



EUCPN Newsletter June 2012

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Introduction to the theme of the present issue

Dear Reader,

We can look back on six successful months of Denmark's Presidency focussing on 'local cooperation on crime prevention'. During this period several cross-country best practice and research projects have been launched and realised by EUCPN Member States. With the Crime Prevention Day 2012 an international Best Practice Conference was organised building a platform for exchange of knowledge and expertise. The final semester of the current Trio (Poland, Denmark, Cyprus) will be under the auspices of Cyprus' Presidency from 1 July on. Cyprus will deal with community policing, juvenile delinquency and illicit trafficking of cultural property. More information on this can be expected in the September issue. The annual European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) will be organised on 4 December 2012 in Nicosia with the theme '*Community Policing as a Tool for Crime Prevention, related to Burglaries, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Delinquency*'. Also this year we are looking forward receiving interesting project entries from the 27 Member States.

Much reading pleasure,

Noël Klima, Coordinator EUCPN Secretariat

Feedback on EUCPN activities and related events

Crime Prevention Day 2012, Copenhagen, Denmark

The Crime Prevention Day was organised 27 March and focused on the importance of local cooperation. Almost 700 participants, including 200 international guests, participated this year.

Welcome addresses by Eva Smith and by Morten Bødskov, who also handed over the Danish Crime Prevention Award 2012. Keynote speeches were delivered

by Barry Loveday, a reader in criminal justice at the University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom, and Eva Sørensen, professor at the University of Roskilde, Denmark. During lunch buffet several presentations, café meetings, exhibitions and a crime prevention fair took place. In the afternoon several workshops for national and international experts followed: Neighbourhood watch; Cooperation between psychiatry, social services and police; Administrative approach to organized crime; Crime prevention and sport; Cooperation between schools, social services and police and The readiness of urban crime prevention. To read the presentations of the workshops, click [here](#). The EUCPN Secretariat also organised a workshop that contained an international expert focus group with the objective to identify (criteria for) best practices of local cooperation in youth crime prevention where the police is involved as a partner. The information shared during the focus group will be linked to a pilot study conducted by the EUCPN Secretariat. It was discussed about potential criteria for effective or promising local cooperation and why these criteria do work. For more information about the Crime Prevention Day, click [here](#).

6th Annual International Forum (AIF) – German Congress on Crime Prevention, Munich, Germany

The 6th Annual International Forum (AIF) within the 17th German Congress in Crime Prevention (GCOCP) took place 16 and 17 April 2012 in Munich. The AIF is held in English language with some parts of the German Congress on Crime Prevention which were simultaneous translated. International guests could also experience the exhibition, and take part in the evening reception and other events (poster session etc.).

Welcoming addresses inter alia by Erich Marks, Professor Dr. Hans-Jürgen Kerner and Guilherme Pinto (Efus). The keynote speech 'Balanced investing in Proven Crime Prevention' was presented by Prof. Dr. Irvin Waller from the University of Ottawa, Canada. Several workshops for international guests were organized: Sustaining and Mainstreaming Pre-crime Prevention; Engaging young people in designing against crime; Presentation of the International Report on Crime Prevention and Community Safety 2012; Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault and Women's Right to the City: Lessons from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme; Building Safer and Gender Inclusive Cities: the Experience of Delhi; Violence Prevention: Experiences from South Africa and Preventing violence: an overview.

For more information about the Crime Prevention Day, click [here](#).

Research and publications

Breaking Rules: The Social and Situational Dynamics of Young People's Urban Crime - Per-Olof H. Wikström, Dietrich Oberwittler, Kyle Treiber and Beth Hardie

Why do certain people commit acts of crime? Why does crime happen in certain places? Presenting an ambitious new study designed to test a pioneering new theory of the causes of crime 'Breaking Rules: The Social and Situational Dynamics of Young People's Urban Crime' demonstrates that these questions can only go so far in explaining why crime happens - and, therefore, in preventing it. Per-Olof H. Wikström is Professor of Ecological and Developmental Criminology at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, and Professorial Fellow of Girton College. Dietrich Oberwittler is a Senior Researcher / Research Group Leader, Max Planck Institute. Kyle Treiber is the Research Associate, and Beth Hardie is the Research Manager. To read more, click [here](#).

DENMARK

University of Copenhagen opens new research centre: Centre for International Law and Justice, CILJ

A new research centre has been established under the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen, the Centre for International Law and Justice, CILJ. The centre is headed by Associate Professor Anders Henriksen and a steering committee consisting of assistant professors Amnon Lev and Iryna Marchuk and Professor Jørn Vestergaard. The application to establish the centre was assessed by a committee consisting of Professor Iain Cameron, Uppsala; Professor Martin Scheinin, Florence; and Professor Raimo Lahti, Helsinki.

The ambition of the CILJ research centre is to be a forum where researchers from various disciplines – international criminal law, humanitarian law, human rights,

political science, military studies and philosophy – can meet and discuss contemporary developments in the dynamic field of international law with the practitioners and policymakers that help to shape the rules and practices of the international community today. The centre proposes to focus its research activities within the following three fields of inquiry: International justice; Humanitarianism, human rights and security: in search of a new paradigm; and Transformations of international order.

To read the centre's mission statement, click [here](#).

Violence committed by women

Reports of violent crime committed by women are increasing. The number of women convicted of violence has doubled over the past decade, while the figure for men has climbed 12%. A recent analysis from the Danish Crime Prevention Council examining the reasons for this development finds that the increase for women is mainly attributable to a growing tendency to report violence by women, a figure that has tripled since 1995-96, while the figure for men has risen by 18%. Danes now tend to report crimes more often chiefly because they have become less tolerant of violence and physical assault, particularly as regards incidents rarely reported in the past such as violence committed by women.

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Distraction burglary

A report on distraction burglary revealed how this type of crime has increased by 137% over the last 10 years. However, the total number of distraction burglaries is still very low, 1,448 in 2010. Using data from police and other sources, the report documents that the preferred victim is a woman over the age of 80. The burglars use a variety of distraction methods to gain entry, depending on their gender and language skills – claiming to be someone with legitimate business, for instance, a workman or home-help, or just someone in need of a glass of water. Half the perpetrators are Danish, while 30% have a foreign background and 20% live abroad, mostly in Romania.

To read a summary of the report, click [here](#).

Effect of mentoring and after-school activities

Community-based mentoring and after-school activities for youth at risk of committing crime can have a promising impact on a variety of outcomes such as deviant behaviour, violence and delinquency – even when the young people's negative behaviour is related to troublesome youth groups. Both mentoring and after-school activities are promising for youth at risk. The studies show some positive and well-documented effects in many different categories that are crucial to the young people's lives and well-being. Good results are generally seen when the interventions are long-lasting and intensive, include a personal and committed relationship with an adult, and focus specifically on the young people's positive psycho-social development. In addition, when mentoring and after-school activities are combined, they can reach into and possibly influence and enrich several spheres of the young people's lives.

To read the report, click [here](#).

Soldiers – before and after deployment

This is the fifth report in the project 'Danish soldiers after a war-zone deployment'. The overall project aim is to examine the impact of deployment on Danish soldiers sent on international military missions. Based on data registered by the Danish Defence and Statistics Denmark, the report examines, for example, the criminal history and financial situation of a large group of soldiers before and after their first mission. We base our observations on the group of approx. 26,000 soldiers deployed in the period from 1992-2009 and compare a cross-section of them with a control group not sent on missions. The study shows that in general after two to five years the soldiers are neither more criminally inclined nor deeper in debt than the control group.

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Classroom management can create an effective learning environment

Disorderly behaviour in the classroom can disrupt teaching and threaten the well-being of both pupils and teachers. Ultimately, this may have a negative effect on pupils' learning ability and lead to social problems. A new Campbell Systematic Review shows that 'Classroom Management', a specific form of teaching practice,

reduces disruptive behaviour in pupils and creates a more effective learning environment in the classroom.

To read more, click [here](#).

Treatment programme for rape victims

The Danish Board of Health has developed recommendations for the treatment services that the national centres should offer to rape victims. Currently the programmes offered by the centres differ greatly, for which reason rape victims are not offered the same treatment options throughout Denmark. Programmes for rape victims must be given higher priority if the centres are to provide uniform, high-quality support and services.
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BELGIUM

In pursuit of the toolbox 'Towards a European secure home'... Belgian burglary prevention tools down-to-size

Within the scope of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union in 2010, the Direction Local Integral Security established the project 'Crime Prevention in the habitation: toward a European Secure Home': a toolbox, that sets out a global European approach of domestic burglary prevention and different tools supporting and inspiring the Member States in the development of burglary prevention measures and good practices. The project was granted by the European Commission and elaborated in close collaboration with a European working group, consisting of representatives of Belgium, the Netherlands, Hungary, Germany, Denmark and Spain. To read more about the main tools and the state of affair of this project, please click [here](#).

LATVIA

Handbook 'Community Policing in Latvia 2009 – 2012. Experience and Next Steps

'The handbook 'Community Policing in Latvia 2009 - 2012. Experience and Next Steps' is published as a conclusion of the project 'Promotion of Crime Prevention through Community Policing in Talsu Police Department'. The project was carried out by the State Police of the Republic of Latvia and took place with the financial support from the Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme of the European Union European Commission - Directorate -General Home Affairs. The handbook is available in three languages: Latvian, English and Russian. A copy of the Handbook can be ordered via ljze.rukere@vp.gov.lv.

Good practices in Member States

DENMARK

SSP - a guide for working together

The SSP cooperation has become the model favoured by local authorities for preventing crime among children and youth. A new publication from the Danish Crime Prevention Council describing the development of the interdisciplinary cooperation between the health and social services, schools and police offers recommendations for how best to organise local efforts.

The read the publication, click [here](#).

ESTONIA

Aiming safety in community through bicycle patrolling - an example of Rakvere

Bicycle patrolling has been a successful experience of securing safety in Rakvere. Patrolling has been done already nine years with partners from Rakvere police district, Viru defence league, Rakvere City Government and local people. It has helped to map the places where youngsters like to hang around, finding the trouble spots where criminal activities take place, as well as checking the situation of lightening and graffiti in the town of Rakvere. Nowadays it is crucial to recognize the persons who have taken drugs and patrollers have got special training and are able to identify drug users on the streets and for the further action to forward information to police. To read more, click [here](#).

ITALY

Initiatives on copper theft

Copper thefts often cause major disruption to essential public services with

serious economic and social consequences. In most cases offenders act at night hitting previously identified, almost always unguarded targets. It has been increasingly vital to engage private companies in fostering an exchange of information and a timely police action. The Minister of the Interior signed a Protocol for the establishment of the 'National Monitoring Centre on Copper Theft', to foster interaction between Italian police forces, the Customs Agency and the companies most exposed to the crime. The mission is:

- monitor, assess and analyse the copper theft phenomenon;
- propose appropriate strategies to prevent and fight the crime including territorial intervention models;
- propose initiatives for amendment or adoption of legislation;
- promote, where necessary, ad hoc advertising campaigns to raise awareness of the phenomenon and its adverse impact on the supply of essential services, as well as of preventive and countering measures.

To read more, click [here](#).

JUST 'Juvenile Justice. Development of child-rights based methods of intervention to prevent juvenile crime and promote reintegration of young offenders'.

This European project was coordinated by Save the Children Italy and implemented in partnership with Save the Children Romania, ARSIS, the Italian Ministry of Justice - Juvenile Justice Department, the Greek Ministry of Justice - Department of Prevention of Juvenile Criminality & Social Inclusion and the Romanian Ministry of Justice – Department for European Programmes. The JUST project general objective is to strengthen prevention of and fight against juvenile crime, in particular committed by children and adolescents coming from new EU Countries, in particular Romania, and Non-EU Countries, through the development of horizontal methods based on a child rights based approach. To read more about the specific objectives, target groups, main activities, project results and project outputs, please click [here](#).

To take a look at the Manuals that were developed during the project, click [here](#).

IRELAND

Joint Policing Committees (JPCs)

Joint Policing Committees are a partnership process involving An Garda Síochána (police force) and the elected local and national representatives of local authority areas, with the participation of the community and voluntary sector and local authority officials. After a pilot phase during 2006 and 2007, 114 JPCs were put in place countrywide. As well as meetings of Committee members (usually four each year), there are public meetings which allow citizens to give a direct input to the work of Committees. These public meetings often address themes of particular local interest, such as anti-social behaviour or drug misuse. The work of Committees is informed by strategic plans and actions to address issues of importance in their area. In a time of scarce resources JPCs can play an important and dynamic role in supporting local stakeholders to coordinate and enhance their collective efforts to improve community safety and the general living environment of citizens.

To read more, click [here](#).

Member States' policies

BULGARIA

New Bulgarian Crime Prevention Strategy

In April this year the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria adopted pursuant to its Decision No 325/25.04.2012 a new Crime Prevention Strategy for the period 2012 – 2020. This document is part of the system of strategic management of state policies in the area of security and public order and is connected with the National Security Strategy, adopted last year, as well as other strategic documents. The new strategy is focused on reduction of conventional crime, taking into consideration its connection with organized crime and road accidents to which other strategic documents are dedicated. To read more, click [here](#).

The full text of the Strategy will be uploaded on the EUCPN website after its translation into English.

Upcoming events

UPCOMING EUCPN EVENTS

European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and Best Practice Conference (BPC)

4 December 2012, Nicosia, Cyprus

The aim of the BPC is to share and disseminate experience and knowledge of best practices in preventing crime and increasing safety and security in EU Member States. The audience is made up of policymakers, practitioners and researchers from across the EU, candidate countries and relevant organisations. The annual conference consists of lectures and seminars with the key focus being on presenting and discussing projects which have been nominated for the ECPA for that particular year.

Since 2004 the ECPA has been linked to the Best Practice Conference. This is an annual competition which aims to recognise the best European crime prevention project on a specific theme set in line with the Presidency of the day's subject focus. The ECPA is open to all EU Member States based on any project, initiative or package of measures.

On 4 December, 2012, Cyprus will announce the winner of the ECPA, during the Best Practice Conference 2012 in Nicosia, Cyprus.

The theme for this year's ECPA is 'Community Policing as a Tool for Crime Prevention, related to Burglaries, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Delinquency'.

Themes, project information and presentations of ECPA projects can be found on our website (www.eucpn.org).

UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS

21st Annual Meeting of the International Police Executive Symposium

5-10 August 2012, New York, USA

Theme: economic development, armed violence and public safety in Cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs NGO Branch.

For more information click [here](#).

UN-HABITAT - World Urban Forum VI

1-7 September 2012, Naples, Italy

The theme of the Forum will be The Urban Future.

The World Urban Forum was established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing problems facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies.

In the space of a few short years, the Forum has turned into the world's premier conference on cities.

The Forum is one of the most open and inclusive gatherings of its kind on the international stage. It brings together government leaders, ministers, mayors, diplomats, members of national, regional and international associations of local governments, non-governmental and community organizations, professionals, academics, grassroots women's organizations, youth and slum dwellers groups as partners working for better cities. For more information, click [here](#).

12th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology

12-15 September 2012, Bilbao, Spain

Since 2001, the European Society of Criminology organises an Annual Conference about Criminology in the European scope. In its 12th edition, the focus will be on 'Criminology in the 21st Century: a Necessary Balance between Freedom and Security'. The Conference will be hosted by the Basque Institute of Criminology (University of the Basque Country) and it will be a space for meeting, sharing and promoting knowledge transfer among European professionals who develop their teaching and research careers in the Criminology field. For more information, click [here](#).

Criminal Justice and Security Contemporary Criminal Justice Practice and Research

19-21 September 2012, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The primary aim of the ninth biennial conference is to exchange views, concepts, and research findings among academics and practitioners from the broad area of criminal justice practice, research and development thereof in the last two decades. The conference will highlight new ideas, theories, methods, and findings in a wide range of research and applied areas relating to criminal justice and security issues, particularly ones that engage in comparative analyses.

Examples of the topics they expect to explore include:

- Police and Policing
- Provision of Safety and Security
- Crime Prevention
- Criminal Investigation
- Courts
- Juvenile Justice
- Attitudes towards Criminal Justice Institutions, etc.

More information on the conference, including call for papers, guidelines for submission, possibility of publishing, and registration is available [here](#).

The First International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health

11-14 November 2012, Melbourne, Australia

Law enforcement, especially through police forces, has a crucial but largely unacknowledged role in the protection and promotion of the public health. This conference is about the inter-relationship of law enforcement and public health, with invited papers from world experts in specific aspects of this relationship, from multiple sectors and disciplines; and case studies of successful collaborations of police and public health across a wide range of issues. [Read more](#)

European Forum for Urban Security - Security, Democracy and Cities: The Future of Prevention

12-14 December 2012, Aubervilliers and Saint-Denis, France

This interdisciplinary and international conference of the European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) will be dedicated to the exchange of practices, experience and knowledge on crime prevention in Europe and around the world. [Read More](#)

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