

# RAN Collection practice template

<p><b>Name of the practice</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Community seminars</b></p>
<p><b>Description</b> (max. 300 words)</p> <p>Short description of the aim and working method of the practice. Please note that in this description, it must be clear that <u>there is an explicit connection to preventing and/or countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism</u>. 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.</p>	<p>Preventing polarisation</p> <p>Finland's community seminars tackle polarisation at local level by bringing together local actors from diverse public sector bodies (law enforcement, social services, etc.), NGOs with expertise in working with vulnerable groups and local prevention efforts, religious communities and community-based organisations with grass roots access, trusted by citizens.</p> <p>The seminars function as a trust-building and co-creation platform for local preventive practices and initiatives. After the seminar, local authorities receive support in setting up a local multi-agency team and action plan. The co-creation is designed to facilitate a transparent, inclusive and participatory process for all parties, and to prevent polarisation of, for example, Muslim communities, as recipients of these efforts. This is also important in terms of strategic communication, as polarisation around the topic of radicalisation, violent extremism and foreign terrorist fighter (FTF) returnees can reflect a narrow and misleading image of the nature of violent extremism as a phenomenon.</p>
<p><b>Peer reviewed</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Key themes</b></p>	<p>Community engagement/civil society</p>

<p>Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Multi-agency cooperation</p>
<p><b>Target audience</b></p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Law enforcement officers</p> <p>First responders or practitioners</p> <p>Local Community Organisations / NGOs</p>
<p><b>Geographical scope</b></p> <p>Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).</p>	<p>The Reach Out programme's scope is national (across Finland). It is part of the Finnish National Action Plan for the Prevention of Violent Radicalisation and Extremism. Reach Out has key stakeholders in four cities: Helsinki, Turku, Oulu and Tampere. Community seminars are one of the tools utilised to enhance collaboration for dealing with returnees and applying the family support model at local level.</p>
<p><b>Start of the practice</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Starting year: 2015</p> <p>The practice was developed in 2015 and 2016-2017; it is part of the Reach Out programme.</p> <p>Co-creation of local best practices and agenda-setting in an inclusive and facilitated process involving all stakeholders is a standard tool in the peace-building and mediation arena. Here, we have adapted the tool from our broader peace support activities to the field of the prevention of violent extremism.</p>
<p><b>Deliverables</b></p> <p>Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.</p>	<p>A report will be published in early autumn 2017.</p>
<p><b>Evidence and evaluation</b></p> <p>Short description on <u>performance measures</u> of the practice, including</p>	<p>The method has been evaluated by key stakeholders, based on feedback on how the seminars have improved communication and collaboration among participants.</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>qualitative views and quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention.</li> <li>2. <u>evaluation and feedback</u>, 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?</li> <li>3. <u>peer review</u> which feedback did the practice receive in the RAN working group and/or study visit where the practice was discussed.</li> </ol> <p>Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.</p>	
<p><b>Sustainability and transferability</b> (maximum of 200 words)</p> <p>Short description on the sustainability and transferability of the practice, including e.g. information on the costs of the practice. <u>Please elaborate on which elements are transferrable and how.</u></p>	<p>The method is transferable, and the costs involved are similar to those of regular seminars. Since seminars are designed and organised in collaboration with key stakeholders at a local level, the impact and collaboration relies on local ownership of the agenda.</p>
<p><b>Presented and discussed in RAN meeting</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Name:</b> Enter name of the RAN working group or event.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> Select date of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Place:</b> Enter place of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> Enter subject of meeting.</p>
<p><b>Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding</b> (maximum of 100 words)</p> <p>Please indicate how your project was funded, if your practice is linked to other EU initiatives or projects, AND explicitly note if it is</p>	<p>Reach Out, funded by the European Commission’s Internal Security Fund (ISF), has been evaluated as part of Finland’s national action plan. (The evaluation is available here.) Furthermore, Reach Out work was evaluated by the Safety Investigation authorities in Finland following the attack in Turku. These evaluations concluded that Reach Out work is an impactful and cost-effective measure for PVE.</p>

<p>(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.</p>	<p>EUSA (funder) has also evaluated the programme, but unfortunately the document is not available in English.</p>
<p><b>Organisation</b> (enter maximum of 100 words and select organisation type)</p> <p>Please briefly describe the organisation behind the practice including the legal status e.g. NGO, governmental, limited company, charity etc.</p>	<p>Finland's community seminar method is one of the activities included in the Reach Out programme funded by the European Commission's ISF Police Fund.</p> <p>Finn Church Aid, the largest development actor and second largest provider of humanitarian aid in Finland, hosts the secretariat of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers. The network was initiated in 2013 as a direct result of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's report 'Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution' (UN GA Report A/66/811, 2012) and the supporting guidance document 'UN Guidance for Effective Mediation' (UN GA Resolution 65/283, 2012). The Network is a faith-based organisation and it is financially supported, inter alia, by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Finn Church Aid, the KAICIID Dialogue Centre and the United States Institute of Peace. In addition, the network receives significant support in the form of in-kind contributions from several network members.</p> <p>Type of Organisation: <b>Other</b></p>
<p><b>Country of origin</b></p> <p>Country in which the practice is based.</p>	<p>EU or EEA country: Finland</p> <p>or:</p> <p>Non-EU country: Enter name if non EU country</p>
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