

## WELCOME TO THE FIFTH AND FINAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HYPER PROJECT!

The HYPER project came to an end in February 2021. Throughout its two-year duration, the project, which was funded in Germany with support from the Erasmus+ programme, has achieved its goals of raising awareness among young people, youth workers, teachers, parents and our community in general, about the dangers and threats that young people face online by radicalisers.

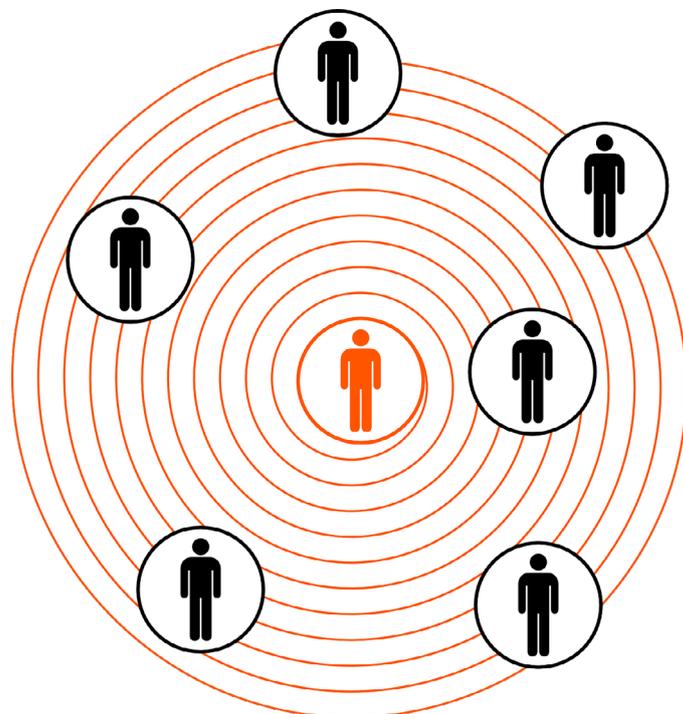
Read this newsletter to hear about our final tasks in the HYPER project, and also to learn more about what we have learned throughout our time working on this project.



## HYPER: A Project Review

The HYPER project team began this project in February 2019 with the aim of raising awareness among young people, parents, youth workers and teachers about the dangers and threats that young people face online.

Specifically, our aim was to support young people to recognise the dangers online, to take action so that they are protected against radicalisation, to build their own self-esteem and resilience in online realms and to engage in training so that they can protect their peers against online radicalisation.



Throughout the course of this project, as well as raising awareness among young people, parents and education professionals, our own eyes were opened to the online threats and dangers posed by online radicalisation.

Through our work, we analysed how social media can play a role in facilitating radicalisation. We also learned of how young people can be implicated in criminal behaviour by being used as “money mules”. We learned that radicalisers could tap into the insecurities that young people feel, and create their own language online so that parents, teachers, and guardians are not aware that the young person is being targeted by radicalisers. And then we also learned that our approach of supporting young people to be peer educators was an effective approach to protecting young people in our communities from online radicalisation.



## HYPER is Launched in Europe!

After all the education content was researched, developed and uploaded online; after all of the training was delivered and the evaluations completed; the final task for our project team to undertake was to officially launch the HYPER project results in our communities, and across Europe.

Ideally, in a normal year, this would have taken place at a final conference in Schwerin, Germany, where our project coordinator, JFV-PCH, would have invited local education policy makers, teachers, parents, youth educators and young people to attend a transnational conference on the topic of radicalisation.

However, as we know, 2020 was not a normal year, and so far, 2021 is not either. So, instead, these events were held online in each partner country.

At each event, HYPER project partners took the opportunity to invite youth educators and parents from our region, and to promote the key message of HYPER with them:

***That online radicalisation is happening on our doorstep, and we all need to take action to project young people from it.***

These animation events were held in each partner country in January and February 2021, and all partners successfully contributed to launching the HYPER project and its results with youth educators and parents in our communities.

## Who is HYPER?

The HYPER Consortium consists of 6 partners from Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, and the United Kingdom.



## Get Connected

If you would like to find out more about what the HYPER project achieved in your country, or to learn about our plans for keeping the HYPER platform live into the future, please visit our website: <https://hyper-project.eu/>

