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DAY 1 – Tuesday, 3 June 2025

12:00 - 12:30	Participant arrival and registration
12:30 – 13:30	WELCOME LUNCH Location: Hotel Katajanokka Merikasarminkatu 1 A, Katajanokka, 00160 Helsinki, Finland
13:30 - 14:00	Welcome and Introduction Opening Remarks and introduction of the second meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tarja Mankkinen, TP 5 Co-leader- Paul Gill, TP 5 Co-leader Moderated by: Claudie Baudino, DG Home
14:00 – 14:20	Introductory Speech (online) Frank Martela, Aalto University
14:20 -15:20	Session 1: What is first: Terrorist or mental health? Panel setting the scene with a researcher presentation about: Sören Henrich, Manchester Metropolitan University. What do we mean when referring to mental health issues in lone actor offenders? Moderator: Paul Gill, Thematic Panel Co-leader Q&A Session and Discussion
15:20 - 15:40	COFFEE BREAK





15:40 - 16:25	<p>Session 2: Mental health: conditions, diagnoses and its relation to extremism</p> <p>Panel setting the scene with a researcher presentation about:</p> <p>Guillaume Monod, Hôpital psychiatrique Paul-Guiraud: Links between mental illness and extremism.</p> <p>Moderator: Tarja Mankkinen, Thematic Panel Co-leader</p> <p>Q&A Session and Discussion</p>
16:25 -17:25	<p>Plenary discussion</p> <p>This plenary discussion addresses the topics discussed in Session 1 and 2. Thus, participants discuss following the next guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When we talk about mental health issues, what do we mean?• Are we referring to cases where a person has been diagnosed with a mental health condition, individuals who are temporarily or severely mentally unstable, or those presenting with sub-clinical psychological issues?• What is the difference between delusional disorder and other mental health problems? How can we distinguish between delusional disorder and other extreme beliefs? <p>Moderated by: Philippe Vansteenkiste</p>
17:25 -17:35	<p>Day 1 wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tarja Mankkinen, TP 5 Co-leader- Paul Gill, TP 5 Co-leader
19:30 – 21:00	<p>SOCIAL DINNER</p>





DAY 2 – Wednesday, 4 June 2025

08:15 - 08:45	Participant arrival and registration
08:45 – 09:00	Agenda Overview: Day One Recap & Day Two Preview <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tarja Mankkinen, TP 5 Co-leader- Paul Gill, TP 5 Co-leader
09:00 - 10:00	Session 3: Strategic communication and mental health issues <p>This session starts with a researcher presentation about: Virginie André, EU Knowledge Hub Special Adviser on Strategic Communication: How to communicate the link between terrorism and mental health by applying principles of strategic communication.</p> <p>Moderator: Paul Gill, Thematic Panel Co-leader</p> Q&A Session and Discussion
10:00 -11:00	Session 4: Security risks and cooperation between authorities. <p>This session starts with a researcher presentation about: Marko Juntunen, University of Helsinki: How are mental health issues are considered in programs aimed at preventing extremist violence? Paul Gill, University College London: Cooperation between security forces and mental health professionals</p> <p>Moderator: Tarja Mankkinen, Thematic Panel Co-leader</p> Q&A Session and Discussion





11:00 - 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 - 12:15	<p>Plenary discussion</p> <p>This plenary discussion addresses the topics discussed in Session 3 and 4. Thus, participants discuss following the next guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How should strategic communication on the topic be developed in order to avoid reinforcing the idea that people with mental health issues are potential security risks?• How can we distinguish between individuals who pose a security risk and those who do not?• How should cooperation between security authorities and healthcare professionals be improved? What are the ethics behind data sharing and collaboration? <p>Moderated by: Philippe Vansteenkiste</p>
12:15 -12:30	<p>Day 2 wrap-up & Second meeting concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tarja Mankinen, TP 5 Co-leader- Paul Gill, TP 5 Co-leader
12:30	Lunch & Departure of participants

