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Changes in security, economy and environment worldwide, require that national security policies and systems are to be adapted to the new reality. Slovenia still enjoys a stable security in an unstable region. This new reality pressures us to direct our actions to prevention. That is why these recent years we put a great deal of attention to awareness and early detection of radicalisation. Slovenia started a National platform based on the structure and the Slovenian participants from the RAN. The aim is to connect with all the practitioners in Slovenia who are dealing with people who are vulnerable for radicalisation. To ensure the success of involvement of different actors in the national RAN platform, strong political support is needed. The next step is to transfer this structure and approach to first line practitioners on the local level. They need to be trained for prevention work in order to respond and react to cases of radicalisation. Here we see an important role for the RAN to train the practitioners and provide train-the-trainer workshops.

Our countries and regions are closely connected, also in terms of security. This is why Slovenia also seeks the close connection to the EU and Western Balkans. All problems ultimately affect and influence events in others regions. National efforts can only be limited. We need to combine our efforts. We think that the RAN approach and network should be transferred to the Western Balkan region.

Slovenia started with the First Line project in 2016 and aims to connect practitioners from the RAN to practitioners from the Western Balkans. By presenting the legal background and exchange of knowledge and experiences, we will help the targeted countries in creating the appropriate conditions and opportunities to counter violent extremism. In October 2016 study visits were organised to all Western Balkan countries. They already have national strategies and national coordination in place, but the majority of the practitioners should need more awareness and training. The RAN could play a role in this.