



# 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.

## RiskTrack goes online



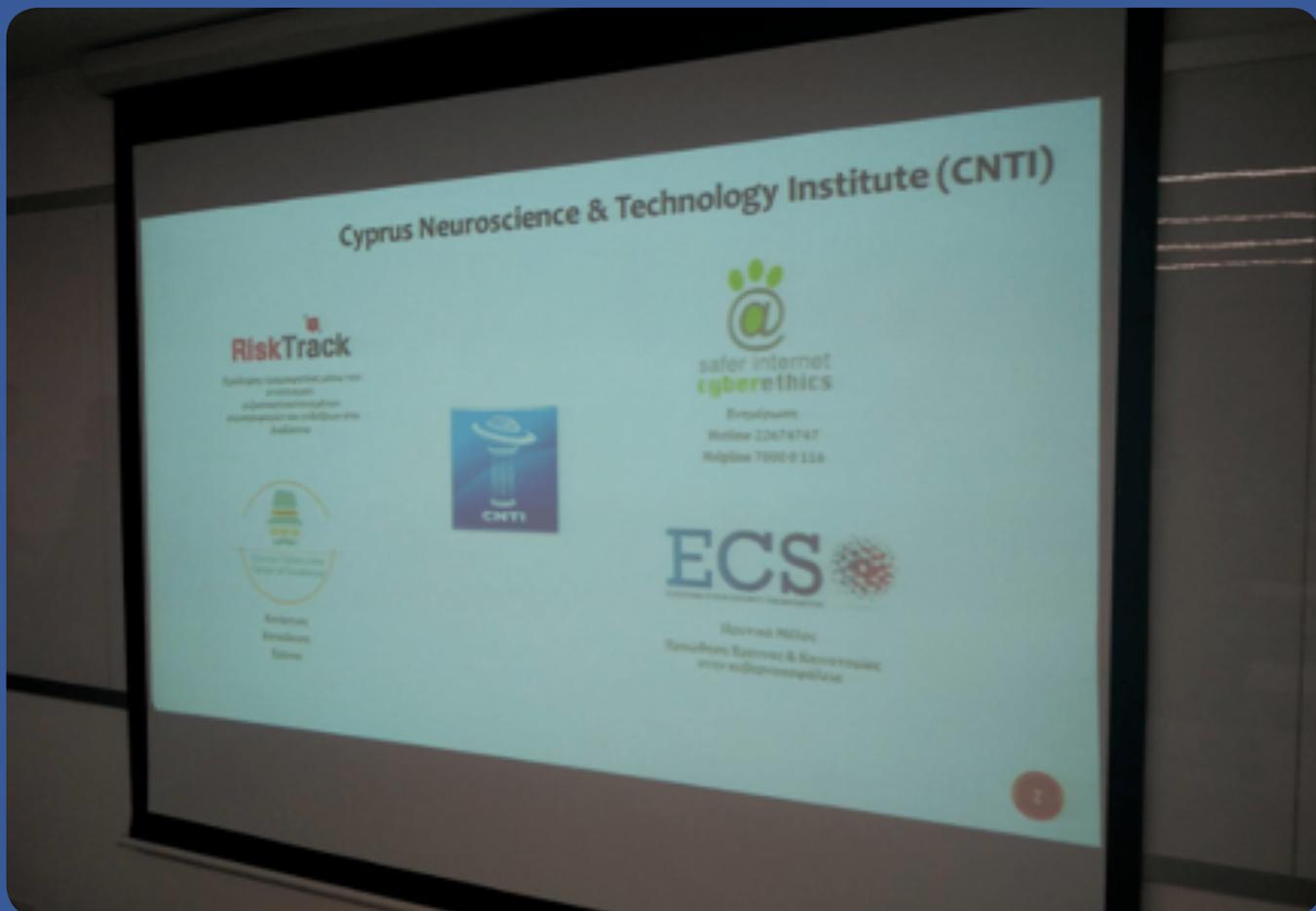
Following the commencement of the project, a dedicated quadrilingual Web Portal accessible at [www.risk-track.eu](http://www.risk-track.eu) has been launched with the aim to provide the interested stakeholders and the public with concise information about the mission and the objectives of the project. Functioning as a dynamic tool, the project website will receive frequent updates covering the progress of the project along with the consortium's engagement and dissemination activities to ensure the vivid promotion and visibility of the project. The RiskTrack Web Portal is divided into five (5) distinctive sections, namely, Home, About, Team, News and Library with a contact section providing the audience with adequate information on how to reach us. To this vein and aiming to actively engage the public and the research community with the progress of the project, dedicated Social Media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and ResearchGate have been established. You are invited to Like and Follow our accounts by clicking on the icons at the Social Media Section of our Web Portal.



## KICK-OFF MEETING

The kick-off meeting of the RiskTrack project took place at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid between the 7th and 8th of November, 2016. During the intensive meeting, representatives from the four partners exchanged different points of view, ideas and knowledge to facilitate the next steps to be taken and thus securing the smooth and successful implementation of the project.





## “THE LANGUAGE OF CRIME”

Andreas Andreou, forensic linguist at the Cyprus Neuroscience & Technology Institute (CNTI), presented the key elements of the project RiskTrack at the seminar “The language of crime” which was co-organised by the Constanteion Institute of Criminology and Forensic Sciences and the CNTI. The presentation entitled “The language as evidence in the investigation of the crime: Introduction to Forensic Linguistics” provided an overview to the audience, comprised of LEAs and lawyers, of the field of Forensic Linguistics emphasizing how linguistic knowledge and methodology can be valuable in the investigation and combating of crime. The seminar was held at the European University Cyprus on November 25, 2016.

## RISKTRACK AT AFCAI2016

The UAM team presented the RiskTrack project in the AfCAI2016 workshop with a conference paper. The AfCAI2016 is a two-day international workshop, hosted by the Universidad de Murcia (Spain), about Affective Computing, a novel and multidisciplinary computing paradigm that builds on the results of artificial intelligence, biomedical engineering and psychology to allow computer systems to detect, use, and express emotions. The paper is accessible and downloadable [here](#).

## FIRST DRAFT REPORT OF RESULTS ON RISK FACTORS ON RADICALISATION

A confidential report on the risk factors on radicalisation has been drafted as part of the 2nd Work Package of the RiskTrack project, Risk assessment research on radicalisation. The deliverable aims to collect the state of the art in research on jihadist radicalisation and risk assessment in this field, as well as to present information about radicalisation indicators obtained from literature, fieldwork and expert knowledge. In particular, the deliverable explores the radicalisation phases employed by individual terrorists in the view to recruit new members in their activities while discussing the profiles of the recruits in terms of their gender, behavioural strategies and personality traits to include some.

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