

# Victims of Terrorism Working Group (RAN VoT)

Radicalisation Awareness Network

## What is the Radicalisation Awareness Network?

The Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) connects over 6 000 first-line practitioners from all EU Member States working daily to prevent and counter radicalisation leading to violent extremism.

Founded in 2011, RAN is funded and steered by the European Commission. It provides a platform to address the root causes of radicalisation, develop effective countermeasures and ensure the dissemination of best practices tailored to local specificities within each area.

### RAN Victims of Terrorism (VoT) Working Group

Victims of terrorism (including people who have been targets of an attack and those who have lost a relative) become involuntary experts on the harm that violent extremism can cause. With this in mind, the purpose of the RAN VoT Working Group is threefold:

- Remember and honour all victims of terrorism, particularly by cooperating in the organisation of the European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism on 11 March each year.
- Present victims' experiences and give strength to their voices in order to highlight the human consequences of violent extremism.
- Address victims' needs and safeguard their rights.

### European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism

The European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism, which takes place on 11 March each year, was initiated in the aftermath of the Madrid train bombings (11 March 2004). It pays tribute to the victims of recent and past terrorist attacks and gives a voice to those who have personally witnessed a terrorist attack.

This event is organised around the following key activities:

- Testimonies: victims of terrorist attacks share their own personal stories.
- Portrayal of the actions at the European policy level to support victims of terrorism.
- Presentation of initiatives on preventing and countering violent extremism.
- Ceremonial activity, as a strong message of commemoration and a symbol of European unity.

Organised by the European Commission, in close cooperation with RAN's VoT Working Group, the event brings together victims and their relatives, victims' associations, first responders, high-level European dignitaries and representatives of Member States.

# The Design Competition

We will launch a competition for the visual concept of the European Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism, in which all students aged 15–18 years from schools within the EU can participate. The winning concept will be presented on the European Remembrance Day on 11 March 2021 and will be used from that year onwards.

This competition has a twofold aim:

- 1. Create a visual concept for the European Remembrance Day.**
- 2. Raise awareness about radicalisation amongst students.**

## Specifications

The visual concept for the European Remembrance Day should be representative for all victims of terrorist attacks. Since the Remembrance Day has changing themes, the key subjects that need to be portrayed through the concept are victims and Europe. Guiding words are “together”, “empowering and supporting victims”, and “commemoration”. The visual concept should in no way be offensive to victims or depict violence.

The visual concept may mix different options:

- use graphical elements (illustration, painting, patterns ...),
- create a photo composition or use meaningful pictures,
- apply specific colours.

The designs can be either digital or “on paper” (no larger than din A4), and they can be computer-designed, painted or drawn. Sending us the designs digitally is very much appreciated.

HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF VISUAL CONCEPTS:



## Teachers' Guide

To accompany workshops and conversations with students about radicalisation and terrorism.

In order to support all teachers who are willing to include this competition in their curriculum, we have attached workshop material free to use for a conversation with their students.

## Participation, Deadline, Address

Please send your designs **before 31 December 2020** to the following address:  
[ran.designcompetition@radareurope.nl](mailto:ran.designcompetition@radareurope.nl)

Or

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<https://bit.ly/2HVoD0q>

