

RAN CoE Study Visit: Challenges of Prevention of Radicalisation

Sofia, 16-17 January 2017

Programme

The RAN Centre of Excellence has an increasing focus on field visits in EU Member States in order to exchange good practices, develop new approaches and share lessons learnt. The final study visit under the AAP 2016 (though taking place in 2017) discussed the counter-radicalisation strategy in Bulgaria, and more widely discussed challenges, lessons learnt and approaches to introducing prevention elements in such strategies, specifically focusing on the experiences of EU Member States that joined in 2004 and after. It seeks to bring together both first line practitioners and representatives of relevant Member State authorities.

Monday, 16 January (day 1)

Venue: Ministry of the Interior, 6th September Str. 29, Sofia

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| 13.00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.00 | <i>Welcoming and short introduction</i> Maarten van de Donk and Maurice van der Velden , RAN Centre of Excellence Philip Gounev , Deputy Minister of the Interior |
| 14.30 | <i>Radicalisation risks in Bulgaria</i> Yanko Ivanov , State Agency for National Security |
| 14.45 | <i>National counter-radicalisation strategy and action plan: key prevention measures and current challenges</i> Lachezar Milushev , Director, "Analysis and Policies" Directorate, Ministry of the Interior |
| 15.15 | <i>Q&A</i> |
| 15.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 15.45 | <i>Establishing multi-agency coordination mechanisms at local level</i> Ivelina Dundakova , "Analysis and Policies" Directorate, Ministry of Interior Ivan Ganchev , regional police inspector, city of Pazardzhik |
| 16.30 | Bjørn Erik Øvrum , Assistant chief of police, The Norwegian Police Directorate. |

16 January (day 1) (continued)

- 16.45** Situation in other countries and Q&A
- 17.15** Challenges and lessons learnt in introducing prevention elements in counter-radicalisation strategies, and possible approaches for a way forward
Discussion with participants
- 18.00** **Harald Weilnböck**, Cultures Interactive Berlin, “European Fair Skills” project.
- 18.15** End of day 1.

Tuesday, 17 January (day 2)

Venue: CSD conference hall, Alexander Zhendov Str. 5, Sofia

- 9.00** *Arrival at venue*
- 9.30** *Monitoring and assessing radicalisation trends and risk factors*
Rositsa Dzhékova, Coordinator, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 10.00** *Prevention of radicalisation among youth*
Konstantin Tomanov, Secretary of the Central Commission for Combatting Anti-Social Behavior of Juveniles and Minors, Council of Ministers
Yanko Ivanov, State Agency for National Security
- Addressing online radicalisation risks among children*
Georgi Apostolov, Coordinator of the Bulgarian Safer Internet Centre
- 11.15** *Q&A session*
- 11.30** *Coffee break*
- 11.45** *Addressing radicalisation in prisons*
Nadya Radkovska, Head of International Co-operation and Professional Training of Staff Division, General Directorate "Execution of Sentences"
- 12.00** **Ondřej Kolář**, Prison Svetla and Sazavou, Prevention Unit. Czech Republic
- 12.15** Experiences in other participant Member States
- 12.30** Concluding remarks from Bulgaria and RAN
- 13.00** Lunch and end of study visit