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RAN activities since the last RAN Update

Tailored support to the Netherlands on Critical thinking and Media literacy

The RAN CoE delivered a "Peer Learning Activity" to the Dutch Ministry for Education to support the implementation of the [Paris Declaration](#) in the Hague on 20-22 April. Dr Eolene Boyd-MacMillan from Cambridge University highlighted how Integrative Complexity (IC) Thinking combines insights from neuroscience, psychology and sociology to explain the process of critical thinking (or the lack thereof) and its consequences with regards to the prevention of Violent extremism and conflict. RAN CoE challenged policy makers to find solutions to dilemmas in the field of education and the role of educators in preventing radicalisation, based on the ideas and recommendations in the [RAN Education Manifesto](#).

Member State workshops: 'Refugee and Migrant Crisis: challenges for CVE policy'

The extent and manner in which countries are affected by the migrant crisis differs throughout the EU. But concerns over increased polarization, right-wing extremism, left-wing-extremism and recruitment among refugees can be heard across the EU. Three one-day Member State workshops in Warsaw on 11-13 May brought together police officers, representatives from local authorities and those responsible for countering violent extremism policies at national level from across the EU. Together, they reflected on lessons to be learned from practitioners and the (draft) policy paper on polarisation (soon to be published).

RAN H&SC: Key ingredients for effective multi-agency structures

The key elements for building multi-agency structures from a health and social care perspective, in a local context were identified at the 18-19 Copenhagen meeting, as:

- By building on existing structures at national and local level, invest in partnerships rather than legal entities.

- Invest in trust building not only between sectors and organisations, but also between departments within (larger) organisations.
- Multi-agency structures not specifically targeted at radicalisation or violent extremism, but at a broader range of social issues, prevent stigmatisation and improve sharing of information.
- Tailor-made interventions can be stimulated by including “guest chairs” in the multi-agency structure.

The Working Group will draft a handbook, tailored to the needs of the health and social care workers, on building effective multi-agency structures for practitioners and policy makers to stimulate interdisciplinary exchange on PVE and CVE.

RAN LOCAL: which projects and initiatives should be supported by local authorities?

Representatives of local authorities used the DeKlerck’s Prevention Pyramid discuss about local prioritizing at the 23-24 May meeting in Athens. Participants found out about the city of Athens’ prevent approach, funding options, political support and how they have created synergies with other policies. They also shared unsuccessful projects and best practice for supporting local decision making at municipality level. Research on effective elements for preventive interventions in Rotterdam was showcased. It helps identify and determine successful interventions, thereby offering a concrete tool to support taking decisions on which projects and initiatives to support.

Upcoming RAN activities

RAN P&P: Exit programmes in prison and probation environments

The aim of the 14-15 June Berlin meeting is to identify different approaches (design and focus) used in exit programmes in prison and probation environments. To what extent do exit programmes for radicalised inmates differ from regular exit programmes? What are exit programmes’ constitutive elements? Can we transfer best practices from regular programmes to programmes for radicalised inmates?

RAN POL: Working on a European guide for police training

Police officers increasingly need training to carry out their crucial role in preventing radicalisation leading to violent extremism and terrorism. The 14-15 June Athens meeting will focus on effective police and law enforcement training programmes. RAN POL invites national experts on police training to share their expertise. Several training programmes will be presented and compared, the results of which will be compiled in the first edition of the RAN POL guide for police training.

RAN EXIT: Exploration and development of interventions: dialogue between exit workers and researchers

The 16-17 June Madrid meeting will seek to stimulate a dialogue on interventions between exit workers and exit researchers – by bringing them together. Discussions will address researchers’ theoretical views on the new trends in exit work, research gaps, and practitioners’ practical needs in terms of research.

Study visit: UK ‘Prevent Strategy’

‘Prevent’ is one strand of the UK’s Counter-Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST). The 16-17 June visit will give RAN network members the opportunity to learn from the approach. The programme is designed to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of

the strategy's design, objectives and main implementation mechanisms. It also covers the involvement of different sectors and the functioning of the deradicalisation programme (Channel). The study visit also provides an opportunity to compare national prevention strategies/programmes and to exchange good practices.

Dissemination of RAN lessons at external events

Train-the-Trainer in Riga

Latvian practitioners of probation, prison, police and border police gathered on 24-25 May in Riga for a Train the Trainer Workshop on preventing and recognising radicalisation. Although the problem of radicalisation leading to violent extremism is currently rather limited in the Baltic state, the participating services received input for handling existing cases and how to scale up the offer in case of an increase of the phenomenon. Further developing their multi-agency structures regarding radicalisation was one of the objectives of the workshop.

Other news

Young people from across Europe launch a campaign against violent extremism and social exclusion

For 4 days, 30 European young (online) activists from 13 different countries gathered in Amsterdam on 19-23 May. They were trained and supported by CVE experts and social media and advertisement companies to develop their ideas. This resulted in the [GiveltUp4Ramadan](#) campaign in which the young activists challenge themselves and others during the month of Ramadan to celebrate shared values such as respect, reflection, charity and community. The campaign promotes unity, dialogue and understanding and by doing so, contradicts the notion that the West is at war with Islam, as is often used as argument by extremists on both side. The campaign has its own [website](#), and runs on several social media platforms. The event was hosted by NL Presidency with support from the RAN.

RAN goes green!

The RAN CoE is changing some of its working processes, embracing digitalisation to reduce paper use. We will therefore no longer provide participants with a conference folder and paper documents for the RAN meetings. We will instead send all relevant documents by email before the meeting, and only bring with us copies of the programme and the participant list to meetings. In addition, the reimbursement of costs will also be processed digitally. Expense claims sent by (postal) mail will therefore no longer be processed. Minutes, papers and follow-up documents will be shared via e-mail and [Sinapse](#) as usual. Participants will be informed in detail about the changes when they receive a meeting invitation.

RAN Calendar

June 2016	July/August 2016
RAN P&P <i>Exit programmes in prison and probation</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 14-15 June, Berlin (DE)	There will be no Working Group meetings in July or August.
RAN EXIT <i>Researcher recommendations on dealing with methodological changes</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 16-17 June, Barcelona (ES)	
RAN POL <i>Training</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 14-15 June, Athens (EL)	
STUDY VISIT <i>UK Prevent Strategy</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 16-17 June, London (UK)	

Often, many more people register their interest in an event than can be accommodated. So that expectations are realistic, please note that the Working Group leaders decide who will be invited to attend RAN WG meetings. 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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