

RAN Update, July 2020

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With summer now upon us the work of practitioners does not stop. As Europe is slowly emerging from quarantine, practitioners look to assess and address the impact of the crisis on communities and individuals alike. While many have been able to find innovative ways to continue to do their work, including capitalising on the digitalisation of activities, many will now start meeting people and delivering interventions face-to-face again for the first time in months. A number of RAN activities in the coming months will therefore explore the effect of the crisis and approaches to building community cohesion and the resilience of individuals to polarising and radicalising influences. As travel and movement restrictions are lifted, it brings the topic of returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) and their families – ‘returnees’ – into sharper focus. This month we begin to take a closer look at the topic, what the key challenges are and how RAN will address this topic over the summer period.

RETURNEES

Film

A short five-minute film, produced by RAN, provides an introduction to the topic of returnees. We hear from four voices who offer different perspectives on the challenge facing EU Member States today, including a policymaker, a researcher, a practitioner working with returnees in prisons and a practitioner working in communities. The voices touch upon the process of rehabilitation and reintegration and the policy around women and children.

[You can view the films in full here...](#) ▶





Paper

A new RAN paper provides insights for local P/CVE coordinators and communications experts on how to use communications to address the challenge in communities posed by the return of FTFs and their families. The paper specifically focuses on the communications challenge that local authorities face. The paper draws on the insights gathered from participants at the RAN LOCAL online meeting on 25th-26th May 2020.

[Read the paper in full here...](#) ▶



Roadmap

A RAN roadmap on returnees points practitioners to existing material produced by RAN over recent years, including the 'Responses to Returnees' Manual, through Working Group meetings, issue papers, study visits and other activities. The roadmap is a live document which will be regularly updated to inform practitioners on future activities in 2020 and beyond.

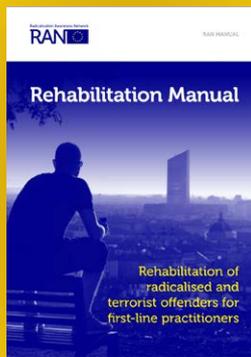
[The roadmap can be viewed here...](#) ▶



Study Visits

Over the summer, RAN will be organising a series of 'Study Visits' that will give RAN members the opportunity to learn from and exchange experiences with practitioners from outside of the EU. Digital visits to Australia and Canada will give members the chance to hear from organisations delivering innovative approaches to manage the return of FTFs and their families, and the chance to interact with similar networks of practitioners in these countries. More information to follow

REHABILITATION



Manual

A new RAN Manual offers guidance to practitioners regarding the rehabilitation of radicalised and terrorist offenders, inside as well as outside of prison. The Manual provides a comprehensive overview of the chronological phases of rehabilitation. The various actors contributing to rehabilitation processes are offered a structured assessment of important points of attention.

[Read the manual in full here...](#) ▶

Webinars

Since May 2020, RAN has been hosting a new series of webinars which explore in detail some of the key publications produced by RAN. So far, these webinars have looked at the GAMMMA+ model and the RAN YOUNG programme. The latest two webinars took participants through the new RAN Rehabilitation Manual, published in June 2020.

[Watch all of these webinars in full here...](#) ▶

ROADMAPS

In 2020, RAN is focusing its efforts on four priority P/CVE topics, including violent right wing extremism, violent Islamist extremism, returning women and children, and prisons and rehabilitation. To help practitioners discover more about these topics, RAN is producing a series of 'roadmaps' which point practitioners to the most relevant

and interesting content produced by RAN in recent years, including Working Group meetings, study visits, issue papers, manuals and factbooks. Later in 2020, the content hosted on the RAN website will be reorganised according to these priority themes and many others.

[The roadmaps can be viewed here...](#) ▶

CASE STUDY



A short article describes an initiative in France which used film to engage young people in schools on the topic of radicalisation. A film by the Dardenne brothers, 'Young Ahmed', was used as a means to increase awareness among young people of radicalising influences and to get them to think critically about the choices they make.

[The article, which provides further reading on the topic, can be read in full here...](#) ▶

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, RAN will continue to deliver all Working Group meetings in the coming months online. Further information will be published in future Updates. The full list of upcoming meetings is available on the [RAN website](#).

September 2020

2 September 2020

CSEP webinar

Ask me anything about...Online dialogue

The CSEP digital sessions aim to provide participants with in-depth answers to questions surrounding the elements of a campaign based on the GAMMMA+ model.

Target audience: CSEP participants

2 September 2020

CSEP webinar

Ask me anything about...Safety

The CSEP digital sessions aim to provide participants with in-depth answers to questions surrounding the elements of a campaign based on the GAMMMA+ model.

Target audience: CSEP participants

10 September 2020

CSEP webinar

Ask me anything about...Staying Innovative

The CSEP digital sessions aim to provide with in-depth sessions on questions surrounding the elements of a campaign based on the GAMMMA+ model.

Target audience: CSEP participants

10 September 2020

CSEP webinar

Ask me anything about...Storytelling

The CSEP digital sessions aim to provide with in-depth sessions on questions surrounding the elements of a campaign based on the GAMMMA+ model.

Target audience: CSEP participants

15-17 September

WG C&N

The Use of Videogaming by (Violent) Extremists – strategies and narratives

This meeting will explore how extremists use video-gaming platforms to recruit new members. It will also review the platforms they use and how this relates with secondary infrastructure that might be used to differentiate between open (YouTube) or closed communication channels (Discord).

Target audience: communication experts, research academics, police officers, exit workers

16-17 September

WG FC&S

Help and Hotlines

The objective of the meeting is to gather insights from practitioners working on online and telephone hotlines and helplines in P/CVE.

Target audience: Primarily first-line practitioners that work at help and hotlines, professionals in charge of the (initial) training of helpline workers, and family support/community/social workers who have experience with help and hotlines.

16-17 September

WG Rehabilitation

Update of RWE exit and probation programmes.

17 September 2020

CSEP webinar

Ask me anything about...YouTube/Google

The CSEP digital sessions aim to provide with in-depth sessions on questions surrounding the elements of a campaign based on the GAMMMA+ model.

Target audience: CSEP participants

17 September 2020

CSEP webinar

Ask me anything about...Twitter

The CSEP digital sessions aim to provide with in-depth sessions on questions surrounding the elements of a campaign based on the GAMMMA+ model.

Target audience: CSEP participants

Week of 25 September

WG Health

Prison mental health

23 September 2020

Study visit

Digital study visit to Australia

23-24 September 2020

RAN YOUNG

RAN YOUNG Review panel

24-25 September

RAN Youth & Education meeting

‘(Post-)COVID narratives that polarise’

The aim of this meeting is to equip youth workers and teachers with tools and methods to deal with polarising narratives.

Target audience: youth workers, teachers, principals, school counsellors and care teachers

28-29 September

Study visit

Digital study visit to Canada

28 September

WG LOCAL

VRWE in the local strategy

The aim of this meeting is to exchange experiences and good practices, as well as to discuss how to address VRWE in local communities and how to create or adapt the local action plan to VRWE issues.

Target audience: local P/CVE coordinators, NGOs, community/social workers, and community police officers who deal with VRWE on a local level

29-30 September

WG POL

Lone actors

29-30 September

WG VoT Multi

Discussion groups between VoT and detainees

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