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Editorial

Returnees: core RAN theme for 2017

Due to the decline of Daesh in Iraq and Syria, there will be an influx of returnees to the EU. Among them a mix of men, women and children; some of them foreign terrorist fighters. In 2017 ‘returnees’ will be a core theme for the RAN CoE. A roadmap will guide the way, and participants in various working groups will discuss the specific challenges posed by returnees to EU countries. The resulting ‘Returnee Manual’ will bring together the different aspects to consider when dealing with people returning from Daesh territories. The manual will be presented at the thematic event on returnees on 14 June 2017. Member State workshops at the end of September will then serve as a platform to discuss implementation of the manual. Check future RAN Updates for progress reports on the roadmap.

RAN activities since the last RAN Update

RAN POL: the police as a partner in multi-agency cooperation

To protect individuals and their environment while cooperating in a fruitful way with partners, information sharing is essential. But collecting the right information is challenging. Participants at the RAN POL meeting in Utrecht on 21 December looked at effective ways for the police to operate in a multi-agency structure. First of all, selecting key partners at local level is essential so that the right information on practical solutions is funnelled through. Second, the basis for all multi-agency cooperation is trust. Support from all levels (strategic, tactical and operational) is vital. The police and their local partners should be aware of the urgency of sharing information, and the reasons behind it. Multi-agency cooperation demands continuous reflection on roles, limits and division of tasks.

- The ex-post paper is [available online](#).

RAN CoE study visit to Bulgaria

The challenges involved in integrating prevention elements within national strategies and day-to-day work in the newer EU Member States was the focus of the 16-17 January study visit in Sofia. The event brought together practitioners from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, as well as Germany and Norway. Topics for discussion included Bulgaria's national counter-radicalisation strategy and action plan and the role for prevention. Participants also examined multi-agency approaches at local level, the monitoring and assessment of radicalisation trends and risk factors, prevention of youth radicalisation, radicalisation in prisons, and prevention approaches in the health sector. The study visit offered a variety of perspectives on how to work on the prevention of radicalisation, even in challenging contexts of limited human and financial resources and scant involvement by non-governmental actors. The visit was hosted by the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior and the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD).

Upcoming RAN activities

RAN EXIT: the Exit Academy

The 'Exit Academy' meeting will be held in Berlin on 13-14 February. The objective is to provide practitioners who plan to start an exit programme in their own country (or who have recently done so) with knowledge and practices from experienced exit programmes and organisations. Topics for discussion include organisational and practical points, such as engaging with radicalised individuals, safety aspects, quality, dealing with returnees etc. Each sub-theme will be introduced by experts.

RAN C&N: measuring the impact of your campaign

The next C&N meeting will address measuring the impact of an online counter or alternative narrative campaign. While it is rather easy to find out about the reach, views, shares, clicks and likes of your campaign message, how do you estimate what these numbers mean for the success of your campaign? How do you find out if your message reached your target audience and had an effect? The Working Group will look into how to measure impact in a smart way and link this to a campaign objective. Options for programming a campaign in such a way that the impact can be measured or accurately are also on the agenda. Over two days (13-14 February), participants will share their experiences and tips, which will be collated in a tangible overview.

RAN P&P: establishing a core team

RAN P&P has decided to create a core group of practitioners of EU prison and probation systems. To strengthen the knowledge and skills base of the WG, members in this core group are closely involved with the RAN P&P activities; they help set the agenda, respond to papers and help find good new practitioners to include in the network. The core group will be established at the next P&P meeting, on 21-22 February in Vienna. This meeting will also address the work ahead for the RAN P&P group, in view of current challenges.

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.

- Paper by the RAN C&N Working Group on the [response to jihadist propaganda](#).
- An exploration of [one-to-one digital interventions](#) by the RAN C&N in December 2016.
- Paper for exit workers on how to cooperate in a [multi-agency setting](#).
- RAN LOCAL on how to cooperate with [religious organisations and communities](#).
- Education paper on how schools can [partner up with other organisations](#) to prevent radicalisation in their community.
- The German Forum on Crime Prevention recently translated into English an [overview of prevention programmes](#) offered in Germany.

RAN Calendar

February 2017	March 2017
<p>RAN C&N <i>Measuring the impact of your campaign</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 13-14 February, Brussels (BE)</p> <p>RAN EXIT <i>Exit Academy</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 13-14 February, Berlin (DE)</p> <p>Steering Committee <i>Quarterly meeting</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 15 February, Brussels (BE)</p> <p>RAN P&P <i>Core-group meeting</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 21-22 February, Vienna (AT)</p> <p>RAN LOCAL <i>Cooperation with schools</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 22-23 February, The Hague (NL)</p>	<p>RAN EDU <i>Training</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 1-2 March, Helsinki (FI)</p> <p>RAN RVT <i>Remembrance Day</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 10 March, Brussels (BE)</p> <p>RAN YOUNG <i>Kick-off meeting</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 28-29 March, Madrid (ES)</p> <p>RAN POL <i>Returnees</i> <u>Date and location:</u> 30-31 March, Dusseldorf (DE)</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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