

## RAN UPDATE 2– July 20, 2012

### Commissioner Malmström about the RAN on her blog

Last Tuesday, Commissioner for Home Affairs, Cecilia Malmström, had a meeting with the leaders of the RAN working groups. She posted a message on her blog at <http://blogs.ec.europa.eu/malmstrom/radicalisation-network/>. See below for an overview of all working groups and their leaders.

### Logo and public website

RAN has an official logo, which replaces the provisional one. The new logo is:



Every RAN working group forms a community on Sinapse, the ICT tool of the European Commission mainly used to exchange information among online communities. The working group leaders and future members/participants can access with logins provided by the RAN Secretariat, RAN-TAS. Others can access the RAN Charter and Rules of Procedures at <https://europa.eu/sinapse/directaccess/ran/>. In the future a more extensive public website for RAN will be developed under [www.europa.eu](http://www.europa.eu).

### RAN activities in the past months

On 24-26 April 2012, **RAN POL** was the first working group to organise a meeting in Sofia, with some 70 participants. Police officers and law enforcement officials from nearly all Member States were present. The meeting started by setting the scene, with presentations of a former right wing extremist, a mother of a convicted Islamic terrorist and a community police officer how had known Mohammed Bouyeri (assassin of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh). There was much willingness among participants to share methods and information. All looked upon the police as a partner, cooperating with other organisations in an integrated approach on radicalisation. Two examples, in Germany and Denmark, showed the benefit for police officers to act in such an integrated approach. The focus of the RAN POL meeting was on prevention (and community policing), rather than repression, supporting vulnerable institutions and individuals being crucial. The role of mothers of radicalizing youth was also stressed. Two projects were presented to help engage women in prevention of radicalisation. Participants asked for regional conferences and mentioned the need of awareness training for police officers and train-the-trainer programmes.

On 29-30 May, the **RAN VVT** organised its first meeting in Paris. Some 40 representatives, mainly from victim organisations, gathered. Non EU organisations were present as well. All of them highlighted the fact that the focus should be shifted from the perpetrators to the victims of terrorism.

With the help of a lawyer, legal and ethical aspects of testimonies were discussed, such as acquiring legal rights to use and broadcast testimonies, protecting personal data, controlling the content of the testimonies and ensuring the victim's safety. The need to de-legitimise the terrorist narrative by stressing the difference between the victim and the perpetrator, was also highlighted. Denying impunity to those who have committed terrorist crimes is part of this process. RAN VVT discussed a matrix to analyse testimonies in order to improve their use in the context of the fight against radicalisation. Testimonies may have different goals, such as counterterrorism, (cognitive) deradicalisation and/or prevention. Different kind of testimonies should be used depending on the goal, context and audience. The media support, devices, as well as the type of communication, should also vary.

**RAN DERAD** hosted a meeting on 4-5 June in Stockholm with 40 practitioners active in de-radicalisation. Most participants came from NGOs working with prisoners, with youth, with communities, etc. Participants stressed the similarities in the roots of different types of radicalism. Risk factors of radicalisation mentioned were, among other factors, isolation, development disorder, feeling of exclusion and deprivation. Different approaches related to the work in prison and with communities were exposed. Engaging parents, friends, family and teachers appears to be relevant in many approaches. Derad workers discussed whether and when it is necessary to focus mainly on the future of the radical person, or to include and start with the past and the background of the person.

### **RAN activities coming months**

The other five working groups will have their first meetings in September and November:

- RAN PREVENT, 13-14 September, Budapest
- RAN INT/EXT, 20-21 September, The Hague
- RAN HEALTH, 27-28 September, Prague
- RAN P&P, 19-20 November, Vienna
- RAN @, date to be determined in November, London

Furthermore the following activities are envisaged:

- RAN POL will have a workshop for Scandinavia and the Baltic at the end of 2012, and a workshop for the Balkans in 2013
- RAN HEALTH hopes to have its following meetings in December 2012 and spring 2013
- RAN VVT plans a following meeting at the end of 2012
- RAN DERAD hopes to have its following meeting on 10-11 October 2012 in Barcelona
- RAN @ envisages a conference in September 2013
- RAN PREVENT wants to organise a 5 workshops until the end of 2013

### **High Level Conference**

On 29 January 2013 a High Level Conference will be organised. Ministers and high level policy makers will be invited to discuss several aspects of radicalisation with RAN members. All working groups will be represented and interact with the policy makers. The day before, on 28 January 2013, the RAN Plenary of all RAN members and participants will be held. Both are foreseen in Brussels.

### **Working group leaders and account managers**

The working groups, its leaders and the account managers of the RAN Secretariat are the following:

- The working group of police officers and law enforcement officials (**RAN POL**):
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