

# RAN Collection practice template

<p><b>Name of the practice</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Terrorist Wing Vught</b></p>
<p><b>Description</b> (max. 300 words)</p> <p>Short description of the aim and working method of the practice. Please note that in this description, it must be clear that <u>there is an explicit connection to preventing and/or countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism</u>. 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.</p>	<p>Since 2006, the Netherlands has had a specific prison regime that places those who are charged with terrorist activities, convicted of terrorist (-related) activities and / or showing signs and behaviour of radicalisation in prison, in a special wing. This means that they are (physically) separated from other prisoners. The special wing is referred to as the 'terrorist wing' (TW).</p> <p>At the time of writing, in summer 2017, the Dutch TW encompasses six different departments, located in two separate prisons. Five of these departments are located in the penitentiary institute (PI) in Vught. The main approach of the terrorist wing in Vught is to organise a healthy prison climate that promotes effective reintegration by paying attention to: safety and security, contact and relations with staff, contacts outside of prison, a sense of autonomy for the prisoner, physical well-being and a purposeful way in which to pass days.</p> <p>Once a prisoner is placed on the TW, a tailor-made approach is applied. Both in terms of safety and security, as well as for reintegration interventions.</p> <p>For safety and security reasons, a differentiation is made between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- males and females;</li> <li>- type of ideology;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whether prisoners are leaders, followers or criminal opportunists.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, a thorough assessment takes place to identify in which of the five departments the prisoner is best placed. This assessment is done by collecting all available information, psychological assessments, observations on the prisoner’s behaviour, and using the VERA 2R tool which enables a professional judgement.</p> <p>The five departments that together make up the TW in Vught have different security levels and different types of prison populations, allowing for tailor-made and differentiated placements within the TW.</p> <p>Reintegration interventions and activities are also tailor-made, based on the above-mentioned assessment and continuous repetition of those assessments. In general all prisoners in the TW have 32 hours a week for activities outside of their cells. These activities can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- outside time;</li> <li>- leisure activities such as cooking or playing games;</li> <li>- psychiatric and psychological care;</li> <li>- work (in this case either in the garden or doing laundry);</li> <li>- contact with external partner organisations (family support, life coaches, detention support);</li> <li>- educational activities (e.g. a classical Arabic course is under development).</li> </ul> <p>For all prisoners in the TW, a tailor-made care plan is developed and all are periodically assessed by a psycho-medical team.</p>
<p><b>Peer reviewed</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Key themes</b></p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Prison and probation</p> <p>Rehabilitation</p>
<p><b>Target audience</b></p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Prison / Probation</p> <p>Authorities</p> <p>Add additional target audience.</p>

<p><b>Geographical scope</b></p> <p>Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).</p>	<p>The Netherlands</p>
<p><b>Start of the practice</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Starting year: 2006</p>
<p><b>Deliverables</b></p> <p>Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The director of the TW often gives presentations and shares experiences with Dutch stakeholders, as well as other authorities and prison services outside of the Netherlands.</li> <li>- The TW in Vught is developing a structured outline of its working methods.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evidence and evaluation</b></p> <p>Short description on <u>performance measures</u> of the practice, including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>qualitative views and quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention.</li> <li>2. <u>evaluation and feedback</u>, 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?</li> <li>3. <u>peer review</u> which feedback did the practice receive in the RAN working group and/or study visit where the practice was discussed.</li> </ol> <p>Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An extensive evaluation, involving a broad range of stakeholders, was conducted in 2014 on a political initiative. The key recommendations were to differentiate between prisons in the TW, to offer a tailor-made approach and to include a new risk assessment tool VERA 2R. All recommendations have been implemented.</li> <li>- In 2010, researcher Tinka Veldhuis evaluated the Dutch approach to TWs; Vught was also included. Many changes have taken place since this research was conducted. <a href="https://icct.nl/people/ms-tinka-m-veldhuis-msc-research-fellow/">https://icct.nl/people/ms-tinka-m-veldhuis-msc-research-fellow/</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>Sustainability and transferability</b> (maximum of 200 words)</p> <p>Short description on the sustainability and transferability of the practice, including e.g. information on the costs of the practice. <u>Please elaborate on which elements are transferrable and how.</u></p>	<p>Other EU countries are experimenting with special wings for terrorist and extremist offenders (e.g. United Kingdom, France, Belgium). The approach is transferable to other prison systems but the success of this approach is highly dependent on the prison climate and environment in general.</p>
<p><b>Presented and discussed in RAN meeting</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Name: RAN P&amp;P</p> <p>Date: 2015</p> <p>Place: Enter place of the meeting.</p> <p>Subject: study-visit to the TW</p>
<p><b>Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding</b> (maximum of 100 words)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>Organisation</b> (enter maximum of 100 words and select organisation type)</p> <p>Please briefly describe the organisation behind the practice including the legal status e.g. NGO, governmental, limited company, charity etc.</p>	<p>PI Vught is one of the largest prisons in the Netherlands, to which many offenders who are difficult to handle or treat in other Dutch prisons are transferred.</p> <p>In total Vught prison has eight different regimes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. detention centre;</li> <li>2. prison (also houses offenders with life long sentences);</li> <li>3. a facility for habitual offenders;</li> <li>4. a unit for prisoners whose assessment resulted in instructions for long-stay detention under hospital orders, but who have not yet been placed in such regime (for offenders with life sentences who no longer receive treatment);</li> </ol>

	<p>5. intensive specialist care for unstable offenders who cannot be handled anywhere else;</p> <p>6. two units of penitentiary psychiatric centres for mentally ill offenders. All offenders/patients who are difficult to treat and sensitive in terms of media exposure are placed here;</p> <p>7. maximum security facility for offenders who could have the means and opportunities to escape, and who represent a safety risk for the public;</p> <p>8. terrorist wing (TW).</p> <p>[Governmental institution</p> <p>Type of Organisation: <a href="#">Governmental institution</a></p>
<p><b>Country of origin</b></p> <p>Country in which the practice is based.</p>	<p>EU or EEA country: Netherlands</p> <p>or:</p> <p>Non-EU country: Enter name if non EU country</p>
<p><b>Contact details</b></p> <p>Please provide contact details of who can be contacted within the organisation, with name and email address.</p>	<p>Address: Lunettenlaan 501, 5263 NT Vught</p> <p>Contact person: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:informatie.pivught@dji.minjus.nl">informatie.pivught@dji.minjus.nl</a></p> <p>Telephone: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.dji.nl/locaties/penitentiare-inrichtingen/pi-vught/index.aspx">https://www.dji.nl/locaties/penitentiare-inrichtingen/pi-vught/index.aspx</a></p>
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