

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.

CoPPRa

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.

Community Policing and the Prevention of Radicalisation (CoPPRa), a project funded by the European Union and cofunded by the Belgian Federal Police, aims to improve the capacity of first-line police officers to prevent radicalisation.

Regular first-line police officers — community police officers — play an important role in preventing radicalisation: working in the field, understanding their local communities, and maintaining good community links. However, such police officers do not necessarily have a good understanding of radicalisation and vulnerability: they are not always aware of the warning signs nor do they know exactly how to respond to them, so as to prevent radicalisation. This project aimed to help address this lack by providing training and increasing knowledge.

Peer reviewed

No

Key themes

Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.

Prison and probation

Training





Target audience

Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.

Authorities

Prison / Probation

Educators / Academics

Geographical scope

Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).

Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom, as well as the Balkans (CoPPRa was the basis for the First Line project under the large umbrella of the Western Balkan Counter-Terrorism initiative (WBCTi)).

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 In case the practice is no longer active, please indicate when it ended.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: 2009

Ending year: 2013

Deliverables

Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.

- CoPPRa pocket guide for first-line police officers
 - CoPPRa 'Train the Trainer' manual
- CoPPRa e-learning on the European Police College (CEPOL) website
- CD-ROM with PowerPoint presentation of different training modules

Evidence and evaluation

Short description on <u>performance</u> <u>measures</u> of the practice, including

To date, 25 000 police officers have been trained and we have had many participants from a variety of sectors (as mentioned earlier).

The overall feedback is very positive and has led to quick and better early detection of signs of radicalisation or preparation for an attack.

The number of reports increased drastically, and the quality of the reports and their contextualisation has improved.

The parliamentary committee in charge of the police forces judged that this training programme should be replicated, thanks to its set-up, the training of trainers, the regular updates, the learning methods and focus on the respect of human rights and diversity.



- qualitative views and quantitative (statistical) data e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention.
- 2. 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.

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.

The developed materials are available free of charge for all types of bodies mentioned above.

Tools can be tailored to suit their local needs and situations (e.g. by adding or deleting local groups).

Because the process of radicalisation is an international phenomenon, and because prevention starts with first-line workers, the project is 100 % transferable to other countries or police organisations.

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 POL

Date: 11/12/2021

Place: Madrid

Subject: Police and community engagement

Name: RAN POL.

Date: 24-26 April 2012.

Place: Sofia.

Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding

(maximum of 100 words)

- Improving Security by Democratic Participation (ISDEP) (United Kingdom)



Please indicate how your project was funded, if your practice is linked to other EU initiatives or projects, AND explicitly note if it is (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.

- Financing: EU Prevention of and Fight against Crime (ISEC) funding

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.

Project pilot: Federal Police Belgium

Type of Organisation: Governmental institution

Country of origin

Country in which the practice is based.

EU or EEA country: Belgium

or:

Non-EU country: Enter name if non EU country

Contact details

Please provide contact details of who can be contacted within the organisation, with name and email address. Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

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