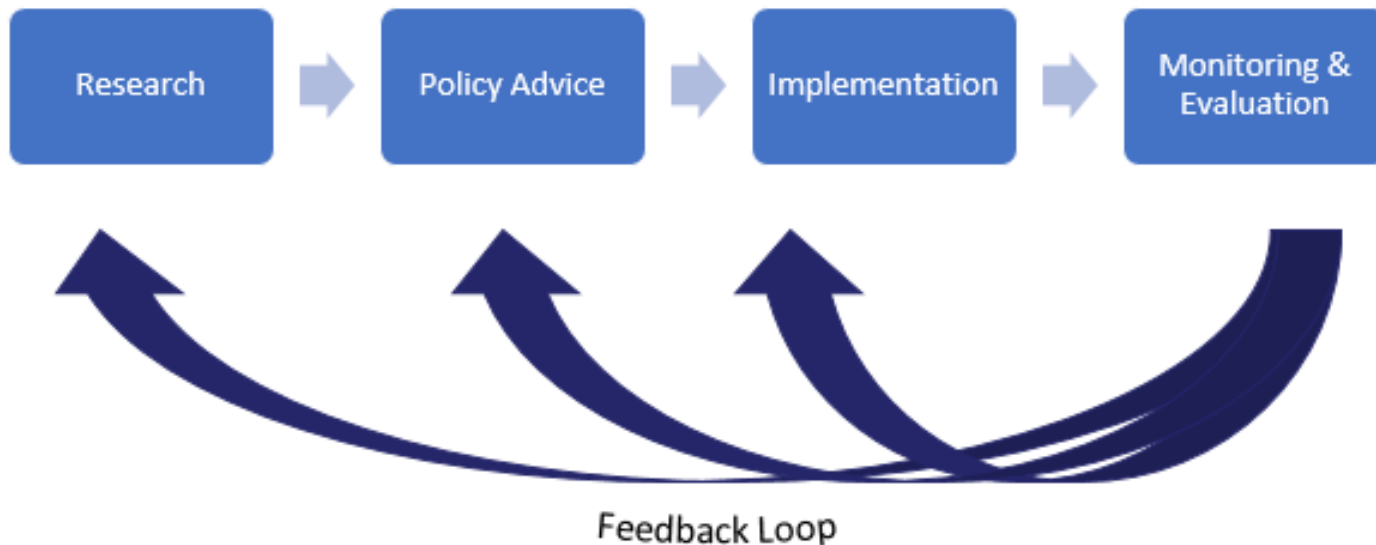


Rehabilitation & Reintegration of Foreign Fighters

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- **‘Think & Do’ Tank** on Preventive and Rule of Law-related aspects of CT
- **Key areas of work:** CVE/PVE, Human Rights-related Aspects of CT, Criminal Justice Sector Responses, Civil Society Engagement, Rehabilitation & Reintegration of VEOs



Foreign Fighters? A Diffuse Threat

Foreign Fighter Travel

Returnees

Lone Actors & Sympathisers

Social Polarisation

Dimensions of Radicalisation – a Typology of FTFs

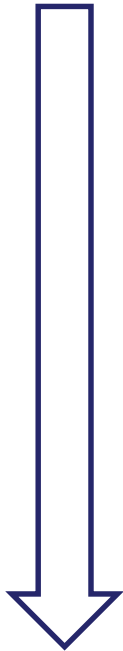
Ideological / political motivation	↔	Non-ideological / apolitical
Leader / high status in the group	↔	Follower/strong need to belong
Socially well adapted / resourceful	↔	Marginalised / weak social resources
High on sensation seeking	↔	Low on sensation seeking

Note: These are not static dimensions; individuals may change their position during the course of their militant careers!

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SOMETIMES PEOPLE WITH THE
WORST PASTS
CREATE THE BEST FUTURES

Five Stages of Intervention



Beyond Criminal Justice Sector

1. Signaling Stage

Within Criminal Justice Sector

2. (Pre-)Trial/Detention Stage

3. Post-Trial Incarceration Stage

4. Post-Detention/Reintegration
Stage

5. Aftercare and monitoring

Challenges with returnees

- What is success?
- Exceptionalisation
- Role of ideology > how to tackle it / who is the legitimate voice?
- Network vs individuals
- What to do with the 'Naysayers'?
- How to monitor and measure recidivism?

Role of Cities & Local Actors

- Who has the lead?
- Share unless...
- Sensitize communities
- What to do with the ‘Naysayers’?
- How to monitor and measure recidivism > keep track, especially locally

Conclusions

- Disengagement and deradicalisation are linked but loosely linked processes
- Disengagement from participation in violent extremism is more important to achieve than deradicalisation, the latter is a bonus
- Rehab practices that are relevant to all types: psych counseling, coaching
- Difficult groups: socially frustrated & ideological activists
- Importance of societal support

Thank you!

Questions?