

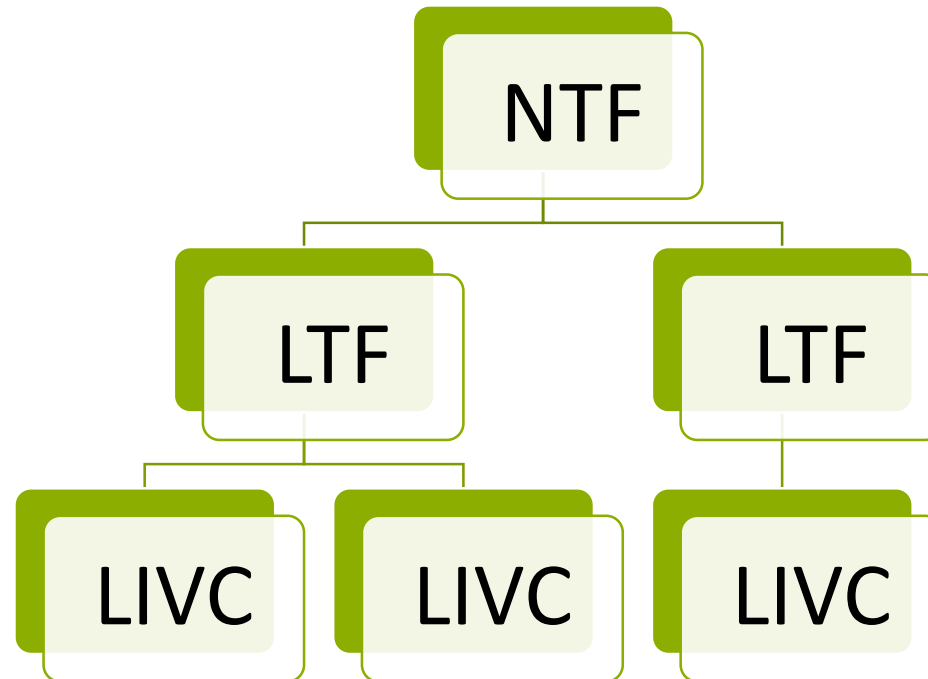
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Belgium - Flanders

General overview – approach radicalization Flanders

- **Safety and security (security actors)**
- **Individual follow-up (social and preventive actors)**

Overview – multi agency approach



Common database – FTF, HTF, preachers of hate



Flemish probation service (Houses of Justice)

- ▶ **Regional competence since 2015**
- ▶ **Terrorist offenders = new target groups since 2015**
- ▶ **Numbers**
 - 2015: 7
 - 2016: 23
 - 2017: 24
 - 2018: 14 (on 28 november 2018)

Shift from pre-trial to post-trial guidance

Flemish probation services – houses of justice

- ▶ Trained probation workers → two co-workers in every house of justice (on radicalisation)
- ▶ Closer cooperation with several partners (intelligence service, prisons, judicial authorities, local communities LIVC, social services)
- ▶ Prepared a framework for our probation workers to deal with offenders considered to be radicalized
- ▶ 2 Flemish-government experts working inside prisons with radicalized inmates

Deradicalization-programmes?

- ▶ **Interministerial conference: agreed not to use term deradicalisation programme → no standard program**
- ▶ **“disengagement-trajectory” → all relevant life areas must be taken into account, minimum:**
 - psycho-social guidance
 - Education, formation
 - Trauma-treatment or specialized mental care
 - Alternative narrative (counternarratives)
 - ...
- Major overlap with “classic probationwork”

New area: theological project

- ▶ Started in 2018 in cooperation with muslim-representatives
- ▶ Theological advice and guidance
- ▶ evaluation

Conclusion

- ▶ **Information exchange ++- (changing legal framework, probation services not active in common database yet)**
- ▶ **multi-agency approach ++- (structures are created, confidence between partners still has to grow)**
- ▶ **Trained experts ++- (experts in prison are operational but more capacity is required, experts in probation are trained and will start in new role beginning 2019)**

