

## **RAN Collection template practice**

## Name of the practice

Please note that by practice we mean an activity/method/tool that has been used or is in use by professionals and/or community members.

## **Description**

(max. 300 words)

Short description of the aim and working method of the practice. Please note that in this description, it must be clear that there is an explicit connection to preventing and/or countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism. This means that in the aims and/or the activities/methods/tools of the practice, there is a link to preventing and countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism. Practices without this link cannot be included in the RAN Collection.

# Training staff members of reception centres on prevention and reporting of radicalisation

Belgium's Federal agency for the reception of asylum seekers (Fedasil) provides training for reception centres and support services staff.

#### The training aims to:

- address staff questions on radicalisation, e.g. What is radicalisation? What does the process of radicalisation entail?
- train staff to prevent, identify and deal with radicalisation in reception centres;
- ensure the reporting of radicalisation to competent authorities.

After the training, staff members are able to:

- identify signs of radicalisation and prevent radicalisation;
- react appropriately to radicalisation in reception centres;
- know when and how to report radicalisation in reception centres.

In order to improve the prevention of radicalization, information sessions are regularly organized on the historical and cultural aspects of certain countries of origin of asylum seekers (Afghanistan since 2021, Palestine since 2022, and Syria since 2024).

Face-to-face training until the beginning of 2020 and since then (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) e-training via webinars.





<b>Key themes</b> Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.	Training  Alternative and counter narratives
Target audience  Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.	First responders or practitioners  Local Community Organisations / NGOs  General public
Geographical scope  Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).	Belgium
Start of the practice  Please indicate when (year) the practice was developed and implemented to indicate the maturity of the practice. In case the practice is no longer active, please indicate when it ended.	2017
Deliverables  Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.	Modules (PowerPoint presentations) sent to each participant after the training (each presentation contains a short bibliography – books, articles and websites).



#### **Evidence and evaluation**

Short description on <u>performance</u> <u>measures</u> of the practice, including

- 1. <u>qualitative views and</u> <u>quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention.
- evaluation and feedback, including surveys and/or anecdotal evidence e.g. have you done either an internal or external evaluation, have you encouraged any feedback from your target group?
- peer review which feedback did the practice receive in the RAN working group and/or study visit where the practice was discussed.

Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.

- Centralised reporting (database) of radicalisation since March 2016.
- Collection of participant feedback at the end of the training. Participants receive with the PowerPoint presentations an assessment form they can complete and send back to the Agency's training department.

## Sustainability and transferability

(maximum of 200 words)

Short description on the sustainability and transferability of the practice, including e.g. information on the costs of the practice. Please elaborate on which elements are transferrable and how.

Structural costs: staff cost of a full-time expert on radicalisation.

In August 2017, the Federal Agency for the reception of asylum seekers (Fedasil) hired a full-time expert on radicalisation. This expert's role is to:

- train staff members (headquarters and reception centres) about radicalisation (how to identify it and report it);
- coordinate the reporting of radicalisation between the reception centres and the competent authorities.

## Presented and discussed in RAN meeting

Please note that to be included in the Collection, the practice is preferably nominated through one of the RAN meetings. Add name of the RAN Working Group/event, date, place and subject of meeting. Policy and Practice

11/12/2019

ROME

Violent extremism targeted against and committed by refugees





## Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding

(maximum of 100 words)

Please indicate how your project was funded, if your practice is linked to other EU initiatives or projects, AND explicitly note if it is (co-) funded by the EU, and if so, by which funds?
Such as Erasmus +, Internal Security Funds (ISF), European Social Fund (ESF), Horizon 2020, etc.

## Organisation

(enter maximum of 100 words and select organisation type)

Please briefly describe the organisation behind the practice including the legal status e.g. NGO, governmental, limited company, charity etc.

Federal Agency for reception of asylum seekers (Fedasil). Governmental agency responsible for the reception of asylum seekers

Governmental institution

### **Country of origin**

Country in which the practice is based.

Belgium

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