

RAN Collection practice template

Name of the practice

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.

Description

(max. 300 words)

Short description of the aim and working method of the practice. Please note that in this description, it must be clear that there is an explicit connection to preventing and/or countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism. 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.

Family Counselling – Support for parents of 'foreign fighters' or youths at risk to be radicalised

Family Counselling supports parents of 'foreign fighters' and guides them in their communication process with their radicalised children. At the same time, the project aims to help young people at risk of radicalisation and to prevent the recruitment of vulnerable youths. Family Counselling is designed to support parents during both the absence of their children as 'foreign fighters' and the return process of their radicalised children.

Approach

The project extends consultation and support to parents or other concerned persons worried about young people who are either attracted by the idea of becoming a 'foreign fighter' or who are already involved in combat operations.

After parents contact Family Counselling via a special hotline, the trainers arrange to meet them so as to address their fears and explain their options for action. The counselling aims to stabilise their relationship to the young person at hand, in order to start a guided deradicalisation process.

Furthermore, the team establishes a support network that involves the entire social and family environment: together, they design an individual support programme tailored to the needs of the young person at risk.





Key themes Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.	Family support Deradicalisation/disengagement
Target audience Please choose a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice. Geographical scope Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).	Families Youth / Pupils / Students Add additional target audience. Berlin, Bavaria, Hesse, Saxony, Thuringia (DE)
Start of the practice 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.	Starting year: 2012 The counselling has previously been part of a service offered jointly by four NGOs and the Federal Office of Migration and Refugees of Germany, which is part of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI). It was set up in 2012.
Deliverables Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.	Standards in der Beratung des sozialen Umfelds (mutmaßlich) islamistisch radikalisierter Personen, 2., erw. Aufl. Übersichtskarte Beratungsstellen-Netzwerk Manual "Standards in counselling for the social environment of (potentially) radicalised Islamist individuals" General Map "Advice centre network of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)"
Evidence and evaluation Short description on performance measures of the practice, including	The evaluation of the NGOs responsible for Family Counselling in Germany was monitored by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). It ended in 2017 and was published in 2018. The focus of this evaluation was on the counselling process (https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Publikatione n/Forschungsberichte/fb31-evaluation-beratungsstelleradikalisierung.pdf;jsessionid=52D8DFAADE9289807EAC322 30B4CF112.2_cid294?blob=publicationFile).



- 1. <u>qualitative views and</u> <u>quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention.
- evaluation and feedback, 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?
- peer review which feedback did the practice receive in the RAN working group and/or study visit where the practice was discussed.

Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.

Client feedback and the evaluation both reveal that for the target group (parents and relatives), the Violence Prevention Network's approach offers considerable help in the communication process and the problems this group encounters with their offspring.

Sustainability and transferability

(maximum of 200 words)

Short description on the sustainability and transferability of the practice, including e.g. information on the costs of the practice. Please elaborate on which elements are transferrable and how.

Since the BAMF withdrew from the project at the end of 2017, the Family Counselling project is now operated by the Violence Prevention Network's Advice Centres in five federal states.

Presented and discussed in RAN meeting

Please note that to be included in the Collection, the practice is preferably nominated through one of the RAN meetings. Add name of the RAN Working Group/event, date, place and subject of meeting. Name: RAN INT/EXT

Date: 26 May 2014

Place: Berlin

Subject: Enter subject of meeting.

Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding

(maximum of 100 words)

Please indicate how your project was funded, if your practice is linked to other EU initiatives or projects, AND explicitly note if it is Initiator and founding member of the European Network of De-radicalisation (EnoD).

Member of Advisory Board of Impact Europe

WG Leader of the RAN Working Group EXIT (together with EXIT Sweden, until 2020).



(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.

The organisation's projects have been or are being financed by institutional, regional, federal funds, the ESF or the European Commission.

Organisation

(enter maximum of 100 words and select organisation type)

Please briefly describe the organisation behind the practice including the legal status e.g. NGO, governmental, limited company, charity etc.

The NGO Violence Prevention Network is a group of experienced specialists with many years of experience in the fields of prevention of extremism and deradicalisation. Various federal ministries, state-level justice departments, state-level and national security agencies and institutional partners have worked closely with the association from its inception, and value the group's high degree of knowledge and competency and outstanding reputation. The main focus of Violence Prevention Network is to work directly with radicalised people at different stages of radicalisation. The aim is to support them in distancing themselves from inhumane ideologies and violent behaviour.

Type of Organisation: NGO

Country of origin

Country in which the practice is based.

EU or EEA country: Germany

or:

Non-EU country: Enter name if non EU country

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