



Together against radicalisation

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COVID-19 continues to dominate both the news, political and social agenda. With infections on the rise in many EU Member States the pandemic is showing no signs of abating. Yet, as time goes on we have learnt to adapt and the new normal has started to take shape. That is not to diminish the impact of COVID-19. While the pandemic places great strain on health services and economies alike, the social consequences, both on communities and individuals, are becoming more and more apparent. For practitioners working in the field of P/CVE, the pandemic therefore presents its own set of challenges, but challenges that they are rising to. Increasing isolation, community tensions and disinformation and pressure on resources are contributing to a fertile ground for terrorist and extremists to recruit. To address this changing threat, RAN is hosting a series of activities in October which will give practitioners the opportunity to exchange views, insights and experiences, including at the annual RAN Plenary event on 21 and 22 October. This month's RAN Update takes a look at these activities and how RAN practitioners can participate.

COVID-19

RAN activities

The topic of COVID-19 and how the pandemic is impacting the P/CVE environment in Europe will be addressed in a number of RAN activities in the final few months of this year, including four webinars, the RAN Plenary and three Working Group meetings. These digital meetings will touch upon different aspects of the changing threat as diverse

as conspiracy theories, disinformation and misinformation, terrorist and violent extremist narratives that polarise, and youth isolation. For more information about RAN activities please see below or visit the RAN Calendar on our website [here ...](#) ▶

RAN content

Over the coming weeks, RAN is producing a series of products including both film and written content, which give a select group of practitioners and representatives from the technology industry the chance to share their unique perspectives on how the pandemic is impacting the P/CVE environment in Europe. Two films, one of which focuses on the challenge of reintegrating child returnees, will be showcased in the next edition of the RAN Spotlight publication which will contain original articles from practitioners from the RAN network on their experiences of the pandemic.



The View

RAN is launching a new panel – called ‘The View’ – which will come together to discuss some of the most important, relevant and timely P/CVE issues, topics or challenges of the day. The View panel, made up of some of the leading practitioners and policy makers working in the field of P/CVE, will exchange their thoughts, ideas and views on a topic. The View will be brought together for this first time this month to discuss the impact of COVID-19.



RAN PLENARY

On Wednesday and Thursday 21–22 October 2020, RAN will deliver its annual RAN Plenary. This year the Plenary will take place in a digital setting. At the Plenary, practitioners from the RAN working group constituencies will look back at the work that RAN has carried out in 2020 and will look ahead to 2021 and beyond.

The main objective of the RAN Plenary is to help set the priorities for the RAN Annual Activity Plan 2021. In addition, it aims to:

- ▶ **address new topical angles in P/CVE**
- ▶ **meet beyond the normal composition of the Working Groups**
- ▶ **encourage discussion between working groups and an exchange of views on identifying joint outcomes.**

This year, participants will also reflect upon the impact of the corona pandemic, how it might enhance existing or create new breeding grounds for radicalisation and violent extremism and how this challenges current P/CVE practice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, RAN will deliver all Working Group meetings in the coming months online and until such a time that we can safely meet in person. Further information will be published in future Updates.

OCTOBER 2020

RAN YOUNG review panel

RAN YOUNG | 1-2 October 2020

A panel of young P/CVE actors will review a selection of P/CVE practices from across Europe which are targeted at young people. The panel will provide their perspective on and recommendations for each of the practices.

Self Review Exit Work

Webinar | 7 October 2020

This webinar will be based on the RAN [Peer and Self Review Manual for Exit work](#), published in January 2020. The goal of this webinar is to disseminate the manual's key findings and to give further insights into how the implementation of the manual could look like.

Religious Counselling in Prisons, dealing with religion in prisons

RAN PRISONS | 6-7 October 2020

The meeting will be an opportunity to share inspiring practices and to discuss questions such as: What is the role of religious counselling in prisons and how is this role communicated? What do religious counsellors within prisons need to be able to work successfully? What are the main challenges and how can they be overcome? What kind of training does prison staff need? The meeting will also discuss interreligious dialogue as one of the ways to deal with religion in prisons, as well as lessons learned from the past years.

Evaluations / impact of strategy and interventions on local level for local coordinators

Webinar | 14 October 2020

More information to follow. Please keep an eye on the [calendar](#) on the RAN website for up-to-date information.

Police and VRWE lone actors

Webinar | 20 October 2020

More information to follow. Please keep an eye on the [calendar](#) on the RAN website for up-to-date information.

PUBLICATIONS

Transgenerational Transmission of Extremist Ideologies

A new paper provides insights for practitioners, particularly teachers and youth workers working in P/CVE, on different approaches to safeguarding children from such radicalisation by their own families and communities. The paper explores the best practices and lessons learned from adjacent fields, such as gangs and cults. The paper draws on the insights gathered from participants at the RAN Youth and Education meeting on 'Transgenerational Transmission of Extremist Ideologies' held online on 4th and 5th June 2020.

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CONCLUSION PAPER

RAN Youth & Education

4-5 June 2020

Digital meeting

Transgenerational Transmission of Extremist Ideologies – learning from adjacent fields: Cults and Gangs

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