



## Sasha Havlicek

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As co-founder and CEO at independent thinktank The Institute for Strategic Dialogue, Sasha leads the organisation's government advisory, research and delivery programmes in the fields of counter-extremism and foreign policy, bringing the private sector to the table with senior policy makers and building transformative networks to respond to the cross-border challenges of conflict, extremism and terrorism.

Sasha chairs the European Policy Planners' Network on counter-radicalisation, which she initiated in 2008 with the participation of nine European governments, and co-chairs the EU's Internet Radicalisation working group. She is co-founder of the Women and Extremism Initiative and has spearheaded the development of Against Violent Extremism (AVE), the world's largest network of former extremists and victims of extremism. In partnership with Google Ideas, AVE works to counter radicalisation on and offline.

Sasha previously served as Senior Director at the US think-tank, the EastWest Institute (EWI), where she headed the organisation's conflict resolution and transition work, rolling-out unique cross-border field operations across the Balkans, Eastern Europe and Russia. She was nominated to serve on a Task Force of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe in the aftermath of the Balkan wars.

Sasha currently serves on the board of Women Without Borders and is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations. She is a regular commentator on counter-terrorism in the media, having spoken on the BBC, Channel 4, CNN, ABC, Radio 4 and other networks.