

European Crime Prevention Award 2020

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Call for projects

Dear colleagues,

The German Presidency of the Council of the European Union has the honor to organize the exchange of crime prevention best practices around the EU under the auspice of the European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA). The ECPA has been, since the start of the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN), one of the essential events of the network and continues to showcase the success of crime prevention throughout Europe.

The German Presidency of the EUCPN will focus on family-based organized crime.

In most countries, there are insular milieus conflicting with state authority and clashing with the legal system. These groups are often defined by their actual or perceived family structures and far-reaching disregard of state institutions and the law. Their income consists of proceeds from criminal activities in various areas. It is very difficult for law enforcement but also for prevention initiatives to penetrate these groups. This is a major challenge for criminal prosecution and prevention policies.

For dealing with criminal members of such subcultures, both a wide repressive approach as well as a strong preventive approach would be a conceivable response from the government.

The projects, one per Member State, submitted to compete in the ECPA contest, should address the prevention of family-based organized crime. Further information on this year's topic can be found on the [EUCPN webpage](#).

Please send the projects for the ECPA in English to the EUCPN Secretariat (eucpn@ibz.eu), through the National Representative of the EUCPN. **The deadline to submit the projects is 25th September 2020.**

Attached to this email you can find the template applicable to the ECPA projects ([Annex I](#)), together with the evaluation form ([Annex II](#)), the Rules and procedures for awarding and presenting the ECPA ([Annex III](#)) and the Guidelines for presenters ([Annex IV](#)). A jury will evaluate all the projects submitted based on the template. Any extra information linked to the projects cannot be considered during the jury evaluation. Member States are invited to bring along any illustrative materials and creative solutions (DVD's, flyers, posters, apps, links to websites, etc.) to the BPC, where the space is provided for presenting the materials. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the EUCPN Secretariat at eucpn@ibz.eu.