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Innovations in digital technology are giving more and more opportunities to violent extremist groups all around the world to radicalise and recruit. Such groups are now increasingly adept at adopting, adapting and exploiting the latest digital technologies to reach and engage their audiences online. As practitioners therefore, we need to stay abreast of the latest digital trends, recognise that the lines between offline and online are becoming increasingly blurred and find ways to get online. In this edition of the RAN Practitioners Update we take a look at some of the work being done by practitioners online, including law enforcement agencies, youth workers and exit workers. To do this, the Update features the latest RAN In Focus podcasts, a recent RAN Reporters film and relevant Spotlight magazine.

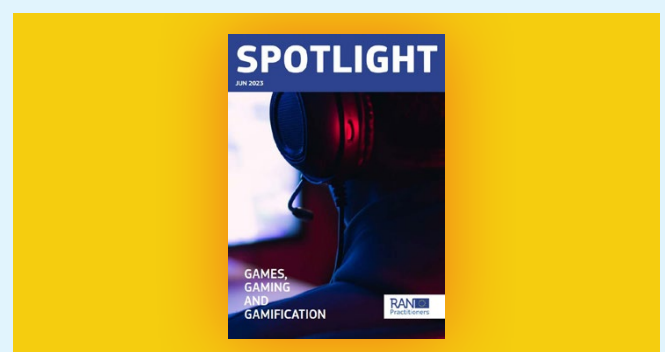
ONLINE INTERVENTIONS

RAN Reporters

In a recent episode of RAN Reporters – a series of films which uncover some of the best and most interesting and innovative projects being delivered by members of the RAN Practitioners network – we visit Tallinn in Estonia, to learn about online community policing and the work of the Web Constables. [You can watch the film in full on the RAN Practitioners YouTube channel here.](#)

Spotlight

A RAN Practitioners Spotlight magazine from 2023 takes a look at both how violent extremist organisations exploit gaming and gaming-adjacent platforms to radicalise and recruit young people, as well as the opportunity that games and gaming represents for practitioners working in P/CVE. [You can access the magazine on the RAN Practitioners website here.](#)



RAN in Focus

RAN Practitioners has produced a new three-part series of podcasts, called RAN in Focus, which explore the world of on online interventions. The podcasts take an in-depth look at digital youth work, community policing online and online exit work. You can find out more, including links to the RAN Practitioners YouTube channel where you can listen to each of the three podcasts in the section below.

PODCASTS

Digital youth work

The first in a three-part series of RAN In Focus podcasts on online interventions, explores the world of digital youth work. In conversation, the podcast discusses the work of Werner Prinzjakowitsch from the Vienna Association of Youth Centres and the challenges he has faced in connecting with and supporting young people online. [You can listen to the podcast in full on the RAN Practitioners YouTube channel here.](#)

Community policing online

The second in the three-part series of RAN in Focus podcasts on online interventions, explores the world of community policing online. In conversation, the podcast discusses the work of Stefan Jansen and how he reaches and engages young people online, through the project 'Gaming with the Police'. [You can listen to the podcast in full on the RAN Practitioners YouTube channel here.](#)

PROJECTS

Orpheus

We continue our series of featuring some of the best P/CVE projects funded by the EU. In this Update we focus on the ORPHEUS project, which aims to prevent the radicalisation of young people both online and offline. [Read more here.](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Adolescent boys returning from Da'esh territory

This paper captures the main insights from a RAN Practitioners study visit to the Union of Flemish Cities and Municipalities (VVSG) in Brussels, where participants discussed the challenges surrounding the safe repatriation, rehabilitation and reintegration of adolescent boys to Europe from Iraq and Syria, and the different approaches available to them. [Read more here.](#)

Resocialisation and reintegration measures for VETOs post prison-release in the Western Balkans

This paper delves into the concept of violent extremism within the Western Balkans, offering insights into the historical backdrop. It also provides an overview of deradicalisation, disengagement, and resocialisation (DDR) practices, highlighting the challenges and gaps encountered during the post-release phase. Furthermore, the paper highlights specific DDR practices. [Read more here.](#)

Improving risk assessment: Accounting for gender

This paper assesses why gender should be a consideration in risk assessment. To do this, the paper takes a look at women's radicalisation and gender roles, and the challenges and gaps in assessing violent extremist women. The paper provides practical guidance and recommendations for practitioners looking to develop risk assessments for women. [Read more here.](#)

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