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RAN activities since the last RAN Update

RAN EXIT: multi-agency cooperation

Exit facilities are not acting alone. When different organisations cooperate, these facilities can become part of a multi-agency system. The EXIT Working Group discussed the requirements, challenges, and prerequisites of multi-agency cooperation from the perspective of exit workers when it met in Milan on 1 November. Elements important for the setting up a multi-agency structure were listed as defining partners as well as a level of partner engagement. In addition, ensuring effectiveness of the multi-agency cooperation (in which you develop a shared sense of mission and objectives). Finally, agreeing on framework factors that form the architecture of the coordination, and defining the role of the client in his or her own deradicalisation process. The group looked at cases in which an exit facility was either part of a multi-agency system, or was in charge of managing a multi-agency group.

Emerging challenges on the agenda at Plenary and High Level Conference

EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Dimitris Avramopoulos, together with EU Commissioner for the Security Union Sir Julian King, hosted the High-Level Conference (HLC) on Radicalisation on 9 November 2016 in Brussels. The HLC brought together ministers, policy-makers and practitioners to discuss ways forward for tackling emerging challenges on radicalisation towards violent extremism and terrorism. The event was an opportunity for the RAN CoE and practitioners to brief ministers and policy officials on the challenges they face on the ground, to present recommendations and concrete deliverables, highlight the availability of RAN support for EU Member States and discuss responses to emerging trends. Three topics were high on the conference agenda: the challenges to prevention policies in the context of growing polarisation in society; children raised in a radicalised environment; and returnees. The event

also saw the launch of the RAN Young platform to empower young people in tackling radicalisation.

[Find the HLC discussion paper here.](#)

RAN's annual Plenary took place the previous day, also in Brussels. Working group members exchanged outcomes, plans and experiences, groups, and gave their thoughts on the priorities for 2017.

Member State Workshop: Deradicalisation and Exit Facilities

European and American Secret Services are expecting an increasing number of returnees from Syria and Iraq if the so-called Caliphate falls. This, in turn, will accentuate demand for deradicalisation and exit facilities. RAN held a workshop for Member States on this topic on 8-9 December in Munich. Participants explored factors and pre-conditions that contribute to successful disengagement, exit and deradicalisation work. Member States were invited to send a delegation of three persons: at least one policy maker at the national level, one practitioner working with (formerly) radicalised persons, and someone working with deradicalisation or exit facilities.

Upcoming RAN Working Group activities

RAN C&N: one-on-one digital interventions

Extremist propaganda can target a wide audience. But it can also target individuals showing interest in a particular Facebook page or tweet. The next C&N Working Group meeting on 14-15 December in Berlin will focus on the effectiveness of one-on-one digital interventions. How can this technique be used to prevent and counter radicalisation? What are the legal and political challenges linked to direct communication with individuals at risk of radicalisation? What are the ramifications if governments or NGOs contact individuals directly before any criminal act has been committed? The meeting brings together professionals working as (online) narrative campaigners and offline practitioners. Together they will conceptualise digital interventions that empower social workers and other professionals working directly with young people at risk.

RAN P&P: plenary meeting

Prison and probation practitioners will look back at the main lessons learned in 2016 when they meet in Riga on 14-15 December. Trends and challenges for the future are also on the agenda, in particular how to deal with returnees. The expected high number of foreign fighters and others returning from Syria is likely to create new challenges and increase pressure on prison and probations systems in the coming year(s). Finally, the group's working paper will be discussed in small groups and adjusted ready for 2017.

Other news

Training in Romania

The training on 10-11 November was open to police and mental health professionals, and those working on online data analysis. The two days were intended to raise awareness of radicalisation and polarisation in Romanian society, and formulate proposals for action. Participants appreciated the interactive elements in the workshop and plan to disseminate the material in

their organisations. RAN CoE trainer Maarten van de Donk delivered the training, together with expert Peter Walmsley.

New 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.

- Ex-post paper from RAN YF&C on family support: the role of families in dealing and preventing radicalisation. [Download the paper here](#).

RAN Calendar

December 2016	January 2017
<p>RAN C&N <i>One-on-one interventions online</i> Date and location: 14-15 December, Berlin (DE)</p> <p>RAN P&P <i>Plenary meeting</i> Date and location: 14-15 December, Riga (EE)</p> <p>RAN POL <i>Best practices in inter-agency cooperation</i> Date and location: 21 December, Leiden/Utrecht (NL)</p>	<p>To be announced in Update 35.</p>

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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