

RAN Collection template practice

<p>Name of the practice</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>EXIT-Deutschland</p>
<p>Description (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>EXIT-Germany is an initiative assisting individuals, who want to leave the extreme right-wing movement and start a new life. Being the first to start such an endeavour in Germany, EXIT-Germany constitutes one of the most experienced and successful programmes in deradicalisation and exit-assistance in the world. EXIT-Germany has been continuously working to help individuals from all backgrounds, but mainly from highly radicalised milieus (group leaders, terrorists, party leaders) to leave the movement and to develop methods and programmes in the field. EXIT-Germany helps individuals who want to leave the right-wing radical milieu to develop new perspectives outside the right-wing environment. We arrange contacts, provide practical aid and answer questions regarding personal safety, social problems and individual reappraisal.</p> <p>The essential core of EXIT-Germany's philosophy is that the critical reassessment of the person's past and the dismantling of the radical ideology are absolutely necessary to leave a radical milieu. EXIT-Germany does not actively search for dropouts since the initiative to leave the scene comes from individuals themselves. Anyone can contact us via phone, email, text message and/or mail. An 'exit' is considered completed by us when a critical reflection, reassessment as well as successful challenge of the old ideology have taken place. Thus, 'exit' to us means more than simply leaving a party or group. It also goes beyond changing the aesthetics of expression or refraining from violence. An exit is successful when the fundamental</p>

	<p>ideologies and purposes of the previous actions have been resolved.</p> <p>EXIT-Germany also counsels families affected by right-wing extremism and analyses critical situations. We create new scenarios to make opportunities available and counter helplessness and anxieties. Likewise, we help to disentangle family members from the scene. We establish contact with former right-wing extremists and help motivate right-wing adolescents to avoid or leave the movement. We counsel teachers, police officers, institutions, individuals and anyone who needs advice.</p> <p>We also counsel institutions, communities, governments and individuals in setting up de-radicalisation and disengagement programmes and strategies. We've worked nationally and internationally with smaller municipalities. The counselling ranges from individual assessments to formulation and execution of strategies and projects.</p>
<p>Peer reviewed</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Key themes</p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Violent right-wing extremism</p> <p>Deradicalisation/disengagement</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Formers</p> <p>Families</p> <p>Authorities</p>
<p>Geographical scope</p> <p>Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).</p>	<p>EXIT-Deutschland works throughout Germany.</p>
<p>Start of the practice</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>2000</p>

Deliverables

Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.

EXIT-Germany relies on innovative communication strategies to reach its target group, and constantly designs new campaigns, such as the [Trojan T-Shirt](#) or the '[Nazis against Nazis](#)' walkathon or [Ausstieg – \(K\)ein Weg zurück](#).

In addition to numerous flyers, booklets, videos, and academic articles we are also involved in expert hearings, policy recommendations and educational work. For more information, please visit www.exit-deutschland.de

Exhibition: [Under the skin](#) – Former neo-Nazis and their symbols. For more than two years, photographer Jakob Ganslmeier accompanied the work of EXIT-Germany as well as the formers in their drop-out process. The project is a combination of photographs and interviews designed to make the process of profound change visible. He photographed and documented the visible drop-out process, conducted interviews with formers and employees of EXIT-Germany, and attended tattoo removals or cover-ups.

Podcast Skin, Stone

The podcast tells the stories of five men and two women about their entry and exit: about reasons, doubts, from the decision to the break, about their life after the exit and the removal of scene tattoos. While the exhibition documents the removal of the tattoos photographically, the story makes the person behind the photographs visible.

The stories were recorded by Felix Lobrecht, Patrick Salmen, Julia Gamez Martin, Steffen Schroeder, Felix Römer, Ariana Baborie, and Kai Lüftner.

The podcast is available on Spotify, Podigee and everywhere else podcasts are available.

(German)

https://open.spotify.com/show/6G4qiCFXde8r0R2NcWU5fo?g_o=1&sp_cid=9037c541974e547a4764014ba9b074ef&utm_source=embed_player_p&utm_medium=desktop&nd=1

Exhibition: <https://www.exit-deutschland.de/ausstellungen/?c=under-the-skin>

Journal EXIT-Deutschland

The journal EXIT-Deutschland (JEX) is a regularly published journal in the German-speaking area for scientific interdisciplinary exchange with practice on deradicalisation, extremism and democratic culture with scientific claim.

www.journal-exit.de

Podcast

We offer different podcast formats (only German) dealing with the topic of exit and deradicalisation. Our [video podcast](#) discusses practical experiences and scientific approaches and problems of deradicalisation and exit work. The [audio podcast](#) tells the stories of people who have left the right-wing extremist scene and had their neo-Nazi tattoos removed.

Risk Assessment

EXIT Germany developed SAdRa

SAdRa (Structuring Aid for the Analysis of (De)Radicalisation Processes) supports the counsellor in structuring case information, making well-founded statements about radicality and risk as well as deriving measures for case counselling, thus enabling him/her to act and communicate more confidently. SAdRa is designed for counselling practice and oriented towards the resources and risks of the counselling clients. SAdRa was developed in cooperation with HAYAT-Germany, DNE-Germany and EXIT-Germany and is currently in the beta phase. More about [SAdRa](#)

Annual reports (in German)

- [2021](#)
- [2020](#)
- [2019](#)

Newsletter

The EXIT-Deutschland [Newsletter](#) provides regular information about the initiative, news, and relevant articles on and about EXIT-Deutschland and our Journal EXIT-Deutschland.

Visit also our English-language [homepage](#).

20 years of EXIT Germany

With this anniversary booklet (German), we would like to give an overview of the diverse work of EXIT Germany and present our projects and initiatives that frame the [exit work](#).

Contributions to the topics: Standards and Risk Management

- F. Wichmann (2022): How to use campaigns for exit work? An overview of Exit Germany's target group approach. Journal EXIT-Deutschland.

- F. Wichmann, A. Ritzmann (2021): Reporting about Violent Extremism and P/CVE Challenges for Journalists – Recommendations from Practitioners. Radicalisation Awareness Network.
- U. Krause, B. Wagner, F. Wichmann (2021): Standards EXIT-Deutschland. Ausgestiegene in der politischen Aufklärungsarbeit. Schriftenreihe Zentrum Demokratische Kultur, Berlin.
- F. Wichmann (2021): New Threat? Transnational violent right-wing extremism on the rise. In: Spotlight 4/2021.
- B. Wagner, U. Krause, F. Wichmann (2012): Aussteigen aus dem Rechtsextremismus – Die Ausstiegsarbeit von EXIT-Deutschland. Journal EXIT-Deutschland, Berlin.
- B. Wagner (2020): Die personale Radikalitätsmetamorphose. Journal EXIT-Deutschland, Berlin.
- B. Wagner (2020): "Ich will raus" – Deradikalisierung und Ausstiegsarbeit mit Rechtsextremisten. In: Dierk Borstel und Kemal Bozay (Hg.): Kultur der Anerkennung statt Menschenfeindlichkeit. Antworten für die pädagogische und politische Praxis. Weinheim, Basel: Beltz Juventa, S. 269–308.
- B. Wagner, U. Krause, F. Wichmann, F. Benneckenstein (2020) Jubiläumsheft 20 Jahre EXIT-Deutschland. ZDK Gesellschaft Demokratische Kultur gGmbH, Berlin. [Jubiläumsheft 20Jahre EXIT-Deutschland.pdf](#)
- B. Wagner (2020) Die Botschaft: Ehemalige Rechtsextreme in der schulischen Bildung – Eine Erfahrungsskizze. In: Frühere Extremisten in der schulischen Präventionsarbeit. Perspektiven aus Wissenschaft und Praxis. Bonn. [Online abrufbar unter](#)
- B. Wagner (2020): Rechtsradikalismus in der Spät-DDR. In: Uwe Backes und Steffen Kailitz (Hg.): Sachsen – Eine Hochburg des Rechtsextremismus? 1. Auflage. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht (Schriften des Hannah-Arendt-Instituts für Totalitarismusforschung, Band 066), S. 21–43.
- B. Wagner, T. Fischer (2019) Risiko Radikalität. Bewerten im Beratungsalltag. Handreichung für soziale und psychologische Berufe. Edition Widerschein, Schriftenreihe Zentrum Demokratische Kultur, Berlin. [Mehr erfahren](#)
- U. Krause; F. Wichmann (2019) Kein EXIT ohne EXIT – Ausgestiegene über EXIT-Deutschland. Begleitpublikation zum EXIT Salon "Radikal anders". ZDK Gesellschaft Demokratische Kultur gGmbH, Berlin. [Download PDF](#)
- M. Logvinov (2019) Risikoeinschätzung Radikalierter und Risikomanagement in der Fallarbeit Prognoseinstrumente und ihre Relevanz aus praktischer Sicht. Schriftenreihe Zentrum Demokratische Kultur, Edition Widerschein, Berlin. [Mehr erfahren](#)

- M. Logvinov; T. Fischer (2019) Risiko- und Gefahrenbewertung im Umgang mit politisch-ideologisch-religiös radikalen Personen. Edition Widerschein, Schriftenreihe Zentrum Demokratische Kultur, Berlin. [Mehr erfahren](#)
- B. Wagner; F. Wichmann (2019) EXIT-Deutschland/HAYAT-Deutschland – Ausgangspunkte, Prinzipien und Richtpunkte der Aktivitäten von aus extremistischen Kontexten Ausgestiegener in der Counter- und Formaten der Bildungsarbeit. EXIT-Deutschland 2019 (aktualisierte Fassung Oktober 2019). [Bildungsarbeit Ausgestiegener in der Counter- und Formaten der Bildungsarbeit .pdf](#)
- F. Benneckenstein, M. Scheffler, S. Rochow, F. Wichmann (2018) Wenn aus Vorurteilen Urteile werden und Urteilen Konsequenzen folgen. Perspektiven auf den Ausstieg. In: Ausstiege aus dem Extremismus im Prisma diverser Perspektiven. Journal EXIT-Deutschland, Berlin. [Online abrufbar](#)
- F. Wichmann; F. Benneckenstein (2017) Einmal Nazi, immer Nazi? Arbeit und Erfahrungen von EXIT-Deutschland in der Ausstiegsbegleitung In: Nie wieder. Schon wieder. Immer noch. Rechtsextremismus in Deutschland seit 1945, Katalog zur Ausstellung 29.11.2017–02.04.2018, Herausgegeben von Winfried Nerdinger in Zusammenarbeit mit Mirjana Grdanjski und Ulla-Britta Vollhardt, Metropol Verlag, Berlin.
- Wagner, Bernd (2014) Rechtsradikalismus in der Spät-DDR Zur militant-nazistischen Radikalisierung in der DDR-Gesellschaft (Dissertation). Edition Widerschein, Berlin.
- Wagner, Wichmann, Krause (2014) AUSSTIEGSBLÄTTER – Hinweise zum Ausstieg mit EXIT-Deutschland Hg. ZDK Gesellschaft Demokratische Kultur gGmbH, Berlin.
- B. Wagner; RECHTSRADIKALISMUS Junge Rechtsradikale im Strafverfahren Auflagen und Weisungen – Möglichkeiten und Grenzen in der Deradikalisierung Hg. ZDK Gesellschaft Demokratische Kultur gGmbH, Berlin 2014.
- Bernd Wagner (2015): [Right-wing radicalism – Young right-wing radicals in criminal proceedings – Possibilities and limitations of de-radicalisation](#). Berlin. Edition widerschein.

We are happy to share our experience - for example in reports on dropouts. Here we have a [collection of videos](#) on this topic that might be interesting. [Counteraction-to-manifestations-of-neo-Nazism](#)

[Preventing Terrorism and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism: A Community-Policing Approach](#). Published by the Organisation for Security and Co-

	operation in Europe (OSCE) Vienna, February 2014. OSCE 2014
<p>Evidence and evaluation</p> <p>Short description on <u>performance measures</u> of the practice, including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>qualitative views and quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention. 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? 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. <p>Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.</p>	<p>Project- & Programme evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2004-2005 Evaluation durch Prof. Dr. Birgit Rommelsbacher (Bundesprogramm VARIABEL) Ein Bericht liegt nicht vor. Es erschien das Buch Rommelsbacher, Birgit: Der Hass hat uns geeint – Junge Rechtsextreme und ihr Ausstieg aus der Szene, Campus, Frankfurt 2005 • 2007-2010 Evaluation der EXIT-Familienhilfe "VIELFALT TUT GUT. Jugend für Vielfalt, Toleranz und Demokratie" und "Kompetent. für Demokratie – Beratungsnetzwerke gegen Rechtsextremismus" Förderphase 2007 – 2010 • 2007-2010 Wissenschaftliche Begleitung der EXIT-Familienhilfe (Bundesprogramm VIELFALT TUT GUT) Abschlussbericht der Wissenschaftlichen Begleitung im Themencluster "Arbeit mit rechtsextremistisch gefährdeten Jugendlichen" im Programm "VIELFALT TUT GUT. Jugend für Vielfalt, Toleranz und Demokratie – gegen Rechtsextremismus, Fremdenfeindlichkeit und Antisemitismus" (Kerstin Sischka, FU Berlin) Download.pdf • 2006-2011 Evaluation von Projekten im Rahmen der Lokalen Aktionspläne (LAP) im Auftrag des Bundesprogramms "VIELFALT TUT GUT" • 2009 Teilevaluation durch die Amadeu Antonio Stiftung im Programm "Living Equality" der Ford Foundation durch Prof. Dr. Andreas Zick • 2011-2013 Evaluation durch die (GIB) Gesellschaft für Innovationsforschung und Beratung mbH Wissenschaftliches Institut Evaluation des "XENOS-Sonderprogramms Ausstieg zum Einstieg" (Im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS) Download.pdf • 2015 – 2020 Programmevaluation und wissenschaftliche Begleitung im Rahmen des Förderprogramms "Demokratie leben!". • 2016 Best-Practice: TerRa European Network based prevention and learning program • 2017 – 2020 Evaluation „Demokratie leben!“. Zweiter Bericht der Bundesregierung über Arbeit und Wirksamkeit der Bundesprogramme zur Extremismusprävention • 2020 First-Line-Practitioners Evaluation of practices in the field of violent extremism, terrorism and organized crime response that has been conducted

	<p>by the partners of the EU-project TAKEDOWN / Evaluation of Exit-Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 – Evaluation im Rahmen des Förderprogramms „Demokratie leben!“. <p>Information in the context of enquiries to the Federal Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012 Answer by the Federal Government to a question by the Left Party Download.pdf • 2018 Answer by the Federal Government to a question by the parliamentary group Die Linke Aussteigerprogramme für Rechtsextremisten <p>Information within the framework of verbatim records</p> <p>EXIT-Deutschland, represented by Dr Bernd Wagner and Fabian Wichmann, was heard and questioned as an expert organisation on exit and deradicalisation at the 28th session of the Committee for the Protection of the Constitution of the Berlin House of Representatives on Wednesday, 20 November 2019. Bericht und Wortprotokoll</p> <p>Evaluation of events and university seminars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Evaluation of a lecture (former) Download.jpg • 2012 Evaluation of the Technical University of Braunschweig (Seminar: Exiting Right-Wing Extremism - an Exhibition) Download.pdf • 2012 Course evaluation of the Georg-August-University Göttingen (Seminar: Right-wing extremism in the classroom) 20131202101045000.pdf
<p>Sustainability and transferability (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 work approach of EXIT-Germany is basically transferable. However, the implementation and design in particular must be adapted to local and regional conditions. Furthermore, the size of the target group that potentially has a need for an EXIT offer has to be evaluated and the measures and implementations have to be adjusted accordingly.</p>
<p>Presented and discussed in RAN meeting</p> <p>Please note that to be included in the Collection, the practice is</p>	<p>RAN EXIT / RAN C&N / RAN Policy</p>

<p>preferably nominated through one of the RAN meetings. Add name of the RAN Working Group/event, date, place and subject of meeting.</p>	
<p>Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding (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 (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>SAFIRE 2011 / 2012</p>
<p>Organisation (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>ZDK Society Democratic Culture</p> <p>ZDK Society Democratic Culture champions the fundamental values of freedom and dignity throughout Germany. Our initiatives serve to prevent and raise awareness of violence and extremism. We challenge terrorist and radical ideological movements like right-wing extremism and Islamism that counter fundamental freedoms and human rights.</p> <p>Our mission is the idea of a functioning liberal, democratic, humane, and inclusive democracy.</p> <p>The ZDK Society Democratic Culture was founded in 2003, developing from the Centre for Democratic Culture (ZDK) that was founded in Berlin in 1997.</p> <p>The society is led by graduate criminologist Dr Bernd Wagner.</p> <p>NGO</p>
<p>Country of origin</p> <p>Country in which the practice is based.</p>	<p>Germany</p>
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