



EUCPN Newsletter July 2015

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Editorial

Dear reader,
On behalf of the European Union Crime Prevention Network, I have the honor to introduce to you the EUCPN Newsletter JULY 2015.



The Latvian Presidency is really thankful to the experts and participants who were in Riga to join the second board meeting which took place from the 29th to 30th of June. Discussions and ideas for the Multiannual strategy 2016 – 2020 which were gathered from participants of the meeting are of high value for the future of the Network. All participants have agreed that the work started by the Network in the previous decade should be continued, but more attention should be paid to the visibility of the EUCPN and the communication of the products and events organized by our organization to the wider international community. National representatives and contacts points should be working more actively to promote the organization nationally and locally, including looking for more possibilities to translate the EUCPN products to local languages.

In the meantime, it was agreed by the board members, that the recently published European Agenda for Security requires EUCPN to pay more attention and focus to the three priorities: terrorism and radicalization, organized cross border crime and cybercrime and these issues will be addressed by the new multiannual Strategy of the Network.

As the third newsletter is issued in July, on behalf of the Latvian EUCPN team, we wish a lot of success for the next six months to the Luxembourgish presidency.

Ilze Bērziņa – Ruķere

New products EUCPN

Toolbox 6 - Trafficking in human beings within the EU policies & practices
This Toolbox was developed in connection with the theme of the Italian presidency, which was the

prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings. As usual, the toolbox is primarily written for local policy-makers and practitioners who may be confronted with these issues in their daily work. In part 3 and 4 some examples of practices implemented in various Member States are further explored. By doing this, the toolbox aims to build up and exchange practical knowledge and know-how and to inspire people working in the field of trafficking in human beings to learn from each other. To read the full Toolbox, click [here](#).

Research and publications

BELGIUM

Manual & Toolbox ISEC-project 2013-2015 Genk - Administrative approach to organized crime.

The ISEC-project; Administrative approach to organized crime - "Support European local authorities in combating local outcomes of organized crime" which was organized by the City of Genk has been finalized. The results of the project can be read in the manual & toolbox. You can find the Manual & Toolbox [here](#).

LATVIA

Research on police officers and candidates for police work attitude towards domestic violence.

In this research the attitude towards domestic violence of two different groups was evaluated. The participants were divided into 2 groups (60 participants, who have experience in police work or have studied police work, and 60 participants, who have neither experience nor education in police field). To read more about the research click [here](#).

EUROPOL

Mandate of joint Cybercrime action Taskforce extended after successful first six months

Launched on 1 September 2014 to further strengthen the fight against cybercrime in the European Union and beyond, the Joint Cybercrime Action Taskforce (J-CAT), initially set up for a period of six months, has been extended following its success. All participating countries and agencies have agreed on the benefit of this cooperation model and expressed their willingness to continue. To read more click [here](#).

US Authorities & Europol focus on combating the abuse of virtual currencies

On 18-19 June 2015 a Virtual Currencies Conference was held at Europol's Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands. The objectives were to further strengthen the international cooperation and operational focus against the abuse of virtual currencies, such as Bitcoin, for criminal transactions and money laundering. The event was co-organized by Europol's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) and U.S. ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). It was organized for the second time, following the success of the previous conference on this topic in June 2014. To read more click [here](#).

EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

Violence against women survey – dataset released

The first EU-wide survey dataset on violence against women, which interviewed 42,000 women and was conducted in 2012, has been made accessible for further use by researchers. The dataset of the FRA violence against women survey is stored with the UK Data Service, which is a recognized international service that is widely used by governmental and non-governmental institutions that produce survey data. The data is available free of charge. Persons who have not previously used the UK Data Service first need to [sign up](#) for a username and password. The data set is available under [Special License](#), which means that applicants need to indicate that they will abide by some basic rules when using the data. These rules are necessary to ensure that the data is not used in a way that could jeopardize the confidentiality and anonymity of the respondents. To read the full text click [here](#).

Severe forms of labour exploitation

Worker exploitation is not an isolated or marginal phenomenon. But despite its pervasiveness in everyday life, severe labour exploitation and its adverse effects on third-country nationals and EU citizens – as workers, but also as consumers – have to date not received much attention from researchers. To read more and to download the full text click [here](#).

THE TRENDS AND ISSUES IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Australian institute of criminology)

Database of Victimization Experiences

In 2013, the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) and Victim Services NSW agreed to develop a database on victimization experiences, using de-identified information collected as part of compensation claims lodged with Victim Services NSW. This process led to the development of the Database of Victimization Experiences (DoVE). The primary aim of the DoVE is to allow researchers to more fully explore the nature and impact of violent victimization by analyzing de-identified

psychological evaluations of victims/survivors of crime. The material recorded in the DoVE contains rich, qualitative information about the victim/survivor's functioning prior to and after the act of violence. This resource allows researchers the opportunity to gauge the nature, and to what extent an experience, of violent crime can impact a victim/survivor, and to an extent, their families and friends. For more information click [here](#).

Member States' policies

BELGIUM

Belgian Policy on Prostitution and Trafficking for sexual exploitation

Belgium has updated their policy of "sexual exploitation and THB".

For more information click [here](#)

ESTONIA

New strategy for Preventing Violence for 2015-2020

Estonian Government approved a new Strategy for Preventing Violence for 2015-2020 on 27th of February 2015. This Strategy is a continuation of the [Development Plan for Reducing Violence in 2010–2014](#). The Strategy encompasses violence between children, abuse of children, domestic violence (intimate partner violence), sexual violence and trafficking in human beings. In almost all those forms of violence, a recurring topic is violence against women, especially in domestic violence, sexual violence and trafficking in human beings. The strategy serves four main strategic goals: 1) People's skills in avoiding, recognizing and intervening in violence have improved; 2) Protection and support of violence victims corresponding to their need is better ensured; 3) Proceedings of violence cases are more victim-friendly; 4) Treatment of perpetrators of violence is more effective and their repeat offending has decreased. Thus, the strategy pays to large extent attention to the victims of violence and avoiding their secondary victimization.

The new strategy and the implementation plan for 2015-2018 will be translated into English. You will be informed when this translation is available.

New Development Plan for security for the years 2015-2020

Estonian Government approved a new Development Plan for security for the years 2015-2020 on 26 of February 2015. The Development Plan foresees security in a broader perspective as combination of national security concept, ensuring law and order and fighting against offences, and takes into consideration different aspects that influence security (social, medical, educational, economic well-being, globalization, demographic situation etc.). Responsibility for safety and security is shared and ensured in cooperation by proactive people, non-governmental organisations, volunteers, private companies, local governments and state authorities. Activities focus on development of safer communities, ensuring of enhanced rescue capability, organisation of competent and rapid help, prevention of crises and increasing preparedness for emergencies, increasing internal security, balanced citizenship and migration policy, liable and secure identity management and enhanced border management. The aim is to create better living environment through use of smart, optimal and effective technology and IT solutions, decrease threat to life, health, property and constitutional order and ensure competent and rapid help. The information on the Development.

The plan for security for the years 2015-2020 will be translated into English. You will be informed when this translation is available.

Member States' good practices

LATVIA

The HESTIA Project

The HESTIA project stands for "Preventing human trafficking and sham marriages: a multidisciplinary solution". The project was launched on the 1st of January 2015. Sham marriages are perceived by Latvia as a growing problem. Therefore the HESTIA project is proud to let you know that they were invited to present their project in three high level meetings.

To read more about this meetings click [here](#)

SPAIN

Comprehensive care of victims of terrorism in Spain

The Spanish Ministry of Interior acts as a "single window" to speed up the relationship of the victims of terrorism with the Administration. This body channels all requests regarding assistance and benefits. This prevents these collective from going to different departments of the Government to resolve their issues, avoiding travels and waiting time. Secondary victimization is reduced because the victims do not need to expose their tragic story in different bodies which manage their support.

The Ministry of Interior not only deals with the compensation aspects but also providing comprehensive care that includes family, work, school and social environment. For this purpose, a team of social workers is in permanent contact with victims to respond their demands.

In the same way, a specialist attention is provided to people with disabilities, physical, mental, and sensory injuries resulting from a terrorist attack, including the attention to their family and immediate environment. People with hearing impairment are cared with sign language and they are

accompanied in any kind of management they need to carry out.
For more information please contact [Ms Yolanda Galindo Padilla](#).

GERMANY

“victim protection” and outpatient services.

Germany has been setting up outpatient services to enable victims to have their medical evidence documented and in some cases to receive initial counselling. Victims of violent crime often find themselves in difficult and conflicting psychological situations that leave them uncertain about whether or not they should turn to the police and the courts for help. The Institute of Forensic Medicine at the Charité Hospital in Berlin offers a commendable range of services in this field - the Domestic Interpersonal Violence Centre opened there on 17 February 2014 to serve as a contact point for all victims of violence. The Centre furthermore offers an extremely valuable service with regard to children, giving social welfare authorities (Youth Welfare offices in particular) the possibility to have medical findings documented and assessed if these findings point towards potential child abuse. The service is also available to medical professionals, primarily GPs and pediatricians of affected children.

For more information please contact [Mr. Arne Feickert](#).

BULGARIA

Bulgarian educational project on protecting children

The educational project "Protect the Child" is an interactive puppet theatre show organized by the Metropolitan Puppet Theatre in cooperation with National Police Chief Directorate. The project is a travelling educational show with a preventive nature, which through dialogue and trainings covers issues of children's daily activities like "Aggression and violence at school", "Road Safety", "Blind Dates".

The main goal is to develop in children from age 4 to 7 preventive behavioral skills on how to act in society, how to react in certain situations and how to resolve problems on the street. The travelling educational performance will be performed in kindergartens on the territory of Sofia Municipality.

You can read more about the project [here](#)

Cyber Scout Programme for Safer use of the Internet

The Cyber Scout programme is implemented in cooperation between the Ministry of Interior and one of the largest mobile operators in Bulgaria – Telenor Bulgaria. The legal framework is regulated by a bilateral agreement. The programme includes trainings of children in the age group from 10 to 14 that will take place in the Junior Police Academies in 5 administrative districts in Bulgaria. The goal of the training is to develop competences in the children involved with the Junior Police Academies in the field of prevention of hazardous behavior in the cyberspace. Police officers will also attend the training in order to get familiar with the learning process of students on the safe use of the Internet.

For more information you can click [here](#)

FRANCE

Campaign in France on Improving Relations Between Young People and Public Services

France has developed a campaign on improving relations between young people and the public services. The campaign consists out of a video clip of 20 seconds, which was placed on the site [gouvernement.fr](#) and on social media accounts. The objectives of the campaign are to change the way in which young people look at public services, encourage them to realize that these services exist and are useful. Also to bring situations back to normal, which is the only guarantee of social cohesion and to be able to live together. The campaign is aimed at young people at the age between 12 and 25 and their families in the run-down suburbs of major cities. The message of this campaign to the young people is that when they allow the public services do their jobs, public services will be able to help us. It is important to have respect for the public services because they are there for you. The campaign is launched on media adapted on the habits of young people.

For the link to the video and the making of, click [here](#)

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Location
13-17 July 2015	EFRJ summer school 2015- Summer School on the Victims' directive and restorative justice	Lisbon, Portugal
14-16 July 2015	Second World Congress on Community corrections	Los Angeles United States
15-17 July	6 th International Conference on Imaging for Crime Prevention and Detection (ICDP 2015)	London, United Kingdom

2015		
4-7 August 2015	EAPL+WORLD 2015 Psychology & Law conference – “current Challenges for Psychology and Law” (Psychology of crime)	Nuremberg, Germany
2-5 September 2015	Eurocrim 2015, 15 th Annual Conference of the ESC	Porto Portugal
8-12 September 2015	17 th European Conference on Developmental Psychology	Braga, Portugal
22-24 October 2015	European Neighbourhood Watch Association (EUNWA) conference 2015	Castel Ritaldi, Umbria Italy
26-30 October 2015	Cyber security Intelligence and Awareness Course	The Hague Netherlands
12 November 2015	The World after Snowden: The Impact on International law and Mass surveillance. One-day conference	The Hague Netherlands
16-18 November 2015	Alternative Project Final Conference – Justice and Security in Intercultural Europe: Exploring Alternatives	Leuven Belgium
2-4 December 2015	Counterterrorism (CT) and Applied Intelligence Course	The Hague Netherlands
17-18 December 2015	The European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and Best Practice Conference (BPC)	Luxembourg, City Luxembourg
11-12 December 2015	ECPR Standing Group on Organized Crime First General Conference – Old and new forms of organized and serious crime between the local and the global	Naples, Italy
9-11 March 2016	Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and Suicide Terrorism Course	The Hague, Netherlands

For more information on one of these events, click [here](#).

preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in August 2015 will focus on finalization of Latvian Presidency. We kindly invite readers to share their news and information on European crime prevention issues with the EUCPN Secretariat by sending contributions (in English, 100-150 words abstract) to eucpn@ibz.eu

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