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As the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) transitions into the new Knowledge Hub this summer, we take a look at what RAN has been able to achieve over the past 13 years; at some of the violent extremist threats that we face today; and why and how the Knowledge Hub is set-up to tackle these threats. To do this, we feature the final RAN Practitioners Spotlight magazine, the final episode of The View and a short film which introduces the Knowledge Hub.

To learn more about the Knowledge Hub, you can read [this fact sheet and brochure](#). Work will begin on the new Knowledge Hub website over the summer. The Knowledge Hub will also develop a new comprehensive expert database. Practitioners are encouraged to register in this database when more details are shared over the summer. Registering in this database will be needed to be able to participate in the activities of the Knowledge Hub.

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Spotlight

In the final RAN Practitioners Spotlight magazine, we take a look at some of the achievements of RAN over the past 13 years and a look ahead at some of the challenges to come and how the Knowledge Hub is set-up to support first-line practitioners, policy makers and researchers alike to deal with them. [You can access the magazine on the RAN Practitioners website here.](#)

The View

In the final episode of The View – a panel show which explores some of the latest trends and issues in P/CVE – three experts take a look at the impact of global crisis, such as the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, upon European communities, as well as the P/CVE landscape in 2024. [You can watch the programme on the RAN Practitioners YouTube channel here.](#)

Film

A short film, which features a representative from the European Commission, RAN Working Group leads and a member of RAN YOUNG, introduces the Knowledge Hub as a new platform which brings together practitioners, policy makers and academics to tackle the P/CVE challenges of today and tomorrow. [You can watch the film on the RAN Practitioners YouTube channel here.](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Over the past few years RAN Practitioners has produced dozens of publications which have helped its members to better understand and address a range of P/CVE topics and issues. We include a small selection of some of the most recent, relevant and important publications below. [For more publications, you can visit the RAN Practitioners website here.](#)

RAN Handbook on Mental Health

The current version of the RAN Handbook on 'Extremism, Radicalisation & Mental Health' is designed as a research- and theory-informed aid for clinical forensic practitioners working with individuals who present with extremism risk/vulnerability and mental illness. The handbook was authored by Dr Zainab Al-Attar, University of Central Lancashire on behalf of RAN Practitioners.

[You can read the handbook in full here.](#)

Manifesto for Education

In April 2022, RAN Practitioners published a second edition of its 'Manifesto for Education', which called for educators, partners and governments to take action to stem the rise of violent extremism across Europe. This paper reviews progress made to date against the original 2015 Manifesto and identifies areas for further development. [You can read the Manifesto in full here.](#)

RAN Rehabilitation Manual

The RAN Rehabilitation Manual provides guidance for practitioners working to rehabilitate radicalised and terrorist offenders, both within and outside prison. It provides a comprehensive overview of the chronological phases of rehabilitation. The various organisations and individuals contributing to rehabilitation processes are offered a structured assessment of important points of attention. [You can access the Manual here.](#)

Responses to returning foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs)

This manual outlines responses to foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) and their families, returning or planning to return to their home countries within the EU, from conflict or post-conflict zones such as Syria and Iraq. This edition of the manual highlights responses from the perspectives of practitioners, academics and policymakers. [You can read the paper in full here.](#)

The role of gender in extremism and P/CVE

This paper discusses the role of gender within extremist groups and in an individual's radicalisation process. The paper looks into the roles of masculinity and women within these groups; if and how gender-specific approaches will affect P/CVE work; and, whether the gender of professionals themselves also influences P/CVE work. [You can read the paper in full here.](#)

Extremists' use of gaming and gaming-adjacent platforms

This discusses how traditional gaming (adjacent) platforms have contributed to extremist activities and how extremist individuals and organisations make strategic and organic use of the platforms. The paper also explores opportunities for primary and secondary prevention on gaming (adjacent) platforms. [You can read the paper in full here.](#)

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