



With the summer now firmly behind us, RAN Practitioners is gearing up for a flurry of meetings and events due to take place between now and the end of the year, including the RAN Plenary on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October. A range of topics will be explored, for instance the online dimension of P/CVE, digital literacy and hybrid ideologies. This Update will therefore take a look at one topic which is increasingly of concern to practitioners: violent left wing, anarchist and anti-establishment extremism. The issue includes the latest edition of the Spotlight publication, the latest episode of the RAN in Focus podcast series, and some of the recent papers produced by RAN Practitioners and its pool of experts.

## ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT EXTREMISM

### Spotlight

The latest issue of the RAN Practitioners Spotlight magazine takes a look at the challenge posed by violent left wing, anarchist (VLWAE) and anti-establishment extremism. The publication, which includes articles, interviews and case studies by RAN practitioners and Working Group leads, explores how conspiracy narratives have fostered anti-government sentiments, and how VLWAE and violent right wing extremist groups have exploited the COVID-19 pandemic to turn people to violence. [You can read the publication in full here...](#) ▶

## Podcast

The latest episode of the RAN Practitioners podcast series, which hears from a RAN practitioner and an expert in the field – Nicola Hieke of the State Coordination Office Live Democracy! Bavaria (LKS) and Stephan Lewandowsky from the University of Bristol respectively – discusses the role of conspiracy narratives in fostering anti-government sentiments. [You can listen to the podcast in full here...](#) ▶

## Paper

A paper published by RAN Practitioners in November 2021, provides a concise overview of, and updated figures on violent left wing and anarchist extremism (VLWAE). The purpose of the paper is to help practitioners to better understand the complexity of the phenomenon and to identify existing practices and programmes which can be implemented to address issues relating to this kind of extremism. [You can read the paper in full here...](#) ▶

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on all planned meetings over the coming months of 2022 please go to the [RAN Practitioners website](#).

### November 2022

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#### CSEP event

07-08 November

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#### Evaluation of tertiary prevention

10-11 November | RAN REHAB Working Group

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#### What's going on online? Emerging trends and developments in the online landscape of radicalisation and polarisation

10-11 November | RAN C&N Working Group

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#### What is in the European prison toolbox of DDR programmes?

15-16 November | RAN PRISONS Working Group

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#### Hybrid ideologies French

22 November | Webinar

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#### How to include art(istic) values in your PVE approach?

22-23 November | RAN Y&E Working Group

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Personality disorders and mental illnesses with implications in preventing violent extremism

A recent paper by RAN Practitioners provides insights on the challenges practitioners face when dealing with radicalised individuals with personality disorders, which are: a lack of understanding on the interplay between these specific disorders and radicalisation; how this could lead to violence; and what this means for prevention efforts and treatment options. The paper summarises the main conclusions from a RAN Health Working Group meeting which explored a range of personality disorders, with a particular focus on ASPD. [Read more here...](#) ▶

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