

**We hereby invite you to the seminar:**

**Violent extremism and foreign fighters:  
Do we have a framework to act?**

6 November 2014  
10.00 – 14.00

**Venue**

The Norwegian Mission to the EU  
Norway House  
Rue Archimède 17,  
B - 1000 Brussels

Experts on **extreme Islamism and far-right extremism** together with practitioners and policy makers, will discuss how our current legal framework affects our ability to deal with this on the ground. These are issues that no country can handle alone, but that essentially belong to national competence, so how can we facilitate the necessary international cooperation?

All attendees are invited to stay for a light **lunch** from 13.00 to 14.00 to continue the discussion in an informal setting.

Please **register** your participation at [info.eudel@mfa.no](mailto:info.eudel@mfa.no) before 16.00, Monday 3 November.

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

Time	Theme	Speaker
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Registration</b> and coffee	
10.30 – 10.40	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Niels Engelschiøn, Norwegian Ambassador to Belgium and Deputy Head of the Norwegian Mission to the EU  Moderator Zahed Amanullah, The Institute for Strategic Dialogue
10.40 – 10.55	<b>Extreme Islamism</b>	Thomas Hegghammer, The Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
10.55 – 11.10	<b>Right wing extremism</b>	Vidhya Ramalingam, The Institute for Strategic Dialogue
11.10 – 11.30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11.30 – 13.00	<b>Panel debate:</b> How does the current (legal) framework, at national and international level, facilitate and/or challenge the first line in mitigating the threat represented by violent extremism and, in particular, returning foreign fighters?	Marie-Ange Balbinot, Directorate General Home Affairs, European Commission  Colin Smith, European External Action Service  Sean Griffin, Europol  Jean-Pierre Devos, Federal Police Belgium  Thomas Hegghammer, The Norwegian Defence Research Establishment  Vidhya Ramalingam, The Institute for Strategic Dialogue  <i>More panelists to be confirmed</i>
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	