



2019

Member State support



What is the Radicalisation Awareness Network?

RAN is a network of over 6 000 practitioners working daily to prevent and counter radicalisation leading to violent extremism. The RAN network is supported and guided by the RAN Centre of Excellence and funded by the European Commission.

The RAN Centre of Excellence

The RAN Centre of Excellence (CoE) acts as a hub — it connects, develops and disseminates expertise on radicalisation while fostering a dialogue between practitioners, policy makers and academics. In doing so, the CoE acquires state-of-the-art knowledge, which it uses to support both the European Commission and EU Member States.

What kind of support can EU Member States receive?

Following a request from an EU Member State, the RAN CoE may:

- deploy a RAN advisory team;
- run a general awareness or in-depth train-the-trainer course;
- attend a workshop on a specific topic for a group of Member States. The topics for the 2019 workshops will be far right ideology, Islamist ideology and the rehabilitation of radicalised and terrorist offenders.

Submitting a request for support

- All requests for MS support should be submitted in writing to the RAN CoE (see contact details at the end of leaflet), who together with the European Commission, will assess their relevance to radicalisation leading to terrorism or violent extremism, as well as the availability of RAN experts.
- Only requests from a national authority will be considered.
- Requests should state the type of support requested, the reason for RAN support and the specific topic and objective of the support.

RAN train-the-trainer course – general awareness and in-depth training

What?

RAN general awareness train-the trainer course

'RAN DNA' refers to the crucial lessons learned by the RAN working groups – the keys to tackling radicalisation. These include the importance of a preventive approach, the need for multi-agency collaboration, and a focus on the local scale and practitioners.

This knowledge is passed on over a two-day train-the-trainer course that will equip participants to lead a one-day workshop (or sections of it, as appropriate) on awareness and action for colleagues. Alternatively, the training could be integrated into existing training curricula, for example for police, prison personnel or social workers.

The training increases understanding of the process of radicalisation and provides guidance on what different practitioners can do to share information, recognise radicalisation, and ultimately prevent or counter it.

National authorities will be asked to help with the course preparation to ensure that it is tailored to the local context and policies. Each course also allows for local cultures, challenges and trends, and may be tailored to include specific topics, such as family support, healthcare or deradicalisation.

Training material in the national language is provided.

RAN in-depth training

Starting in the second half of 2019, RAN will offer an additional training, going more in-depth into a variety of topics, such as dealing with specific cases, conversation techniques, cooperation with family and social networks and cooperation between different agencies that are involved. This training is still being developed and may be subject to change.

Similar to the RAN DNA training course, participants are experienced national trainers or radicalisation experts with training skills who will be provided guidance and training material to deliver trainings themselves, on the topic requested by the MS State, and to adjust those to the national circumstances. A prerequisite for participants is to have had some form of training on the prevention of radicalisation before.

Why?

Practitioners are best placed to detect and counter radicalisation leading to violent extremism. Investing in their training is therefore a priority for the European Commission.

Practicalities

The European Commission covers the costs of the trainers' time, travel and accommodation. National authorities are responsible for providing a meeting room for two days, appointing a main contact person and recruiting 10 to 15 local trainers (who do not need to be full-time trainers, but could be practitioners with training skills and experience).

The host country is invited to provide a briefing on local developments and policies. The course is delivered in English.

Workshops on trending topics and challenges

Why?

To organise sharing between national authorities and practitioners around key issues and challenges.

What?

Workshops address current themes and difficulties relevant to the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism. For 2019, the following workshops are foreseen:

- 26 & 27 September: workshops on ideology and right-wing extremism
- 24 & 25 October: workshop on ideology and jihadism
- 12 & 13 December: workshop on rehabilitation and reintegration of radicalised and terrorist offenders

Three to five representatives from around four EU Member States may attend each workshop.

Practicalities

The RAN CoE covers the costs of meeting venues, travel and hotel accommodations for 20 participants per workshop. Participating Member States will be asked to propose specific cases, examples and practices that can be used during the workshop. The working language is English, but workshop reports can be translated into the languages of participating countries.



Why?

This type of support may be valuable for national authorities revising a national strategy, reviewing a relevant policy area, developing a key project plan or building a national network/coordination hub.

What?

Up to four RAN experts may visit an EU Member State up to two times to offer guidance on a specific issue relevant to that country. For a limited period, the RAN experts will also provide expert support via e-mail.

Policy & Practice meetings

Over the course of 2019, six Policy & Practice events will bring together first-line practitioners and national policy-makers. Please consult the RAN calendar for the data of the following RAN Policy & Practice events:

- The correlation between violent extremism and mental health disorders
- Narratives and strategies of far-right extremists and Islamist extremists
- Evaluating impact of disengagement, deradicalization and resocialisation efforts
- P/CVE trends in the EU - in collaboration with the EU Finnish Presidency
- Safeguarding refugees from being recruited and radicalised
- Extremists being released from prison: community and family acceptance

Practicalities

The RAN CoE covers the costs for the experts' time, travel and accommodation and will help organise and report on the support.

The host country is responsible for the meeting location, preparatory documents and information, meeting facilities, and involving national and/or local representatives.

Contact details

In addition to the support described in this leaflet, the RAN Centre of Excellence also supports EU Member States as part of its regular work, with limited counselling, and by facilitating contacts and sharing promising practices.

For all Member State support requests, please contact the RAN CoE:

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