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RAN Manual: Responses to returnees

The manual – Responses to returning foreign terrorist fighters and their families – is now available [online](#)!

Concerns within the EU about compatriots who travelled to Daesh-held territories and other terrorist-controlled areas and are now returning have been around for some time. It is vital that local practitioners have all the necessary guidance and support to handle these returns in a safe and appropriate manner. The diverse nature of those within this ‘returnee’ group complicates the development of a coherent response: some might be violent extremists with combat experience, others might be disillusioned teens who had been recruited but are now fleeing the terror themselves. Among those returning are children, some born abroad.



The conference ‘Responses to returning terrorist fighters and their families’

brought together over 150 practitioners, policy-makers and academics in Brussels on 19 June.

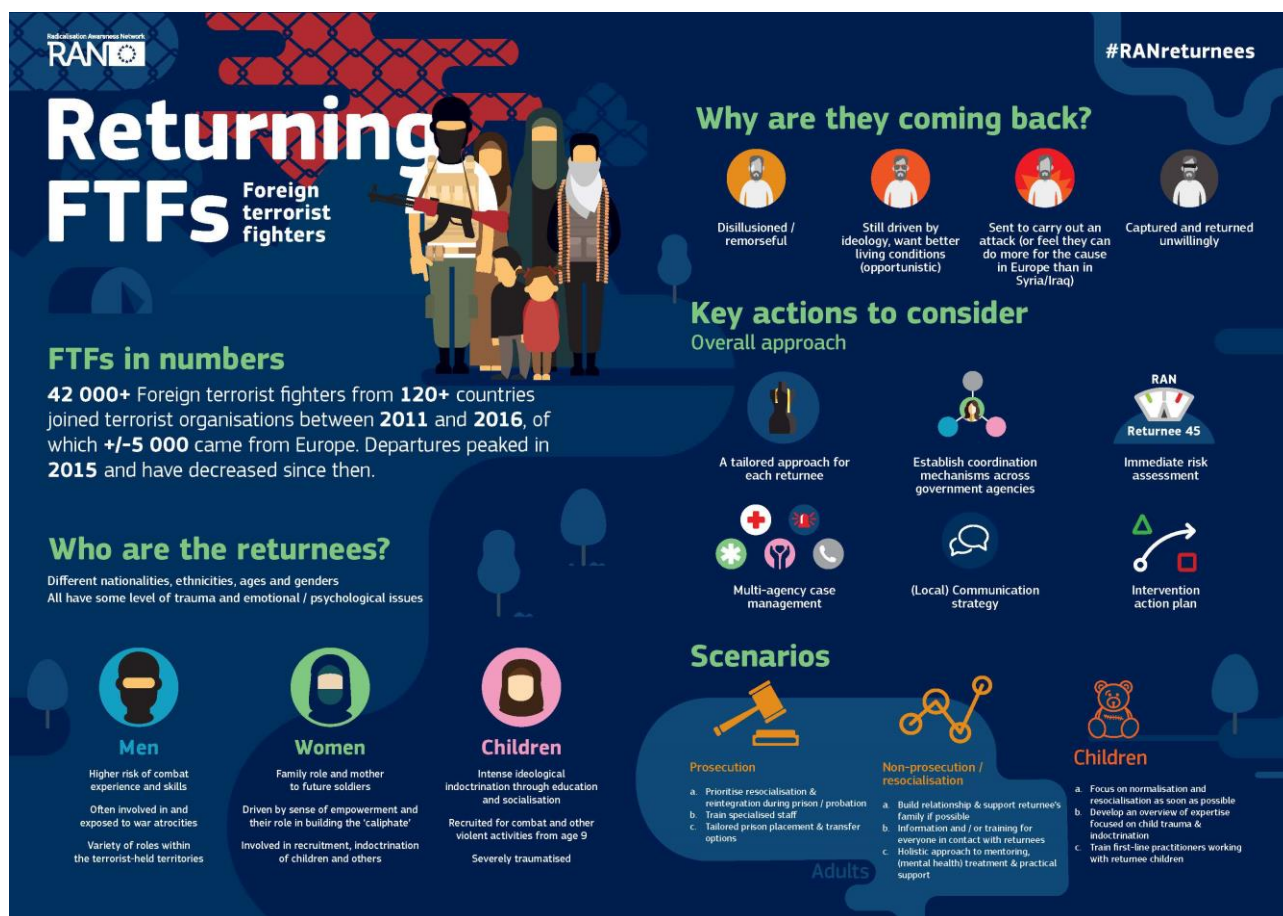
The RAN CoE presented Sir Julian King, EU Commissioner for the Security Union, with a draft version of the manual on how to respond to returnees and their families. The manual includes a list of practitioner recommendations for EU Member States, as well as background information on foreign terrorist fighter returnees, and individual chapters on:



- Investigation and risk assessment;
- Multi-agency agreement on intervention;
- The prosecution route;
- The non-prosecution route / resocialisation;
- Child returnees;
- Cross-cutting issues (gender differentiation, communication, local communication).

Concrete examples of practices being used around Europe, as well as individual case studies, also contribute to the guidance for practitioners.

The final version of the manual, taking into account feedback provided on the conference version, is now available online in [English](#), [French](#), and [German](#).



This infographic is also available within the Manual.

Podcasts featuring practitioners describing the challenges they face in dealing with returnees are available in [French](#) and [English](#). From a police perspective to that of a prison governor, from local authorities to policy-makers - some of those grappling with the challenges provide an insight into what works for them...and where some of the problems lie.

Other publications

RAN produces papers on a variety of topics every month, while institutions within our network also publish interesting work. When relevant, we highlight new publications in each Update. If you are interested in seeing your publication on this list, please contact the RAN team via ran@radaradvies.nl.

- The role of police officers in dealing with violent extremist [returnees](#).
- Issue paper on foreign fighters and the [reintegration challenge](#).
- Popular paper on our social media: [Child returnees](#) from conflict zones.

RAN Calendar

September 2017
RAN RVT <i>Workshop</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 12-13 September, Berlin (DE)
<i>Workshop</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 19-21 September, Berlin (DE)
RAN YF&C <i>Meeting</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 26 September, Amsterdam (NL)

Often, many more people register their interest in an event than can be accommodated. When selecting participants (depending on the meeting topic), division of Member States, type of expertise, contributions in meetings, etc. will be taken into consideration. Additionally, please note that only one person per organisation can be invited.

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