

## EUCPN Newsflash ECPA 2017

This Newsletter is a platform for policymakers, practitioners and everyone who is interested in crime prevention. We are interested in your news, research, good practices and experiences on crime prevention in the Member States and Europe. Please send your documents in English accompanied by an abstract of 100-150 words to [eucpn@ibz.eu](mailto:eucpn@ibz.eu).

### European Crime Prevention Award 2017



On 14 December 2017, this year's European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA), was awarded during the Best Practice Conference (BPC) in Tallinn, Estonia. It was again a great success since 18 countries participated with their best national crime prevention projects, focusing on the theme 'Cyber Safety'. The winner received a check of 10 000 euro, while two other projects were also awarded with an honourable mention and a check of 5 000 euro each.

### And the winner is...

#### **Estonia - The cyber defence field of study at Põltsamaa Coeducational gymnasium - Winner ECPA 2017**

##### **Project description**

In 2015, Põltsamaa Coeducational Gymnasium, a general education school in Põltsamaa, Estonia, became the first known school in Europe to implement a cyber defence field of studies in the upper secondary school curriculum. The school sees this as a vital innovation in the field of cybersecurity, which has been increasing in



importance at an unstoppable rate in the past decades. Estonia and Europe will need both an informed digital society and more and more cybersecurity experts in the future. The aim of the project is to provide students with a more in depth education in cyber hygiene, ethics, relevant hardware and software, national defence and personal protection. In the Estonian cyber security expert career path, the programme is a new stepping stone - one that comes early rather than late. The first stages of the project have shown that the students are ready to take up this challenge.

More information can be found [here](#).

### **Denmark - The Danes' digital self-defense - Runner Up**

#### **Project description**

Crowdsourcing among consumers and co-creation with various societal actors has turned out to be a viable and relevant approach when it comes to raising awareness and stimulating online behavioral change among the Danes.



In April 2017 the Danish Consumer Council, the foundation TrygFonden and The Danish Crime Prevention Council launched the free app 'My digital self-defense', that has been downloaded by more than 50,000 Danes to their smartphones.

The app pushes current alerts to the consumers, provided by a wide array of societal actors from public organizations, private companies and NGOs, when waves of cyber-attacks hit Danish e-mail-accounts. Also, the app provides guides and advice on digital self-protection.

More information can be found [here](#).

### **Belgium - Cybersimple - Runner Up**

#### **Project description**

Governments, NGOs and companies work towards a safer cyberspace. Google and Test Achats recognise that everybody in society should play their part in helping citizens to enjoy the benefits of safe and secure internet. Therefore we have joined forces to develop Cybersimple, an initiative to raise awareness and to educate Belgian citizen about online security.



On [cybersimple.be](http://cybersimple.be) citizens can get consumer-friendly information about the most common online threats and short practical tips on how they can easily implement measures to protect themselves and their families.

For more information, click [here](#).

## **Jury explanation**

Through this the EUCPN wants to explain the reasons for awarding the European Crime Prevention Award. As you know the winner of the ECPA is the project "Cyber Defence field of study at Põltsamaa Coeducational Gymnasium" of Estonia. This project was chosen because of its uniqueness and innovativeness. This school is the first known school in Europe to implement this field of study. With this course the Estonian project tries to fill the knowledge gap and to make its students carriers of cyber defence awareness. The goal of the project is for students to become the next cyber safety experts.

The runner-up project 'The Danes' digital self-defense' of Denmark was particularly liked because of the promising method. Through the interactive application, users are given practical tips and information on the cyber threat landscape. The users themselves can also tip the project by offering their experiences, effectively contributing to the overall knowledge. The Second runner-up project is the Belgian project 'Cybersimple'. Having Google as a partner was seen as a major asset and

the high replication possibility, due to it already being developed in three languages, was much appreciated by the jury. Additionally, the project encompasses a wide range of topics within cyber safety.

## ECPA 2017 entries

All projects entered for the European Crime Prevention Award can be found [here](#).

## New products EUCPN

### History And Evolution Of The European Crime Prevention Award

For the ECPA's 20th anniversary a booklet was created to give an insight in the history and evolution of the European Crime Prevention Award.

HISTORY AND EVOLUTION  
OF THE EUROPEAN CRIME PREVENTION AWARD



Find the booklet [here](#).



### EUCPN Thematic Paper no. 11 - Cyber Safety - A theoretical insight

This paper is written by the EUCPN Secretariat following the topic of the Estonian Presidency of the Network, which is Cyber Safety. It gives a theoretical insight in what Cyber Safety is.



Furthermore, we take interest in what the exact object is of cybercrime and have a deeper look into two European policy priorities: cyber-attacks and payment fraud. Moreover, these priorities are the subject of the European Crime Prevention award. The goal of this paper is to add to the digital awareness of local policy-makers and practitioners on a theoretical level. A toolbox will follow with legislative measures, existing policies and best practices on this topic.

Read the booklet [here](#).

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