

THE RAN EXPERT PEER REVIEW

Expert Peer Review 2021: Lessons learned

In 2021, practice owners had the opportunity to receive an 'expert peer review', conducted by experts of the RAN expert pool. You can find the experts' overarching observations, lessons and recommendations below.

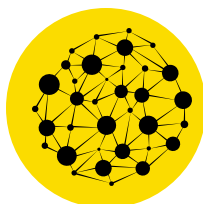
Experts recommended the following practical steps that practitioners can start themselves to improve their practice:

1. INVEST MORE IN EVALUATION



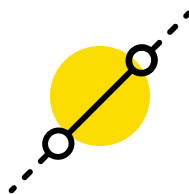
P/CVE practices could generally invest more in evaluation. Long-term evaluations are currently lacking for some practices, because the projects are depending on (short-term) funding. The reviewing experts advised to use different methods to evaluate the practices and ask an external evaluator to evaluate the practice to make it more independent. Lastly, it was advised to have a well defined quality management system in place, which makes measuring impact easier.

2. REACH YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE



The reviewing experts saw that a number of practices have the ability to reach a bigger audience and strengthen commitment. They proposed to organise a big communication campaign to focus more on individuals that are harder to reach, post video case studies and testimonials on their website and integrate their practices into local social prevention policies.

3. FORMULATE GOALS AND INDICATORS



Formulate goals and change indicators beforehand and explore the mechanisms at work into detail. This can make objectives more uniform and facilitates evaluation of the practice.

4. STRENGTHEN THE SCIENTIFIC BASE



Some practices lack a clear scientific base and can be more explicit on the theoretical aspects. It is recommended to consult systematic reviews and meta-analyses on the topic to strengthen the scientific pillars and to deepen the theoretical concepts. Furthermore, it was advised to connect with a university.

5. ENHANCE THE SKILLS OF PRACTITIONERS



In some cases, it was advised to strengthen and further professionalise the skills of the practitioners. This could be done by training, intervision sessions and connecting with external expertise.

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There has been a lot of creativity among firstline practitioners in the field of P/CVE throughout Europe, resulting in many projects and approaches. The RAN Collection comprises of more than 200 inspiring P/CVE practices.



GOALS

- Provide practice owners with the low-threshold opportunity to receive input from a peer expert on a voluntary basis;
- Raise awareness about the increasing necessity of evaluating P/CVE interventions, tools and methods;
- Further support practitioners with the professionalisation of their projects.