

**Civil Society as a Key (and often missing) Ingredient to Effective Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to
Managing the Reverse Flow of FTFs: Challenges and Opportunities**

**Side-Event
OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference
Parco dei Principi Hotel & Spa
Rome, Italy
Room 2**

**10 May 2018
16h30-18h00**

This session will focus on the diverse contributions that civil society organizations (CSOs) from across the OSCE region can make, often in close partnership with governments, to manage the reverse flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs). It will allow civil society and other participants in the 2018 OSCE-wide CT conference an opportunity to share their experiences, good practices, and challenges working on these issues and develop ideas for steps that the OSCE and its partnering states can take to create more opportunities for CSOs, including women- and youth-led organizations, to contribute.

It will also draw attention to and take stock of progress implementing the relevant [recommendations](#) on how to enhance CSO contributions to preventing and countering violent extremism that leads to terrorism, with a particular focus on youth and women, developed during the “civil society day” on the margins of the 2017 OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference in Vienna, and those elaborated by the Global Solutions Exchange (GSX), including those related to the [rehabilitation and reintegration](#) of returning FTFs.

Moderator:

- *Eric Rosand*, Founder and Director, The Prevention Project: Organizing against Violent Extremism

Speakers:

- *Melinda Holmes*, Senior Adviser and Program Manager with the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) for Women’s Rights, Peace and Security
- *Werner Prinzjakowitsch*, EU Radicalization Awareness Network, Co-Chair of Working Group on Youth, Families & Community;
- *Elvira Hadzibegovic Bubanja*, Executive Director, Forum MNE and Lead Member of Civil Society Consortium Developing Western Balkans Regional CSO Hub for P/CVE
- *Leanne Erdberg*, Director of Countering Violent Extremism, US Institute of Peace

Please contact info@organizingagainstve.org for more information.