



## **INCREASING THE PREVENTIVE ASPECTS OF THE POLICY CYCLE**

### **- EUCPN speech at the Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) -**

Dear Members of Cosi, dear presidency, allow me to express my gratitude for inviting me to speak at this meeting. The EUCPN believes that it can contribute to and assist in the Policy Cycle. When looking at the current Policy Cycle, we believe that there is room for improvement when you look at the preventive aspects. All the texts state that the policy cycle wishes to work via a multidisciplinary approach. However in order to achieve a truly multidisciplinary, integrated and integral approach to effectively address the prioritised threats, more attention should go to prevention. Therefore increasing the preventive side of the Policy Cycle will be our main focus.

First of all we do not want to pose that nothing has happened in relation to prevention in the past years. There are many examples such as the efforts of Ec3, the anti-trafficking day and our own database of good practices. What we do lack for the moment is some coordination of all these actions. We believe that adding prevention to the Policy Cycle will provide for some of these needs.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of June the EUCPN secretariat organized a stakeholders meeting in which EU institutions and Member States were represented. There was an overall consensus to the fact that prevention could be an added benefit to the policy cycle. Furthermore, it was also stated that increasing the preventive efforts could increase the participation of the administration of the Member States in the future. Prevention is far from always a predominant task for law enforcement. The National Representatives in the EUCPN are representatives from the police, ministries of interior and ministries of justice. These representatives can provide for a healthy mix, especially if the policy cycle wants to become more multidisciplinary.

The European Commission was kind enough to invite us to the workshop to draft the Master MASP. At this workshop, the EUCPN will state that each of the priorities can have a preventive side to it and therefore prevention should not be forgotten within the policy cycle. However, the EUCPN does not only want to promote prevention but we also want to contribute to it. So far the EUCPN has mainly focused on gathering and exchanging of information, good practices etc. We will continue our efforts in this regard, however in the future, the EUCPN would like to choose 2 or 3 phenomena in which the EUCPN wants to become actively involved. The EUCPN Secretariat would like to start setting up prevention activities ourselves so that the drivers and co-drivers do not look at prevention as an extra task but rather as a positive story. The EUCPN plans to direct resources and staff toward the creation of awareness raising campaigns, the organization of focus days similar as the 'safer internet day' and eventually make large-scale prevention projects. While doing this, the EUCPN Secretariat will always look at their partners for cooperation in order to make sure that the preventive actions are carried through until the end.

By thinking of all these aspects, the EUCPN would like to make sure that prevention is not just mentioned on paper, but that it becomes a reality. I leave you with these thoughts and I am looking forward to the future.