

## Together against radicalisation

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The European Commission is coordinating a common European response to the Coronavirus outbreak by mobilising all means possible to help Member States coordinate their national responses. During these times of crisis, across the European Union, countries, regions and cities are stretching out a helping hand to neighbours and assistance is given to those most in need: donations of protective equipment such as masks, cross-border treatments of ill patients and bringing stranded citizens home. [Read more ...](#) ▶

During these times of crisis the work of practitioners has become more important than ever. While it is not possible to work directly in communities, we need to collectively explore creative new ways to do our work and reach those who are vulnerable to radicalisation. This month's newsletter, therefore, outlines how the RAN is 'going digital' and is adapting to the current environment to continue to support practitioners and provide guidance to practitioners on how to deliver interventions online.

## RAN GOING DIGITAL

### Update

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are turning to online solutions. In addition to Working Group meetings, we will be hosting a series of five webinars to facilitate knowledge sharing and exchange between practitioners.

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### Practitioners working online

A growing number of initiatives are springing up across Europe to reach young people online. A number of these inspiring practices are available in the RAN Collection which can be found on the RAN website.

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## Guidelines – 10 things to consider before offering counselling online

CfDP provides advice to practitioners who are looking to conduct digital youth work. Here they outline ‘10 things to consider before offering counselling online’. However, the principles described can be considered and applied by practitioners delivering other forms of interventions online.

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## Paper – Doing digital youth work in a P/CVE context

A RAN paper published in December 2019 explores the challenges that practitioners encounter when trying to reach and engage with young people online and provides guidance on how to plan and conduct digital youth work in a P-CVE context. The paper discusses both an approach and the tools required.

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## Webinars

The RAN will be hosting a series of webinars to bring practitioners together to continue to share and exchange knowledge online. One webinar has been held so far, with five more planned. Here we provide an overview of the topics of these webinars and how you can participate.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the upcoming meetings scheduled to take place in May and June may be held online. The following meetings are due to take place between 13th May and 30th June 2020.

If you're interested to join a Working Group and attend RAN meetings, let us know. Fill out this [form](#).

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### Families ‘left behind’ by FTFs

**RAN Families, Communities and Social Care Working Group.** This meeting will explore how family, community and social care workers can better support the families ‘left behind’ by FTFs, dealing with loss, grief, trauma, and stigmatisation.

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### Local communication strategies on the return of FTFs

**RAN Local Authorities Working Group.** This meeting will explore possible communications strategies to deal with the return of FTFs and their families to a municipality/city.

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## Ethics for mental health workers in the prevention of radicalisation

**RAN Mental Health Working Group.** This meeting will explore the different mental health settings across Europe and provide tangible ways to exchange relevant information and guidance on ethical guidelines.

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## Day-to-day challenges of Violent Right Wing Extremism (RWE)

**RAN Police and Law Enforcement Working Group.** The meeting will explore the challenges emanating from organised RWE groups and will identify the links between different RWE movements across Europe.

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## Extremist women in prison

**RAN Prison Working Group.** This meeting will explore the unique aspects of the treatment of women during imprisonment, how the approach for men applies to women and which assessment tools work.

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## How to motivate extremist individuals with no intrinsic exit motivation

**RAN Rehabilitation Working Group.** The meeting will explore strategies to motivate individuals to participate in a rehabilitation or disengagement process.

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## Trans-generational transmission of extremist ideology

**RAN Youth & Education Working Group.** This meeting will explore the process of trans-generational transmission of extremist ideology (in particular Islamist extremist and RWE ideologies) and approaches to safeguard children from radicalisation.

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## LATEST PAPER



### RAN Research Seminar

The RAN Research Seminar (26-27 June 2019, Vienna) brought together leading academics, practitioners and policymakers to discuss the current developments in Islamist extremist and far-right extremist ideologies and the reintegration of terrorist and extremist offenders. This paper outlines the principal findings of the seminar.

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## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



### YF&C-C&N 'Digital Youthwork'

The joint YF&C-C&N meeting (20 March 2020), which was held online, explored how to conduct digital youth work. Participants discussed how to target young people online and which tools to use; explored which initiatives work and how to connect with offline activity; and discussed how to assess changes in behaviour and what policy should govern online youth work.

Participants concluded that to be effective in digital youth work, practitioners should properly understand the online ecosystem that young people inhabit; should work with young people to produce channel-specific content that is visually engaging and resonates with its audience; and should constantly test new approaches. Insights from the meeting will be presented in an upcoming Paper.

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