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SAR Consultancy host their inaugural Irish Security Series - Panel Discussion

Series 1 - Terrorism & Violent Extremism and its Challenges: Dublin, Ireland 1 November, 2015 – SAR Consultancy, an Irish based international security and analysis consultancy, specialising in working in some of the most dangerous parts of the world, is hosting an Irish Security Series (ISS), which will take the form of six panel type discussions, between October 2017 and April 2018 in Dublin, Ireland.

The inaugural event will take place at 6:30pm on the **8th of November** at the Royal Irish Academy and will address the issue of Terrorism & Violent Extremism and its Challenges. "Terrorism and violent extremism, both online and offline, have presented significant challenges across the globe. No country is immune and no one body has the solution. This event will explore some of these challenges from an operational and academic perspective to better understand the nature of this behaviour and possible responses" said SAR's Co-founder, Sheelagh Brady.

Brady cut her teeth in the international security field with a landmark report for the European Union on organised crime in the Balkans. A former police officer in the Irish police, Brady went on to work for the UN in Nigeria and European Union in North Africa before starting SAR Consultancy. Sheelagh is now studying for a PhD in the School of Law and Government, Dublin City University (DCU) combining her interest in Organised Crime and Terrorism.

"We are hosting the 'Irish Security Sector' to bring together a wide array of experts and interested parties in the field of security in Ireland, both as speakers and audience members, to provide a platform that facilitates a healthy exchange of differing perspectives on security issues. The aim of which will be to contribute to a better understanding of the evolving security environment" said SAR's other co-founder, John Roberts, whose international experience ranges from conflict and post-conflict environments, from Asia to Africa and beyond.

"We have been impressed by the number of people and organisations that have already shown an interest in attending the Irish Security Series" said Brady, "an indication of the shared interest in Ireland in security and its challenges". The panel will include Sheelagh, Professor Maura Conway, Dublin City University (DCU) and Dr. Paul Gill University College London (UCL).

Topics that will be covered in future events will include; Human Trafficking & its implications on the migrant crisis; Risk Management – is your organisation's preparedness level fit for purpose?; Organised Crime – its implications on national and international security; The role of Technology in the fight against crime and terrorism and Global Security Issues challenging Ireland.

All media representatives are kindly invited to attend the event which will take place **on 8th November at 18.30 in the Royal Irish Academy**, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2, D02 HH58. For further information, please feel free to contact SAR Consultancy at +353 87 6771363 or info@sarconint.com.

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