

Dear Mr Bianchi,

On 26-27 October 2016, the Prison and Probation (P&P) working group of the Radicalisation Awareness Network, visited Venice, Italy. The aim of this study-visit was to learn about the Italian approach to prevent and counter radicalisation in prison and probation.


With this letter, the RAN Centre of Excellence would like to officially thank the Italian partners who have made this visit possible: The Italian Ministry of Justice, The Department of Penitentiary Administration, the Department of Juveniles Justice and Community, the Region of Triveneto, the Municipality of Venice, the governor and staff of Padova prison and the NGO Agenfor International.

The study-visit to Italy was very well organized and the European participants from the RAN network were welcomed with hospitality and openness. The presentations from the different organizations have given good insight into how the Italian approach works, both from a security and a rehabilitation perspective.

The visit in the Padova prison showed the many work opportunities for inmates which are equal for all, also those under observation with regard to potential radicalisation. Both staff members and inmates appeared to take a lot of pride in their work. This was seen as a very important and positive element of the Italian approach.

The RAN Centre of Excellence looks forward to welcome Italian participants, both from the prison and probation sector as well as from other sectors, to the RAN network to exchange, reflect and learn from each other in a European context. Only by working together, we can prevent radicalisation leading to violent extremism and terrorism.

With kind regards,



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