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### Introduction of the HEX-NA project: Research question and research design

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Violent extremism is a complex societal issue that cannot be handled effectively by one profession alone. In the Nordic countries, the prevention of radicalization and violent extremism is based on the assumption that holistic, coordinated, and collaborative approaches are more effective in addressing the plural factors leading to radicalization and violent extremism. This is the multiagency approach, where different authorities and professionals bring their expertise together to solve such complex, 'wicked problems'. We wanted to explore how similarities and differences in policies and levels of trust impact on how collaboration and information exchange unfold in practice. A Nordic team of 13 researchers from five academic institutions conducted a comparative study in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, designed with three connected workpackages: WP1 – Policies is a cross-national comparison of legal frameworks on confidentiality, police mandates, action plans and institutional setups. Data: policy documents. WP2 – Perceptions is a cross-national and cross-professional group comparison of perceptions by practitioners and the public, measuring trust and legitimacy of PVE interventions and exchange of sensitive personal information for preventive purposes. Data: Two online surveys. WP3 – Practices is studied how multiagency collaboration and exchange of sensitive information unfolds in practice in 13 Nordic cities. Data: Participant observation of simulation exercise with fictive but realistic cases, followed up with group/individual interviews We look forward to present some of the findings!