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A new year often heralds a new beginning, a time to reflect, appraise what needs to be done and set goals and ambitions for the year ahead. While it can bring fresh hope for what can be achieved, it also brings with it a new set of challenges. This is no different for practitioners working in P/CVE. In the last two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has given new opportunities for terrorists to radicalise and recruit. As we enter the second month of 2022, there are a diverse range of emerging and evolving P/CVE threats which practitioners must be cognisant of. To help us to map and understand these threats, this edition of the RAN Practitioners Update features the latest episodes of both 'The View' and 'RAN in Focus', which take a look at the P/CVE landscape in Europe today and forecast some of the key P/CVE threats practitioners might have to tackle in the coming months. A full list of upcoming RAN Practitioners events can be found within.

EMERGING THREATS

The View

The latest episode of The View, which was published on the RAN Practitioners YouTube channel in January, takes a look at the year ahead. A panel of leading experts in P/CVE, from government, academic and civil society, reflect on the most pressing P/CVE issues of the day – including the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of events in Afghanistan and the spread of disinformation and conspiracy narratives – and scan the horizon at what's new, interesting and cutting edge in P/CVE.

[You can watch The View in full here...](#) ▶

Podcast

The latest episode of RAN in Focus – a series of podcasts which give practitioners the opportunity to exchange views and insights on some of most topical P/CVE issues of the day – explores some of the emerging P/CVE threats which practitioners should be aware of in 2022. This episode of RAN in Focus invites in three experts to discuss the evolving threat posed by disinformation and conspiracy narratives, and the increasingly prominent Violent Left Wing Extremist threat.

[You can listen to the podcast in full here..](#) ▶

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day

Thursday, 27th January marked The International Holocaust Remembrance Day – or the International Day in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust – a day which commemorates the victims of the Holocaust. With DG Justice publishing an ‘EU Strategy on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life (2021-2030)’, the need to tackle anti-Semitism is very much forefront of RAN Practitioners thinking. In Q1 the Communications and Narratives Working Group will look at how anti-Semitic narratives are used by various extremist groups.

RAN Reporters

The latest episode of RAN Reporters visits the Auschwitz-Birkenau museum in Poland. The programme – which uncovers some of the work and practices of the groups and individuals who are part of the RAN Practitioners network – meets Jacek Purski, to learn about his work delivering training to museum staff to help them to spot and report signs of extremist behaviour.

[You can watch this episode of RAN Reporters in full here..](#) ▶

SURVEY

With the aim of identifying good practices and fostering exchange between practitioners, both inside and outside of the RAN Practitioners network, RAN Practitioners is on the lookout for EU-funded projects which prevent and counter violent extremism (P/CVE). Each month, the RAN Practitioners Update will feature one or two selected projects. To have the opportunity for your project to be featured and/or to help us to identify projects which should be better known,

[please complete a short questionnaire here...](#) ▶

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, RAN Practitioners will continue to deliver all meetings in the coming months online. For more information on planned meetings please go to the [RAN Practitioners website](#). A full set of meetings planned for the upcoming months of 2022 will be published shortly on the RAN Practitioners website.

2022

Mind the gap: Social media literacy to the next level for educators and youth professionals. How to bridge the gap between the online and offline world?

RAN Y&E | 08-09 March 2022

Informal meeting preparation Remembrance Day

RAN VoT | 10 March 2022

18th European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism

11 March 2022

Thematic Event - Conspiracy narratives, anti-government sentiment and VRWE radicalisation

16 March 2022

Hybrid social work and digital awareness for families

RAN FC&S | 16-17 March 2022

The RAN YOUNG Review Panel

RAN YOUNG | 22-23 March 2022

Preventing and countering radicalisation of police, military and prison staff

RAN POL WG Meeting | 23-24 March 2022

Dealing with anti-establishment extremism on the local level

RAN LOCAL | 24-25 March 2022

Exploring digital/hybrid exit and rehab work

RAN REHABILITATION | 24-25 March 2022

Small-scale meeting - Dissemination of extremist ideology and radicalisation within unofficial prayer rooms

30 March 2022

Anti-Semitism as the basis of almost all extremist ideologies and narratives

RAN C&N | 29-30 March 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Quality management of P/CVE interventions in secondary and tertiary prevention

A new paper provides insights for practitioners on some of the key facets of quality management in the context of secondary and tertiary prevention measures. The paper analyses and breaks down quality management in various processes, tools and methods, and provides practitioners with starting points for its implementation in related monitoring and reporting systems.

[Read more here...](#) ▶

Gender-sensitive responses to returnees from foreign terrorist organisations

A new paper provides insights for practitioners on how to deal with women returning to Europe from Syria and Iraq. The paper highlights the gendered experiences of women in Daesh and the gender needs of women returnees. The second part of the paper identifies the involvement of various professions in the rehabilitation and reintegration of women returnees from Daesh to the EU. [Read more here...](#) ▶

Islamist extremist converts – Challenges and recommendations for rehabilitation work

A new paper provides insights for practitioners on particular challenges related to their rehabilitation of Islamist extremist converts. The paper aims to sensitise practitioners working with extremist converts regarding some of the most relevant issues around conversion and extremism and to provide some indications regarding potential pathways for deradicalisation, exit work and rehabilitation. [Read more here...](#) ▶

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