# Project GEMS

Games as a Multi-layered Security Threat Brochure Proposal Annika Jungfleisch

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# **BRIEF**

- \* Design a foldable brochure explaining who GEMS is, their objective and any other relevant information.
- \* The design must be appealing, concise and eye-catching.

# LOGO DESIGN

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GEMS provides EPAs with training materials, methods and tools aimed at effectively tackling the threat of extremism in the gaming ecosystem.

#### What's the Point?

Building on a robust theoretical foundation, the Watchtower Platform and the Engade network, GEMS will have a detrimental impact on an increasingly important aspect of extremist recruitment practices. As a result, the operational capacity of extremist groups will be analogously diminished.

### **GEMS Hypothesis and Rationale**

The process of radicalisation within the gaming ecosystem (e.g., computer, mobile, and console games to streaming platforms and social media) is a two-step process:



### Step 1:

A gamer enters an online multiplayer setting with a communication platform



Preselection Process in the gaming space



Grooming and Soft Radicalization

#### Step 2:



A gamer leaves the online multiplayer setting for a private/encrypted communication channel



Recruitment and Hard Radicalization



### Watchtower

The Watchtower Platform will disrupt the radicalization process in its nascency by semi-automating the identification, interruption, and reporting of attempted Grooming instances.

#### ENgaGE

(European Network Against Gaming Related Extremism)

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