DARE = Database and Assessment of Risk of Violent Extremists

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Why DARE Project?

Justice Grant 1-10-2017-> 1-10-2019

1. European Tool for Assessment of Violent Extremism; VERA-2R (Assessment, Risk monitoring, One Risk language)

2. European Database of Terrorists Judicial Data (Strategic Analysis Person-Context-Acts)


Project partners:

1. Netherlands Institute for Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology (NIFP; project leader), Netherlands
2. Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence, Bielefeld University, Germany
3. Belgian Ministry of Justice Directorate-General Penitentiary Institutions Psychosocial Service, Belgium
DARE PARTICIPANTS

Netherlands, Germany (9 BL), Belgium, Austria, France, Sweden

Interested: Finland, Norway, Spain, Denmark
Evidence Based Professionalism

- Structured professional judgment (SPJ) = Best practice for risk assessment of violence
- Evidence & empirical base
- Specific risk management possible
- Transparency → Far reaching decisions
- Continual improvement
VERA - 2R
Violence Extremism Risk Assessment - Version 2 Revised

A structured professional judgment approach

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1. Systematic & Structured Weighing of Risk indicators
2. Judging risk and protective indicators → Consensus
3. Formulation of Risk
4. Risk Management Strategies
5. Judgment of risk of violence (= likelihood) & Advice
6. Future risk assessments = Monitoring risk change
Pressman, Duits, Rinne & Flockton, 2016/2018

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Professionals:

- Knowledge of extremism and terrorism
- Analytical experience / Behavioral assessment

Use VERA-2R:

- Different judicial contexts
  - Prison, Court, Probation, Police, Intelligence, Exit
- Use with observations, reports, judicial files
  - Risk Assessment & Management, Monitoring Risk Change,
  - Focus Intervention, Risk Communication
• Exploration setting & use
• Two-day Training professionals
• Follow-up meetings implementation

• Website: www.vera-2r.com
• Extranet Users, Forum, News & E-learning
More Evidence, More N, Terrorism has no borders

- Codebook Violent Extremists > 300 items
- Judicial Files of Terrorists > 2012 with Control group
- RA Member States → Training September
Goals

1. Create a European Database of convicted terrorists and violent extremists

2. Obtain insight in the risk and protective factors of violent extremism and terrorism

3. Obtain insight in possible (sub)groups of violent extremists and terrorists

4. Improve the empirical justification of the VERA-2R
1. Persons convicted for terrorism
2. Deceased terrorist attackers
3. **Control group** serious violent crime
4. Extra group offenders VE not convicted for terrorism

Period: 2012 – June 2019
• Risk and protective factors
• Possible (sub)groups
• Empirical evidence VERA-2R
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**Sidebook**

- Specification
- Context
- Reason
- Time
- Location

**Instructions**
**CODEBOOK**

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**Contextual factors**

**Personal factors**

**Crime & Judicial consequences**

**VERA-2R**
JUDICIAL FILES

• Police, Public Prosecutor & Court
• Prison & Probation
• Intelligence Agents
• (Forensic) Mental Health Reports

• Open source (Published / website) objective sources:
  o Organizations with knowledge of terrorism
  o Research organizations
**Interests in data processing**

*Scientific significance:* Expanding knowledge of risk and protective factors in the case of extremist violence and terrorism.

*Social significance:* Better prevention and intervention by acquired knowledge about factors that may play a role in the development, the survival and the termination of extremist violence and terrorism.

*Professional significance:* The most relevant risk and protective factors can be used for the improvement of the existing risk assessment tool for extremist violence VERA-2R.
Offenders interest: Besides the interest of the protection of the personal data, the project can provide a more appropriate (judicial) intervention by improving the risk assessment, which can result in a lower risk assessment for the offender.
General Data Protection Regulation

- Rules all nations that process personal data EU citizens
- Applicable in EU MS, some aspects adjustments
Rights of data subjects
The following safeguards will be uphold:

• Appropriate privacy safeguards (encryption, pseudonymizing)
• The results of the research will not be traceable
• No automated processing of data
• Transparency and open communication (Codebook)
Risks and measures

• Measures such as a risk analysis, multi factor log-in authentication, privacy awareness and security trainings and monitoring will be taken
European Risk Assessment & Management Violent Extremists & Terrorists: VERA-2R

One Risk Language Violent Extremism: Know-how users and frontline, improved Risk Communication

European Database Terrorists: Validation Risk and Interventions
Questions & Contact

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Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)

- Risk assessment processing of personal data
- Mandatory in case of a high risk (automated processing, sensitive personal data)
- Checked by Dutch supervisory authority
Lawful processing

- Proportionality and subsidiarity:

*Proportionality*: privacy violation vs general security interest → all necessary security measures taken

*Subsidiarity*: research cannot be accomplished in a less interfering manner (complete image, objective information necessary)