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**Invitation Joint meeting and Policy and Practice meeting RAN C&N – RAN YOUNG
‘Involving young people in counter and alternative narratives’, 23-25 April, Madrid**

Dear all,

We are delighted to invite you for the upcoming joint meeting of RAN C&N – RAN YOUNG on ‘Involving young people in counter and alternative narratives’, which will take place on 23-24 April in Madrid. Following this, the RAN CoE will organise a Policy and Practice meeting on 25 April in Madrid, for which we would like to invite you as well. Please note there is limited amount of seats so be on time with sending in your TRF. DEADLINE is 23 March.

Topics of the meeting

Both meetings will address how young people can be involved in creating counter and alternative narratives. Counter and alternative narratives can be used as preventative tools to offer individuals multiple or different perspectives on societal challenges. When developing these narratives, it is crucial to determine the target audience, the credible messengers to deliver the narrative and the varying ways of dissemination. Depending on this selection, involving young people as peers and credible messengers in the development and dissemination of the counter or alternative narrative is key. Young people understand the way their peers look at the world and what will grab their attention. They can help improve the effectiveness and outreach of interventions and narratives.

The aim of the joint meeting of RAN C&N and RAN YOUNG is to bring together young people and experts on communication and narratives to learn from each other’s expertise. Young people will learn from experienced C&N practitioners about how to bring their message across, and how young people could and/or should use their voice to generate impact. C&N practitioners will learn from youngsters about the perspective of young people and can test their ideas for campaigns and projects with them.

Participants of this meeting will be experienced communication specialists, first-line practitioners such as youth or exit workers and employees of CSOs who develop (online) counter and alternative narratives campaigns, and RAN YOUNG participants, both young experts and youngsters who are specifically looking into creating alternative and counter messages to prevent radicalisation next to their normal day activities (study or jobs) or in some cases are already working in this field.

During the Policy and Practice event with policy makers, we will look into how governments can support and enhance the creation of effective alternative and counter narratives. We will focus on alternative and counter narratives aimed at young people. How can young people be involved in the development of counter and alternative narratives? And how can national authorities support young people – in criticising extremism and promoting inclusion – without prescribing their messages?

For this meeting we will also invite national communication and prevent policy makers, both through the HLCEG-R and the ESCN.

More detailed information about the programme will follow in due time. Your expertise and attendance is highly valued. Please let us know if you wish to participate and send the Travel Request Form (TRF) before the 9th of March so we can arrange your hotel and travels.

Registration and travel arrangements

- This is a personal invitation. If you are not able to attend the meeting, the invitation cannot be transferred to others without prior approval of the RAN Centre of Excellence.
- Please find attached the Travel Request Form (TRF) to arrange your trip to Madrid. Our travel agency CWT will book your flights, and will book a room in a hotel for you. Would you be so kind to fill in the TRF and send it to RAN.NL@cwt-me.com and CC to m.verdegaal@radaradvies.nl and p.woltman@radaradvies.nl before the 23 March (but preferably as soon as possible)? Only once the TRF is sent, participation for the meeting can be guaranteed. Please note, once you are booked for the event, a last minute cancellation may result in the exclusion of future RAN meetings. If possible, participants fly in on 23 April and fly out in the afternoon/evening of 25 April.
- Your hotel (if you need any), travel expenses (train and/or flight tickets, but not taxi's), lunch on all days and dinners on 23 April and 24 April are free of charge and will be organised and covered by the Radicalisation Awareness Network.
- You can use the attached expense claim form to get costs for public transport reimbursed.
- If you are a vegetarian or have any other food preferences, please inform us in advance by indicating this in the TRF.
- The participants list will be shared after the meeting; if you don't want us to share your email address, please indicate this by sending us an email.
- Please note, this meeting will be held in English (no interpretation will be available).

Furthermore, we would like to ask all of you to send along answers to the following questions when sending us your TRF. These questions are key in your own and our preparations for these meetings. We are planning to use these answers in a 'participants book' for everyone present, so you have already some information of each other on paper before you meet each other in Madrid.

- What are your expectations of the meeting?
- What will you contribute to the meeting?
- What would you like to learn from this meeting?
- Please share some lines about your relation to counter and alternative narratives campaigns.

If you have any questions or remarks, please don't hesitate to contact the RAN CoE. We hope you will be able to join us on 23-25 April and we are looking forward to welcoming you in Madrid!

Thanks a lot guys and girls!

Kind regards,
Ms. Pomme Woltman | RAN Centre of Excellence