



# RiskTrack

RiskTrack - Tracking tool based on social media for risk assessment on radicalisation is a project co-funded by the European Union's Justice Programme (2014-2020).

## About the project



The RiskTrack project aims to respond to one of the most recent and challenging priorities of the European Union on successfully eradicating terrorist radicalisation and recruitment. This overall goal will be facilitated during the 24 month duration of the project through the identification of radicalisation online and in social media platforms, in particular. In this line, under the overall coordination led by the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM), the research undertaken by the project's consortium, divided into four (4) distinctive Work Packages, will identify and tackle those factors or indicators that raise a red flag about which individuals or communities are being radicalised online and recruited in the view to commit violent acts of terrorism.

To effectively address the above mentioned overarching goal, the project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To study indicators of radicalisation in terrorism in order to create a formal risk assessment methodology in this field;
- To develop a software tool with the ability to gather, represent, pre-process and analyse the information extracted from web sources;
- To enhance the cooperation, knowledge sharing and awareness raising among judges, prosecutors, LEAs and other actors in the fight against terrorism.

## CONFERENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH'S WORK

David Garriga representing the Parc Sanitari Sant Joan de Deu (PSSJD) delivered a speech at the conference on the III Jornadas de Trabajo en Salud Mental (Conference of Mental Health's Work), an activity organized by PSSJD in order to present the first results of the RiskTrack Project. The conference was related to the outcomes of the project, the incidence of the risk factors extracted in radical population, as well as how the project aims to detect them. The conference was witnessed by mental health experts including psychiatrists and psychologists.



## INTERVIEW AT AL-GHURABA

The RiskTrack team was interviewed for the 2nd issue of the Al-Ghuraba magazine. This interview includes all the advances made by the project on its first year of development, along with the theoretical and practical goals reached by the different work teams.

The interview is specially focused on presenting RiskTrack to every person which may be interested on counter radicalisation and on the European enterprises related to it. The interview has been written in Spanish and can be read (pages 42-49) and downloaded [here](#).



## FORENSICS 2017

The RiskTrack project was present at the 1st International Caparica in Translational Forensics which took place between the 20th and 23rd of November 2017. The Conference aimed to connect in a transversal way experts in forensic sciences with the objective of joining together as many forensic disciplines as possible. The basic idea of the conference was to share the latest advances in forensic research and forensic technology as well as to report on their implementation in real cases.

In this vein, the research team from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) explored the potential of leveraging machine learning and data mining in digital forensics and focused further on the significance of online social networks on radicalisation assessment and the exploitation of linguistic markers as a means to detect radicalisation over the internet.

For more information, feel free to visit the Forensics 2017 [website](#).

## DESEI+D 2017



Members of the research team from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) participated at the V Congreso Nacional de i+d en Defensa y Seguridad (DESEi+d 2017) which was organized by the Defense Ministry of Spain in the Infantry Academy between 22 and 24 of November 2017.

The presentation of the RiskTrack project, by David Camacho, involved a detailed illustration of its core objectives and its significance in the fight against online radicalisation. A group of end-users were taught about the potential uses and outcomes of the tool, along with the theoretical background supporting it.

More information about the conference are provided in the links below:

[Poster](#), [Leaflet](#)

## EUDAS 2017

Javier Torregrosa Lopez, from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), represented RiskTrack at EUDAS 2017, an one-day summit took place in Brussels on the 7th of December with an aim to enable EU public affairs or communications managers to stay up-to-date with digital trends.

The discussion panels of the summit covered the following topics:

- How social media impacts politics
- Connecting with policy-makers online
- Using analytics and data for advocacy
- Case studies of successful digital campaigns
- Map, monitor and engage stakeholders

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## ASSISTANCE TO SAFFRON PROJECT'S WORKSHOP

David Camacho, Project Coordinator of RiskTrack, was invited by the Saffron Project team to assist to its final workshop, which took place in January, the 24th and 25th, in Brussels. Apart from the presentation of the final outcomes of this project, more projects were invited to share their outcomes and to discuss about radicalisation research. RiskTrack was presented on this workshop, along with the outcomes already reached by our team, in front of 3 different European projects related to radicalisation (Saffron, Trivalent and Practicies).

Also, David Camacho had the chance to participate in a round table talking about the radicalisation phenomena over the Internet. On this round table, a debate was developed about how the Internet is

useful to detect radicalisation, how the radical groups use it to attract followers, and which technologies are useful to confront this phenomenon.



## CONFERENCE ON RADICALISATION IN PRISONS



On 27 February 2018, the European Commission organised a Conference on Radicalisation in prisons in Brussels, in close cooperation with the Bulgarian Presidency and with the support of EuroPris and the Confederation of European Probation (CEP). RiskTrack was among a dozen of projects presented in the material disseminated to all participants. The project was represented by the Director of Public Policy of CNTI, Constantinos Tsiourtos.

Participants to the conference were representatives from Ministries of Justice, prison and probation experts, judges and prosecutors, international organisations, academics and relevant NGOs.

The objective of the Conference was to take stock of the state of play of the projects in the area of radicalisation co-funded by the European Commission. The discussions focused on finding responses in the criminal justice sector. Particular attention was paid to the use of de-radicalisation, disengagement and rehabilitation programmes, risk assessment tools and alternatives to detention, in particular for juvenile offenders.

RiskTrack was also among a handful of projects also represented to the dedicated meeting of EuroPris which took place next day (28th February) at the HQ of the Belgian Prisons Authority in Brussels, which focused on the situation within prisons and specialized programs for radicalized individuals.

## PROTOTYPE EVALUATION MEETING

The scientific teams from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) and the Universite Claude Bernard Lyon 1 (UCBL) met in Lyon on January 19th 2018 to discuss the current state of the development of the RiskTrack tool. The agenda of the "Prototype Evaluation" meeting included discussions about the prototype and the next steps to be taken for the efficient and timely validation of the tool.



## Data Analysis Meeting

The "Data Analysis" meeting was held in Madrid on March 5th 2018 with representatives from the 4 partners of the project. The aim of the partners' meeting was to provide an overview of the current state of the project with emphasis given on the status of the deliverables in its 5 work packages. The meeting provided room for an exchange of ideas for the next steps of the project and some preliminary discussions on the final conference of the project were initiated.

## THE CONSORTIUM OF THE PROJECT



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