



## Member State support offer 2016

On the 15th of January 2014, the European Commission launched its Communication ['Preventing radicalisation to terrorism and violent extremism: Strengthening the EU's response'](#), describing 10 actions, many of which are partially executed by the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN). RAN was established by the Commission in 2011 and has developed into an EU-wide network of over 2000 practitioners engaged to prevent and counter radicalisation. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2015 the RAN will be complemented by the RAN Centre of Excellence (CoE). The RAN CoE acts as a hub in connecting, developing and disseminating expertise. This includes fostering a dialogue between practitioners, policy makers and academics in an inclusive way. By doing so, the CoE develops state-of-the-art knowledge, and supports both the Commission and Member States. Also, it helps shape the Commission's research agenda, and liaises with prevent initiatives inside and outside the EU.

Member States (MSs) may already have profited from the RAN and RAN Support to MS delivered In 2014. The RAN Centre of Excellence will continue this support, at MSs request, through the following Commission offers:

- Deployments of RAN advisory teams
- Workshops on topical issues
- RAN DNA train-the-trainers course
- Support on setting up national groups

### Deployments of RAN advisory teams to MSs

The Commission promotes the deployment of RAN expertise to support MSs in their counter radicalisation efforts. Such deployments will be conducted at the request of national authorities only. Applications should be submitted to the Commission which will assess these and transmit them to the RAN Centre of Excellence, subject to the topic being targeted at radicalisation leading to terrorism or violent extremism, and that appropriate RAN experts are able and available to deliver the requested support.

Up to four RAN experts will visit the Member State once or twice. Also, during a limited period of time, the RAN experts will provide their expertise by email exchange. Possible goals for the deployments of RAN expertise are providing practitioner expertise to the revision of a national strategy or the reviewing of a particular policy area, the development of a specific project plan or general advice about how to support or reach out to local practitioners in enhancing their capability.

Costs of these deployments of RAN experts are budgeted by the Commission, covering their travel, hotel accommodation and a limited allowance. The hosting Member State is responsible for preparatory documents and information, meeting facilities, and involving national and/or local representatives from their country.

Applications for support in 2016 can be submitted. If all conditions are met, a first come, first served policy will be applied as a default rule. Therefore, national authorities are requested not to postpone their applications, and discuss submittals

swiftly with the Commission and the RAN Centre of Excellence. Brief descriptions of the requested RAN expertise, the goal of the deployment, and an appointed main contact person at the national authority level is sufficient for an application.

Offer to MSs	Conditions for MSs
Up to four RAN experts	Request by <i>national</i> authority
One or two visits	Limited application
Advice during limited number of weeks	Main contact person

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## Workshops on trending topics and challenges

The RAN Centre of Excellence will organise workshops around trending topics and challenges related to prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism. For 2016 approximately four workshops are foreseen. Topics are still need to be decided and we invite Member States to send us their suggestions.

We foresee the participation of about four MSs per workshop, which will include travel and hotel costs for approximately 20 participants per workshop. Member States will be asked to make suggestions of specific cases, examples and practices that can be used in the workshop. The working language is English, but reports of the workshops can be translated in the national languages of participating MSs.

National authorities can apply to participate and steer these workshops. If all conditions are met, a first come, first served policy will apply as a default rule. Therefore, national authorities are advised to respond swiftly.

Offer to MSs	Conditions for MSs
workshops with experts	Request by <i>national</i> authority
Exchange with MSs facing similar challenges	Selection of 3-5 representatives
Provision of travel and hotel expenses	Cooperating on content of the workshop

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## RAN DNA train-the-trainer course

As practitioners are among the ones best placed to detect and counter radicalisation leading to violent extremism, the Commission promotes training to invest in them. The RAN Centre of Excellence offers to visit a Member State with two trainers, deliver a RAN 'train-the-trainer' course and provide training material in the national language.

The two-day RAN train-the-trainer programme will help local trainers to deliver a **one-day Workshop on Awareness and Action**, based on the crucial lessons ('the DNA') of the RAN working groups. The workshop enlarges the awareness of radicalisation of practitioners and shows what different practitioners can do to recognise, share information, prevent and counter radicalisation.

In the preparation and execution of the train-the-trainer course, the trainers will cooperate with the national government to ensure the training package is tailored

accordingly. Because of the interactive nature of the training method, the courses will have room for local cultures, challenges and trends. Together with the Member State involved, the train-the-trainer course may be tailored to include specific elements (e.g. on family support, health care, deradicalisation, etc.).

After two days of training the local trainers will feel comfortable to deliver a one-day workshop themselves. They can use the complete one-day programme or select elements that suit their needs and possibilities. This way, the trainers will be empowered to deliver the workshop to colleagues, either as a stand-alone course or part of a broader training package.

The RAN DNA train-the-trainer course is based on those successful principals recommended by the RAN working groups. The training course is developed with the help of leading European specialists in the field of developing and delivering training courses.

The Commission will cover the costs of the deployment of the RAN DNA train-the-trainer course in Member States. National authorities requesting the course to be deployed in their country need to provide a meeting room for two days, appoint a main contact person and recruit 10-15 local trainers. These “trainers” don’t need to be full-time trainers, but should be engaged practitioners with training skills and experience. The Member State will be required to provide relevant information beforehand in order to help the RAN prepare accordingly. This should include a clear set of objectives, an overview of how counter radicalisation efforts are currently deployed, and in particular specific challenges or gaps in current capability. The RAN DNA train-the-trainer course will be delivered in English, but all training material can be provided in the national language too, allowing trainers to tailor the training to national and sectorial circumstances and conduct it themselves to practitioners.

If all conditions are met, a first come, first served policy will be applied as a default rule. Therefore, national authorities are requested not to postpone their applications, and discuss requests to receive the training swiftly with the RAN Centre of Excellence.

Offer to MSs	Conditions for MSs
Tailored two-day train-the-trainers course	Request by <i>national</i> authority
Training material in national language	Selection of 10-15 trainers to be trained
Contribution from experts/trainers in the network	Provide national details for the training
	Main contact person

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## Support in the establishment of national groups

A multi-agency approach is considered essential in providing an effective approach to counter radicalisation. The Commission recommends the setting up of multi-agency groups of practitioners in order to exchange knowledge and best practice on radicalisation leading to violent extremism and discuss and agree the best possible approach to specific cases or scenarios. National groups of RAN practitioners are already established in a limited number of Member States. At the request of a national authority, the RAN Centre of Excellence will help connect RAN practitioners from that Member State with the national authority.

One or two national group leaders, to be recruited by the national authority, are needed to assist in setting up such a group. The RAN Centre of Excellence will provide limited assistance and guidance to the national group leader(s), providing documents, contact databases and suggestions in setting up a secretariat.

Requests can be submitted by national authorities and if all conditions are met, a first come, first served policy will be applied as a default rule. Therefore, national authorities are requested not to postpone their requests, and discuss possible national groups swiftly with the RAN.

Offer to MSs	Conditions for MSs
Connecting national RAN practitioners	Request by <i>national</i> authority
Limited guidance in setting up a group	One or two national group leaders

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## Contact details

In addition to these support offers, RAN CoE services remain directly at the disposal of Member States. Please note that the RAN Centre of Excellence is available to support Member States as part of its regular work, with limited counselling, facilitating contacts and sharing promising practices.

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