partners will conduct interviews and identify existing successes and challenges in standing up and maintaining multi-level communication (e.g. fusion centers) to prevent violent extremism in the United States and Europe.
- 4) From tour briefing materials, interviews, and training, DHS and Europol in concert with European partners will compile best practices, including lists of successes and challenges, in order to brief DHS, Europol, and European partners.

Goal: Product to be completed by April 30.

Deliverables

1. Compendium of shared case studies and behaviors and indicators of violent extremism.
2. Collection of EU and USG training with gap analysis on similarities, differences, and future opportunities for collaboration.
3. Exchange information on Internet material used for violent extremist recruitment and increase awareness on potential violent extremist threats.
4. Summarize and exchange guidance on best practices for multi-level and multi-agency law enforcement and intelligence coordination to prevent violent extremism (e.g. fusion centers)