The Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) is a network of frontline practitioners who work daily with both those vulnerable to radicalisation and those who have already been radicalised. Civil society representatives, social workers, youth workers, teachers, healthcare professionals, local authority representatives, police officers and prison officers are all engaged in both preventing and countering violent extremism in all its forms, and in rehabilitating and reintegrating violent extremists.

About RAN in the Western Balkans aims to support the prevention of radicalisation in the region and enhance synergies between EU and Western Balkans professionals. The project aims to map and bring together practitioners working in the Western Balkans, establish a pool of experts and organise meetings, workshops, webinars, trainings and study visits around relevant P/CVE themes so that professionals can exchange ideas and share good practices.

Challenge
The Western Balkans face a number of challenges from violent extremism, including the deradicalisation and reintegration of returnee Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) and their families and the resurgence of violent right wing extremism (VRWE).

Main Topics
- Foreign Terrorist Fighters and their family members (FTFs)
- Violent Right-Wing Extremism (VRWE)

Events
- 5 topical meetings
- 2 national workshops
- 2 webinars
- 2 trainings
- 3 study visits in the EU (Berlin, Stockholm and Paris)
- 2 study visits in the Western Balkans
- 1 ‘cross-cutting event’

Participants
- 300+ participants to date

Publications
- 1 comprehensive overview
- 4 consolidated overviews
- 4 ad hoc papers

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- 1,070 individuals travelled to Syria and Iraq (Since 2012)
- 485 individuals have returned
- 50+ terrorism related arrests in 2020/2021

Get involved
To find out more about RAN in the Western Balkans, and how to participate in the activities and access the papers listed above, visit the RAN website or email us at ran@radareurope.nl.