

# **TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM**

Dealing with terrorism and the future

# Unanswered questions

- ▣ Side affects on counterterrorism
- ▣ Media, terrorism and the Internet ( freedom of expression)
- ▣ Human Rights violations in response to terrorism ( How serious it is?)
- ▣ Implications of the Arab Awakening
- ▣ Warning the public an responsible crisis communication prior during and after terrorist attacks
- ▣ Strengthening public resilience

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Why do they choose violence?
- 2) Integration with «Formers» in order for them to go back to «normal» life

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# Fear and resilience

- After the 11<sup>th</sup> of September investments into counterterrorism were increased
- Terrorism has a great impact on society which diminishes effectiveness of counterterrorism
- High level of fear causes:
  - Distrust and stereotyping
  - Preference for tough actions and simple explanations (by Media)
  - Polarization of society

# Fear and impact Management

- ▣ Organization of fear management
- ▣ Cooperation
- ▣ Establishing partnerships with relevant actors
- ▣ Listening to the public`s concerns ( it`s important to give honest answers and avoid secrecy to help authorities to avoid further attacks
- ▣ «Gold hour» ( Give factual information; explain current situation)
- ▣ In case of incomplete picture give concise messages in one tone of voice. Keep communication with public no matter what – no news is good news. Be aware of risk of overreaction and avoid unnecessary rhetoric

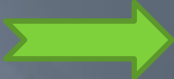
# Resilience

- ▣ The authorities have to care for the public
- ▣ Do not focus on the direct victims but also the survivors or traumatized ones
- ▣ Fear/impact management should be a part of counterterrorism



- ▣ Terrorism will become less affective

# Future of terrorism

- ▣ Impossible to predict the changes of weapons and tactics
- ▣ Insight into possible future
- ▣ Look at past attempts to avoid terrorism and add to this list another ways
- ▣ Obvious forecasts:
  - ▣ Terrorism will exist
  - ▣ It's not static                      terrorism will definitely change 
  - ▣ Terrorism is influenced by many factors : economical, geographical, political, ethnic, religious etc.



# Failure of imagination

- ▣ There are limited insights about the cause of terror changing
- ▣ Current forecasts say more about today`s terrorism than the future
- ▣ Most forecasts are made by men ,mainly from Western countries , who had little experience in counterterrorism and their works are not transparent enough or systematic in counterterrorism approach
- ▣ We have to come up with new ideas/ fresh pair of eyes/ out-of-box thinking