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Introduction to the theme of the present issue

Dear Reader,

After the successful Danish Presidency and the fruitful results of its activities, the Cyprus Presidency will endeavor to continue the good work of its predecessor. In this framework, on 18-19 September 2012, the Cyprus Presidency is organizing the ExCom and the EUCPN Board Meeting, Larnaca – Cyprus.

In the broader Theme of the “Trio” – Poland, Denmark and Cyprus “Against Crime, for a safer society – for safer youth”, the Cyprus Presidency will focus on Community Policing, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Delinquency and the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property. Three World Cafes are planned to take place, during the meeting on the 19th September 2012, pertaining to Community Policing, Domestic Violence and the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property.

Moreover, it should be noted, that the Annual European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA 2012), will be organized on the 4th December 2012 in Nicosia – Cyprus, with the theme «Community Policing as a tool for Crime Prevention related to Burglaries, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Delinquency». The entries for the competition must be submitted by 08 October 2012.

Concerning the JURY meeting, this will take place on the 13th-14th

November 2012.

The Cyprus Police strongly supports all efforts made towards the prevention of crime, aiming at the active participation of the citizens, which is an essential element in the fight against crime.

We look forward to a productive cooperation.

Dr. Panayiotis Nicolaides, Chair EUCPN



Feedback on EUCPN activities and related events

Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2012

The Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2012 is an annual international conference in Stockholm, Sweden with over 600 participants. This year's Symposium focused on victims of crime. In 60 panel sessions with about three to four speakers different research results have been presented and discussed. A growing interest in collecting systematic information on victims of crime was remarked by several speakers. In this light the 2012 Stockholm Prize in Criminology has been awarded to Prof. Jan van Dijk of the University of Tilburg, The Netherlands, for his sustained leadership with the International Crime Victims Survey (ICVS) since 1989. The Jury "selected the winner for his repeated achievements with a large global team of research scientists in producing one of the most widely used data sources in modern criminology." In his keynote speech Prof. Van Dijk underlined the link between victimisation surveys and opportunity theory and the importance of economic conditions related to crime. It was announced by the Swedish Minister of Justice that the Stockholm Criminology Prize will be continued annually due to a guaranteed funding by the set up Stockholm Prize in Criminology Foundation independently from the Government.

A list of presentations can be downloaded [here](#).

European Commission's Informal Working Group on the Administrative Approach

In June, a network meeting was hosted by the European Commission - Directorate General Home - Unit Fight against organised crime, who was the co-organiser together with the current Presidency. Target groups were the Law enforcement agencies, Ministries, Europol, Eurojust and EUCPN. This second meeting of the network was a follow-up of the first one held in September 2011. In this second meeting of the new installed network five agenda points have been discussed: 1. How to reach a common understanding of the 'administrative approach' - a debate introduced by Denmark's Presidency; 2. How to set priorities for the network and subjects to be dealt with by the network - debate to be introduced by the DK Presidency; 3. Difficulties and challenges to the exchange of information - Presentation by the Commission, and consultation and debate on terms of Reference for a study to be launched by the Commission; 4. Update on the European Platform of Experts (EPE) - Presentation by EUROPOL and subsequent debate; and 5. Outcome of the Eurojust Strategic Seminar in Copenhagen on 11-13 March 2012 (EUROJUST/DK Presidency).

The next meeting will take place in November 2012 in Brussels.

Week of Integral Security 2012, Belgium

Last June, the Belgian Federal Public Service Home Affairs organised for the second time the Week of Integral Security, a 6-day event attended by more than 700 participants. Throughout this week, several conferences and workshops were organised at local, provincial and federal level. The aim of the event was to create a dynamic interaction between the prevention workers and police officers by means of interesting lectures by national and international experts, as well as

through interactive debates. Several themes were addressed: prevention of radicalization, violence against homo- and bisexuals, prevention of burglary, honour-related violence, vehicle theft, intelligent camera's, a safe school(environment) and a safe internet. In addition, the local cooperation between the different local as well as European partners was explored, with reference to the ECPA 2012 theme 'community policing'. During the conferences and workshops, not only specific themes were explored, but also future guidelines were drawn. This event ended with the presentation of the Belgian Security and Crime Prevention Award. The Awards' theme of 2012 was 'Community work: security and liveability in the neighbourhood through an integral cooperation between prevention, police and justice'. The EUCPN Secretariat also organised a workshop in the Week of Integral Security 2012, which 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 toolbox created by the EUCPN Secretariat.

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

International Conference on Cyberbullying

The International Conference on Cyberbullying is a dissemination conference that took place on 28-29 June 2012 in Paris, France as a part of the final year of COST Action IS0801. COST is an intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology, allowing the coordination of nationally-funded research on a European level. COST contributes to reducing the fragmentation in European research investments and to opening the European Research Area to cooperation worldwide. The main aim of the Action is to share expertise on cyberbullying in educational settings, coping with negative and enhancing positive uses of new technologies in the relationships area, moving towards a common set of guidelines applicable in Europe. The main topic of the conference was 'Cyberbullying: Coping with negative and enhancing positive uses of new technologies, in relationships in educational settings'. The Conference on the June 28th was specially designed for policy-makers and practitioners. The meeting on the 29th of June included researchers and organizations working to reduce cyberbullying. The Action has brought together 28 European countries, plus Australia and outside EU interested countries in a concerted four-year program of sharing research, knowledge and good practice in this area.

To read more about COST Action IS0801, click [here](#).

Presentations and other materials can be downloaded [here](#).

Research and publications

Social Crime Prevention in Late Modern Europe - A Comparative Perspective – P. Hebberecht and E. Bailergeau (eds.)

Preventing crime possibly consists of a wide array of techniques and practices inspired by various underlying theories of crime and crime reduction. Situational crime prevention (aiming at opportunity reduction) is probably the most widespread model of crime prevention across late modern Europe but also a highly debated one. How about alternative models of crime prevention? During the 1990s social crime prevention (aiming at addressing the root causes of crime) was an important inspiring concept in crime prevention discourse, policy and professional practice in many Western European countries. Does this hold true for the first decade of the 21st century? Is social crime prevention still a central concept in European scientific discourse? Is there in the recent developments of prevention, safety and security policies in Europe still a place for social crime prevention? Which kind of social causes of crime are actually tackled in social crime prevention? How did professionals committed to social crime prevention react to the recent changes affecting the welfare state? Are we confronted with the same trends in different European countries or can we detect some similarities and differences between the countries? These are some of the questions explored in this volume through the contributions of

leading experts from twelve countries of Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern Europe. Furthermore the editors draw some comparative lines regarding the evolution of social crime prevention discourses, policies and practices across the twelve countries.

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

Working with volunteers – Building cohesive and safer communities through the role of volunteering

This project explores a number of schemes in which volunteers are deployed in support of the police or in delivering functions that might otherwise be done by the police. The schemes considered are drawn from a number of European countries including Italy, France, Lithuania, UK and Germany. This report presents a set of principles emerging from the analysis of the case studies and makes suggestions regarding possible areas for future research. There are many examples of imaginative practices. Schemes range from uniformed reservist forces to those developed by citizens to address issues in local neighbourhoods. The project looked at three areas of activity: Enforcement, Social Action and Reassurance. In the analysis of each initiative the following areas were considered: ethical issues, sustainability and transferability.

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

PRODUCTS EUCPN SECRETARIAT

European Crime Prevention Monitor 2012/1 - European cross-country crime statistics, surveys and reports

This report is a start up of a series of European Crime Prevention Monitor reports published every six months, presenting information on crime situations and crime trends based on statistics, surveys and reports. This first report presents findings from several international cross-country crime statistics, surveys and reports. A summary of the major findings is outlined and presented with a focus on the 27 European Member States, where possible. The aim of this report is to provide a quick and substantial, but selected overview of the situation and trends on crime and crime prevention in European Member States. Target groups are local, national and European practitioners and policy makers. This report does not claim to be exhaustive. There are more statistics, surveys and reports which were not considered here at this point. They might be included in one of the next issues of the series. The data included in this report has been published elsewhere and is not originally collected by the EUCPN. However, the information used is analysed and presented in accordance with the needs of the target groups and the strategy of the EUCPN.

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

Toolbox 1: Local cooperation in youth crime prevention

This toolbox aims to inform, support and inspire local practitioners and policy makers on actual knowledge in local cooperation in youth crime prevention. To reach this goal, the toolbox contains a variety of instruments based on information collected from different sources such as academic literature, existing good practices and expert opinions from different EU Member States to bundle the knowledge and present it to local practitioners and policy makers. It is an easy-to-read document, providing an introduction to the topic of local cooperation. The toolbox consists of three elements:

- **Pilot study** – a review of good practices in the European Union analyzing the pitfalls and advantages of local cooperation in youth crime prevention where the police is involved as a partner. The aim is to inform the reader about recent academic research and connect the theory to the practice in the field.
- **Manual for practitioners** – a short guideline on local cooperation based on expert focus groups to assist the set-up of local cooperation initiatives. The aim is to provide support by means of a practical, easy-to-read 'guidebook'.
- **Fact sheets of good practices** – a visible overview of

existing projects and programs where local cooperation in youth crime prevention is the main focus. The aim is to promote existing crime prevention projects in the EU Member States to inspire local practitioners to take initiatives.

The toolbox will be available on the EUCPN Website in the near future.

LATVIA

Handbook 'community Policing in Latvia 2009-2012. Experience and Next Steps'.

The handbook 'Community Policing in Latvia 2009-2012. Experiences 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.

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

Good practices in Member States

DENMARK

CPTED Study Trip to Manchester and Amsterdam

In the beginning of September, 18 persons from Denmark, who are all involved in the project "Urban Planning for a Safer Environment" participated in a four day study trip to Manchester in the UK and Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

The project is launched as a result of an agreement between the Danish Ministry of Justice and the Danish Crime Prevention Council in order to implement *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* as a means to increase public safety and reduce crime. The Council hopes the project will lead to better opportunities for incorporating environmental design in local crime prevention work.

One of the goals of the project is to combine knowledge about crime prevention and the promotion of safety with good municipal planning practice. To this end, the project will be appropriately embedded in the local authority structure, and sections about crime prevention and safety promotion will be produced to hopefully be included in the general planning documents. Furthermore, steps will be taken to secure the competencies required to incorporate crime prevention and safety promotion measures in specific plans for remodeling and renewing urban areas. Training programs for urban planners is therefore a key element in the project.

SPAIN

Safe Tourism Plan

Spain is one of the safest countries in the world. The National Police and Civil Guard work hard to make it that way but in order to achieve this, visiting tourists can help by observing certain safety precautions. Within the 'Safe Tourism Plan', the Spanish National Police has introduced the 'Safe Tourism Campaign', which aims to improve and increase public safety in tourist attractions areas during the summer months. The campaign starts with a 'Day of Tourism and Security Update' which aims to improve cooperation between public and private tourism sector and consular representatives. It also distributed over 200,000 brochures with crime prevention advices in ten languages (English, French, German, Portuguese, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Arab and Spanish) and, through the different profiles of the National Police in social networks, are disseminated recommendations and specific security measures for the summer.

To read more click [here](#).

Telephone Complaint Police Department at foreign tourist service

The Spanish National Police started up the 'Telephone Complaints Service for Foreign Tourists' during the summer campaign, who are answered in English, French, German and Italian. Through 902 102

112, foreign tourists, who need it, may report crimes such as theft, damage, or theft of or from vehicles, of papers and other personal effects. The complaints service will be available until October 2012 and is being attended by National Police officers with advanced knowledge in languages. The formal complaints submitted in this process must be signed and ratified within 48 hours at the Police Station that best suits the needs of foreign tourists, who will be treated preferentially. This reporting system does not include those offences that require immediate police operational response.

To read more click [here](#).

Spanish National Police launches the '#Tweedredada' (Drugs Raid in Tweeter)

The Spanish National Police launches the #Tweedredada (Drugs Raid in Tweeter) in summer to promote the fight against drug trafficking in vacation spots and Spanish coasts. It is a new campaign through social networking for citizens' cooperation against drug trafficking to encourage the initiative launched six months ago and strengthen especially the surveillance in places with large numbers of visitors in the summer. Given the great success of the campaign on social networks and the continual public participation of Internet users, who have sent over 2,500 emails with useful information during the last six months, the Police Department has stepped up efforts in the fight against drugs during these summer holidays. This drive against drug trafficking at every level is accomplished through social networks, and secure confidential communications of the Internet users, by the email antidroga@policia.es.

To read more click [here](#).

IRELAND

A project to enable residents to report non-emergency issues and improve community well-being

Earlier this year, one of the initiatives which received a national Public Service Excellence Award was the 'Fix Your Street Initiative' run by South Dublin County Council. The Public Service Excellence Awards are held every two years to recognise innovation and best practice in public service administration and service delivery, and to share ideas across Public Service organisations and sectors. Approximately 190 applications were received and 20 of those received awards. Launched in August 2011, www.fixyourstreet.ie is a publicly accessible web site with associated mobile phone technologies to enable citizens to report non-emergency issues such as street lighting, drainage, graffiti, illegal dumping, road and footpath maintenance to their local authority. South Dublin County Council was the pilot local authority for its operation, and technologies harnessed and developed by the Council are being tested in a live working environment.

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

Member States' policies

BULGARIA

Bulgarian Top Cop Heads New Crime Prevention Body

Bulgaria's government has officially established National Council for Crime Prevention, a unit intended to improve coordination and partnership between law enforcement bodies. The new crime prevention body will be chaired by Interior Minister Tsvetan Tsvetanov. The National Council will oversee the implementation of Bulgaria's National Crime Prevention Strategy. The new body will include the Chief Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Main Directorate National Police, the Director of the National Criminology Institute, the President of the Police Academy, one Deputy of the Ministers of Justice, of Social Policy and Labor, of Education, of Sports, the Chair of the State Agency for Child Protection, the Director of the National Drug Addiction Center at the cabinet, the Secretary of the National Commission for the Fight against Human Trafficking, the CEO of the Agency for Social Assistance, and the Chair of the National Association

of Bulgarian Municipalities. The Council will meet at least once a year to account for its activities and plan crime prevention in the following year.

SPAIN

New Communication Strategy with citizens

Within the communication strategy with citizens, the Ministry of Interior of Spain, through the National Police and Civil Guard, has launched a channel of communication with the youngest citizens through the implementation of 'Plan Contigo' (Plan with You) in the Twitter social network. The Strategy, implemented by means of 'Plan with You', by the National Police and the Civil Guard is a space on Twitter in which citizens make inquiries, provide ideas and find useful information about crime prevention, safety advice for certain situations and common acts of daily living: Internet browsing, managing profiles on social networks, avoiding road risks, fighting bullying, the dangers of drugs, and enjoying hobbies safely. The expansion of the communication strategy has been a complete success. It has reached about 75,000 followers in the short space of one year among the youngest citizens and users of social networks, who gain access to information on crime prevention and safety advices, and also counting the thousand of queries undertaken to date.

To read more click [here](#).

Looking back on Denmark's Presidency

The Danish Ministry of Justice has issued a statement concerning the results achieved in the Ministry's area during the Danish Presidency. The following is a selection of those results:

- **Better combating of illegal immigration in the EU:** the plan was passed on the Council meeting in April, 2012. It contains 80 concrete initiatives to combat illegal immigration. In June, it was decided to enter into a closer cooperation with Turkey on for example border control, the fight against terrorism and organized crime. The agreement aims to improve border control and to strengthen the effort against human trafficking and drug smuggling, and finally also to improve the protection of refugees in Turkey.
- **Modern and efficient intelligence tools:** in April, it was agreed upon to establish a new European cooperation, which facilitates the exchange of passenger information between airline companies, in order to combat terrorism and other serious crimes more efficiently. Furthermore, an agreement was reached to extend the exchange of passenger information to also include the US.
- **New EU-regulations on punishments for cybercrime:** the EU has taken yet another important step in the battle against cybercrime. New rules harmonizing the sanctions for cybercrime aim to ensure a united front against cyber criminals. It is the European Parliament and the Council that have agreed upon new rules in the area. The rules introduce definitions of and sanctions for illegal access to information systems and illegal intervention in information systems. Simultaneously, it is made illegal to manufacture, sell, purchase, import and distribute tools that can be used to commit cybercrime. The proposal also aims to improve prevention and cooperation in the area. It is also important to mention that the establishment of a new *European Cyber Crime Centre* was agreed upon during the Council meeting 7 - 8 June, 2012. The new center, which will be placed organizationally under Europol, will be a central player in the collective effort to combat cyber crime.
- **New global alliance against the abuse of children online:** at the EU-US meeting in June, the Presidency along with the Commissioner for internal affairs and the US Attorney General (Minister of Justice) established a global alliance

against sexual abuse of children online. At first the alliance will be an initiative between the EU and the US, but in time hopefully more countries will join.

- **Strengthened effort against itinerant criminal groups:** an efficient strategy against itinerant groups requires among other things that the police can obtain information about the crime committed by the groups quickly. Therefore, it has been decided to strengthen Europol's role in the common combating of itinerant criminal groups, because it is believed that that will increase the level of knowledge about the composition, the travel routes and the organization of the groups
- **Improved protection of victims:** the Council and the European Parliament agreed upon a proposal on a set of minimum standards in the EU for the treatment and protection of victims of crime. The proposal contains obligations for the Member States concerning for instance information right, counseling, interpretation and translation.

Upcoming events

UPCOMING EUCPN EVENTS

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

4-5 December 2012, Nicosia, Cyprus

The aim of the BPC is to share and disseminate experience and knowledge on 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 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

Cepol - Annual European Police Research and Science Conference

25-27 September 2012, Lyon, France

In this event, officers, scholars and educators from all over Europe come together to inform and discuss new developments of police research and police science and explore opportunities for collaborative and comparative projects.

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'Form a chain, break the circle', Successful multi-agency working in tackling domestic violence

27 September 2012, Hasselt, Belgium

The overall goal of the Conference is to present to an expert audience the main outcomes and recommendations of the project 'Form a chain, break the circle'.

This European project aims to develop, promote and implement a European training programme that has the objective to optimize the

multi-agency approach to domestic violence in different European Member States. The training programme, which is based on a Phased Entry Plan and different scenarios of multi-agency working, gives a theoretical and strategic background on multi-agency working and translates that framework into operational guidance.

The project, introduced on the European level by the Belgian Home Affairs Ministry, was coordinated by the Belgian Province of Limburg, with the partnership of the Dutch Mutsaersstichting, the Swedish City of Malm, the Spanish National Police and the Hungarian Ministry of Interior.

The project was financed with the support of the European Commissions ISEC Programme, which is aimed at contributing to citizens security by preventing and combating crime.

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Seminar Victim's Rights: a step forward

27-28 September 2012, Lisbon, Portugal

The Seminar will focus mainly on:

- New challenges for criminal justice agencies and victim support;
- The fragile situation of cross-border victims;
- Sharing of good practices.

This event is organised within the Project CABVIS Capacity Building for EU crime victim support (2011-2012). Promoted by Victim Support Europe and managed by the Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV) and co-financed by the European Commission, under the Programme Criminal Justice Directorate-Generale Justice, this Project is developed in partnership with the Victim Support Scotland, Slachtofferhulp Nederland, Weisser Ring Germany and Victim Support England & Wales.

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

National Conference on Information Security - Guidelines for the Future

5 October 2012, Ljubljana, Slovenia

This national conference, organised by the University of Maribor, will provide a platform to industry experts, executives from the business and public sector, university students, and anyone professionally concerned with issues of information security. Organizers would like to raise national awareness in the field of safe development and use of IT and create guidelines for future development of safe cybernetic space.

This conference is nationally focused and will be held only in Slovenian language.

To read more, click [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 \(655KB\)](#)

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.

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Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in December 2012 will report on the European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and the EUCPN Best Practice Conference (BPC). Also the theme 'Collaboration in Crime Prevention' of the incoming Trio Ireland, Lithuania and Greece will be introduced. 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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