

# **RAN Collection practice template**

### 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.

Radicalisation Prevention and Deradicalisation in Prison and Probation (formerly known as 'Taking Responsibility — Breaking away from Hate and Violence — Education of Responsibility (Verantwortungspädagogik®)'
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#### 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.

This project targets young people, but also adults, arrested for committing ideologically motivated acts of violence (rightwing extremists or radical Islamists). It aims to support such youngsters in their effort to live responsibly and non-violently, detached from inhumane ideologies.

Trainers aim to develop the following skills in trainees:

- relationship skills, empathy, self-esteem, capacity for self-reflection;
- to distance themselves from inhumane hate ideologies;
- to better understand and correct their violent behaviour;
- to accept each individual's fundamental right to liberty and freedom from bodily harm;
- to learn how to resolve conflict non-violently;
- to take responsibility for their actions;





	• to play an active role in planning their future.  The approach involves deradicalisation training, civic education, long-term group training and post-release stabilisation coaching. Key elements of the training include the separation of offence and offender, and the questioning of ideology and strategies of justification and offence. Trainers and trainees are expected to have a reliable relationship based on confidence and respect. Participation is voluntary.
Peer reviewed	Yes
<b>Key themes</b> Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.	Deradicalisation/disengagement Prison and probation
<b>Target audience</b> Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.	Formers  Prison / Probation  Add additional target audience.
Geographical scope  Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).	<ul> <li>Germany: Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Berlin, Brandenburg, Hesse, Lower Saxony, Saxony, Thuringia</li> <li>United Kingdom: Northern Ireland (terminated)</li> <li>Denmark (terminated in 2021)</li> </ul>
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.	Starting year: 2001
Deliverables  Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.	Curriculum of deradicalisation training, working with rightwing or radical Islamist groups.  "Learn Journal" for young prison inmates; created during the time of the pandemic, when prison visits weren't possible.  With the "Learn Journal", the trainees were able to gain knowledge of the training via a tailor made, step-by-step learning method.



#### **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.
- 2. 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?
- 3. <a href="mailto:peer review">peer review</a> 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.

The Violence Prevention Network's deradicalisation programmes in prisons have been evaluated several times over the past 11 years.

The external evaluation, carried out in 2012, showed that the re-incarceration rate for violent ideologically motivated offences is 13.3 % for programme participants, compared to 41.5 % for inmates who did not participate. Hence, the re-incarceration rate is 68 % lower for programme participants.

Moreover, the programme undergoes continual quality management, in the form of feedback from the target group, trainer reports and peer review from the start. An external evaluation of the current programmes being run in Bavaria, Brandenburg, Hesse, Lower Saxony and Saxony was finished in 2020.

Another cycle of evaluation of the prison programmes started in 2020 and will be finished in 2024.

The practice receives variegated feedback including requests for presentations from various countries considering implementing the practice.

# 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.

In terms of transferability of the methodology, initially the practice was used in the context of right-wing radicalisation and could be transferred to the context of Islamist radicalisation.

The practice's transferability of location/territory has been proved by its application in various federal states within Germany as well as in Denmark (terminated) and Northern Ireland, with a target group of people radicalised in a concrete ethnic-religious conflict.

Since the end of 2017, probation has also formed part of the programme.

There is constant demand on the government of Germany and the federal states to maintain the programme. The cost of the practice is approximately EUR 8 500 per participant.

# Presented and discussed in RAN meeting

Please note that to be included in the Collection, the practice is preferably nominated through one Name: RAN P&P

Date: 12 December 2013

Place: Berlin





of the RAN meetings. Add name of the RAN Working Group/event, date, place and subject of meeting.

Subject:

Name: RAN P&P.

Date: 14-15 June 2016.

Place: Berlin.

# 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.

- Initiator and founding member of the European Network of De-radicalisation (ENoD)
- Member of the Advisory Board of Impact Europe
- Leader of the RAN Working Group EXIT (together with EXIT Sweden, until 2020)

#### **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.

The NGO Violence Prevention Network is a group of experienced specialists with many years of experience in the fields of prevention of extremism and deradicalisation. Various federal ministries, state-level justice departments, state-level and national security agencies and institutional partners have worked closely with the association from its inception, and value the group's high degree of knowledge, competency, and outstanding reputation. The Violence Prevention Network works directly with radicalised people at different stages of radicalisation. The aim is to support them in developing distance from inhumane ideologies and violent behaviour.

The organisation's projects have been or are financed by institutional, regional, federal funds, the European Social Fund (ESF) or the European Commission.

Type of Organisation: NGO

#### **Country of origin**

Country in which the practice is based.

EU or EEA country: Germany

or:

Non-EU country: Enter name if non EU country



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