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(...)

The operating method, or rather the guiding principle in prison intervention adopted by the Italian system is based on customization: it is not exclusively Italian, but it is ours. We can certainly show the factual limits of its application, and since it represents a known and recurrent evidence in almost every State, we do not spread this method. However, it is not a principle on which we accept to give up and it has been present in every moment of constitution, experimentation and explanation of TRAIIn Training. Scientific research, as well as the examination of statistical recurrences and, where possible, of the connections between the personalities and the results of an action, do not constitute fusion forms, or rather exhaustive categories. On the contrary, they are useful to report recurrences and positive or negative outcomes of a single applied element.

This consequence of the customization method may sometimes appear frustrating to the effort of rationalizing interventions (which in administrative terms also means the organization of human and logistic resources) but it corresponds to human nature and cannot therefore be omitted.

Radicalisation can be a slow and gradual process or it can take place suddenly and abruptly. Embracing ideologies or having radical orientations is first of all an inner process that takes the form of a change of mentality and does not necessarily involve visible changes in the appearance or in the actions of the subject. It is therefore difficult to establish that a specific behavior is the expression of a religious affiliation or an indicator of an advancing radicalization and requires targeted intervention: indeed, there are no indicators that can be interpreted as unequivocal signs of radicalization. A change in behaviour or suspicious behaviour is not an unambiguous indicator of possible radicalisation.

During today's conference, within this broad conceptual framework, speakers will focus on two specific outcomes:



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a) indicators as a contribution to the explanation and understanding of behaviors adopted by prisoners during their life in prison and which may allow to detect behaviors defined as at risk of radicalization;

b) the procedure adopted which reinforces, by defining it, the communication between the local to the central level through the regional headquarters of the body (in Italy, the Nucleo Investigativo – National Investigative Committee) designated to ensure and complete the risk assessment procedures.

I give, therefore, the floor to the distinguished speakers. I would like to thank all those people who today are celebrating the harvest time after two years of sowing and, in conclusion, I hope this project will be productive in the future.