

## EUCPN Newsletter July 2017

This Newsletter is a platform for policymakers, practitioners and everyone who is interested in crime prevention. We are interested in your news, research, good practices and experiences on crime prevention in the Member States and in Europe. Please send your documents in English accompanied by an abstract of 100-150 words to [eucpn@ibz.eu](mailto:eucpn@ibz.eu).

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### Editorial

Dear Reader

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of the European Crime Prevention Network, I introduce you to the July edition of the EUCPN Newsletter.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the EUCPN held the last Board Meeting during the Maltese Presidency. In the Board Meeting, the importance that EUCPN becomes actively involved in the Policy Cycle. It was made clear that we need to participate with the main players in the fight against crime. In fact, the Secretariat updated the Board about the Stakeholders meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June in Brussels, after EUROPOL presented its Policy Cycle for the coming four years.



On the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, a seminar was held in view of one of the themes chosen during the Maltese Presidency which was "Organised Crime – Pick Pocketing". There were four presentations from the Danish police together with the Copenhagen prevention team, Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice, Dutch National Police and the Maltese Police, which gave an overview of the problem and best practices adopted in the prevention of this crime.

It is with pleasure to note, that during the Maltese Presidency, EUCPN managed to sign an MOU with Europol and discussions with other stakeholders are ongoing. During the Maltese Presidency, EUCPN managed to address a high-level meeting - COSI (*Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security*) whereby the Secretariat showed the importance that crime prevention is an integral part of the fight against crime.

The Maltese Presidency would like to thank the EUCPN Secretariat for preparing this Newsletter and all the Member States that participated in the meetings held in Malta and Gozo.

Silvio Valletta

Chair EUCPN till 30 June 2017

### New products EUCPN

## INCREASING THE PREVENTIVE ASPECTS OF THE POLICY CYCLE

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

The EUCPN presented their views at COSI on the new Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime for the period 2018-2021. The EUCPN believes that prevention should get more attention in this Policy Cycle in order to make it truly multidisciplinary in its approach.

Read the full speech which was given at COSI on the 20th of June [here](#).

### EUCPN Thematic Paper no. 10 - Organised Crime Targeting Elderly People EUCPN Thematic Paper no. 10 - Organised Crime Targeting Elderly People



This theoretical paper is published by the EUCPN Secretariat in connection with the theme of the Slovakian Presidency, which was 'organised crime targeting elderly people'. The growing population of elderly in the EU can be seen for many criminals as an opportunity to create new markets. Therefore, firstly, this paper looks up close to the utility of crime prevention working with a specific target group. Secondly, there is an attempt to give a definition of the

heterogeneous group of elderly. Additionally, it is important to provide an overview of crimes which can be used to target elderly victims. Not only an overview of the variation of crimes, also an overview of the modus operandi of the offenders, will be provided in order to give a helping hand to practitioners. A toolbox with examples of good practices to prevent these specific crimes will be published in the following months.

Read the paper [here](#).

### Predictive Policing - Recommendations paper

Big data is a hot topic in the criminological field. It provides for a lot of possibilities and new approaches are being developed. Predictive policing is such a new big data approach. It goes beyond Intelligence Led Policing, which has been on the security agenda since The Hague Programme. Where Intelligence Led Policing uses data to steer, analyze and act in real-time, predictive policing uses this data and other indicators to calculate the probability of where a crime is most likely going to happen in the future.

Through this paper we will give some insights into the approach of predictive policing by first explaining what it means. Then we will have a look at what is happening in the different Member States in relation to predictive policing. Finally we will formulate 12 recommendations for policy makers at the local, national and European level about the approach; how to start with it, what to choose and how it should be promoted. We gathered this information by looking at the literature, by developing a questionnaire which was sent to all Member States of the EUCPN and by organizing a meeting with experts where the different recommendations were discussed.

Read the paper [here](#).

## Research and publications

### EUROPOL

#### Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA)

The SOCTA 2017 is the most comprehensive study of serious and organised crime in the EU ever undertaken. It is the outcome of a detailed analysis of the threat of serious and organised crime facing the EU providing information for practitioners, decision-makers and the wider public. As a threat assessment, the SOCTA is a forward-looking document that assesses shifts in the serious and organised crime landscape. The SOCTA 2017 sets out current and anticipated developments across the spectrum of serious and organised crime, identifies the key criminal groups and individuals active in criminal activities across the EU and describes the factors in the wider environment that shape serious and organised crime in the EU. The SOCTA 2017 also describes the dynamics that drive organised crime in the age of technology and reflects on how OCGs and individual criminal

entrepreneurs seek to exploit the latest technological innovations.

The SOCTA is the product of close cooperation between Europol, the law enforcement authorities of the Member States and third parties such as EU agencies, international organisations and countries outside the EU with strategic or operational agreements with Europol. The involvement of these crucial stakeholders is also reflected in the SOCTA's role as the cornerstone of the EU Policy Cycle for Serious and Organised Crime in the EU.

Find the full SOCTA [here](#).

### **Online sexual coercion and extortion as a form of crime affecting children: law enforcement perspective**

This report addresses online sexual coercion and extortion as a form of crime affecting children. The report provides a law enforcement perspective of this online threat and recommends actions as a part of our preventive campaign on this topic.

Children are increasingly using the online environment to communicate and form relationships and this should be considered as a natural part of their development. However, it is our collective responsibility to educate them on the threats they may experience and also protect them to make the online environment as safe as possible. Where something untoward happens online we should provide clear and effective reporting and support mechanisms so they understand where to turn to for assistance.

Read the report [here](#).

### **2017 Situation Report on Counterfeiting and Piracy in the European Union**

This situation report prepared by the EUIPO and Europol once again puts the spotlight on the importance of tackling the international criminals who are among the principle beneficiaries of IPR infringements in the European Union.

It builds upon the previous 2015 report, also jointly developed, by tracking the evolution of counterfeiting and piracy, updating the key conclusions and offering new insights into some of the emerging trends.

IP crime affecting the European Union continues to represent a cause for concern. Criminal activity in this area not only causes potential harm to the health and safety of EU citizens, but also to the environment. It also affects legitimate economies, contributing to reduced revenues for the affected businesses, decreased sales volume and job losses.

Read the report [here](#).

### **EU Terrorism Situation and Trend Report (TE-SAT) 2017**

This new edition of the yearly EU Terrorism Situation and Trend Report (TE-SAT), which Europol has produced since 2007, provides a concise overview of the nature of terrorism that the EU faced in 2016. In this report you will find information on terrorist attacks that occurred in 2016 and the numbers of arrests and convictions for terrorist offences. Also included is a brief overview of the terrorist situation outside the EU.

Read the report [here](#).

### **THE INTERNATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE OBSERVATORY (IJJO)**

#### **Enhancing Police Responses to Children Exposed to Violence**

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (The IACP) and the Yale Child Study Center (Yale), with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, has launched the Enhancing Police Responses to

Children Exposed to Violence: A Toolkit for Law Enforcement. This new toolkit provides practical tools and resources to assist law enforcement agencies in building or enhancing effective operational responses to children exposed to violence (with or without a mental health partner). This toolkit contains tools targeted to police leaders and frontline officers.

Discover the toolkit [here](#).

## **EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)**

### **Fundamental Rights Report 2017**

Diverse efforts at both EU and national levels sought to bolster fundamental rights protection in 2016, while some measures threatened to undermine such protection. FRA's Fundamental Rights Report 2017 reviews major developments in the field, identifying both achievements and remaining areas of concern. This publication presents FRA's opinions on the main developments in the thematic areas covered, and a synopsis of the evidence supporting these opinions. In so doing, it provides a compact but informative overview of the main fundamental rights challenges confronting the EU and its Member States.

Read the report [here](#).

### **Between promise and delivery: 10 years of fundamental rights in the EU**

The EU's commitment to fundamental rights has grown tremendously during the past decade, but daunting challenges remain. Moreover, recent developments underscore how quickly laboriously accomplished progress can be undone. Across the EU, the fundamental rights system is increasingly under attack – dismissed as political correctness gone awry, as benefitting only select individuals, or as hampering swift responses to urgent challenges.

This year's focus section, 'Between promise and delivery: 10 years of fundamental rights in the EU', further explores these challenges, providing a thorough review of the past decade's highlights and persisting shortfalls.

Read the report [here](#).

### **Annual activity report 2016**

This Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) provides an overview of the activities and achievements of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in 2016.

Read the report [here](#).

### **Current migration situation in the EU: Community policing**

This report outlines examples of community policing measures in select EU Member State regions and localities with recently arrived asylum seekers and migrants. It focuses on four main issues: 1) community policing, 2) related police training, 3) community involvement (for example: consultations; giving voice to the concerns of local communities; police involvement in local responses to concerns), and 4) crime prevention activities.

Read the report [here](#).

## **EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION (EMCDDA)**

### **European Drug Report 2017: Trends and Developments**

The Trends and Developments report presents a top-level overview of the drug phenomenon in Europe, covering drug supply, use and public health problems as well as drug policy and responses.

Together with the online Statistical Bulletin, Country Drug Reports and Perspectives on Drugs, it makes up the 2017 European Drug Report package.

Read the report [here](#).

### **Evaluating drug policy: a seven-step guide to support the commissioning and managing of evaluations**

This document summarises the main issues concerning evaluation in the field of drug policy. Aimed at those managing rather than undertaking drug policy evaluations, the guide acts as an introduction, providing links to the wider literature. Recognising that there is no single correct way to undertake an evaluation, this publication is designed to assist people in choosing the best approach to suit their circumstances and to maximise the value of any evaluation.

Read the report [here](#).

## **TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL**

### **Transparency and participation an evaluation of anti-corruption review mechanisms**

This report investigates levels of transparency and civil society participation in the international meetings of six anti-corruption review mechanisms and finds important deficiencies in their frameworks and performance. Anti-corruption review mechanisms and their processes assess national compliance with international anti-corruption standards and formulate related policies and priorities. However, the mechanisms are performing badly when it comes to respect for international human rights standards on access to information and civil society participation. The report argues that this failure to comply with international standards undermines the legitimacy, credibility and effectiveness of the work of the anti-corruption review mechanisms and should be promptly remedied.

Read the report [here](#).

### **Collective Commitment to Enhance Accountability and Transparency in Emergencies: Lebanon report**

This report presents research that looked at the assistance provided to Syrian refugees and affected host communities in Lebanon, as part of the CREATE project (Collective Commitment to Enhance Accountability and Transparency in Emergencies) led by Transparency International (TI) in partnership with Humanitarian Outcomes (HO) and Groupe URD, funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO). The objectives of the research were: to highlight the risks to integrity which humanitarian actors face in Lebanon; to highlight the preventive/mitigation measures, tools and good practices implemented by humanitarian actors to guarantee the integrity of their operations; and to make actionable recommendations to humanitarian actors to enhance the integrity of the response to the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon.

Read the report [here](#).

## **UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)**

### **Drug Report 2017**

World To celebrate 20 years since its inception, the World Drug Report 2017 is presented in a new five-booklet format designed to improve reader friendliness while maintaining the wealth of information contained within.

Booklet 1 summarizes the content of the four subsequent substantive booklets and presents policy implications drawn from their findings. Booklet 2 deals with the supply, use and health consequences of drugs. Booklet 3 focuses on the cultivation, production and consumption of the three plant-based drugs (cocaine, opiates and cannabis) and on the impact of new cannabis policies. Booklet 4 provides an extended analysis of the global synthetic drugs market and contains the bulk of the analysis for the triennial global synthetic drugs assessment. Finally, Booklet 5 contains a discussion on the nexus

between the drug problem, organized crime, illicit financial flows, corruption and terrorism.

Read the report [here](#).

## Member States' good practices

### EUROPOL

#### **SAY NO' awareness raising campaign on online child sexual coercion and extortion**

The online coercion and extortion of children – a form of digital blackmail where sexual information or images are used to extort sexual material, sexual favours or money, has skyrocketed in the past years, but remains largely underreported. In response to this worrying phenomenon, the European law enforcement community has joined forces with partners from the private sector to launch a campaign, #Say NO”, supported by Europol, to give advice to those who have been, or are likely to be targeted, and to strengthen reporting and support mechanisms.

The campaign includes a short film, available in all EU languages, which helps people to recognize a potential sextortion approach, provides online advice and highlights the importance of reporting the crime to the competent national authorities. You can find the film through this link: <https://youtu.be/5ttHYODhenY> and you can also find all other relevant information on the website if Europol: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/sayno>

Find out more about the campaign [here](#)

### EUROPEAN FORUM FOR URBAN SECURITY (EFUS)

#### **Radicalisation: the PRACTICIES “Partnership Against Violent Radicalisation in the Cities” project kicks off**

The project mobilises networks of European cities and experts from the fields of humanities, political sciences and information sciences with the aim of better understanding the “human roots of radicalisation”, characterising these processes and their origins and building concrete tools and prevention practices.

Find out more about the project [here](#).

### DENMARK

#### **New app helps Danish consumers protect themselves from online fraud**

Digital fraud is a soaring trend: Danish police reports show an increase in cases from 647 in 2011 to 22,339 in 2016. To counter this trend, the Consumer Council has created a new app, called Mit digitale selvforsvar (“My digital self-defense”).



The app gives guidance to consumers on how to protect their personal data, see through fraud attempts and what to do once the damage is done. Several companies, authorities and institutions have joined the initiative and add content to the app. This includes warnings about false web pages, scam competitions and dangerous links in texts and e-mails.

“IT-criminals have become more professional in their way to scam. It is our hope that this new app can help the Danish consumers to navigate more safely online and to make safe choices in the digital sphere”, comments Anja Philip, chairwoman of the Danish Consumer Council.

### LUXEMBOURG

#### **Keyless-Go-System makes it easy for car thieves**



Neither insurance companies nor car manufactures show motivations to improve safety.

It needs not many efforts for the thieves

It only needs two car thieves, some basic electronic equipment and a means to extend the radio range so that both key and car are in their radio area. One of the criminals needs to be next to the key to capture the transmitted signal. This signal is sent to a receiver near the car, where the second thief is capturing the digital information and can open the car, start the engine and drive until the tank is empty or the contact is interrupted.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHCUplBGIKQ>

Precautions can help

- Put the car into the garage if possible, if not, don't park the car next to your house;
- Switch on your alarm system;
- Do not place the key next to the doorways to your home;
- Put the key in a special key-safe that shields radio waves, so that hackers cannot capture the signals from the key;
- You can also weaken the signal by wrapping the key into aluminium paper or by putting it into an aluminium box, but this is not 100% safe.
- Pay attention to suspicious items placed near the door of the driver's side, f. ex. a little box, a knapsack or something similar, into which a scanner may have been placed.

## GREECE

### Inspiring Citezens Participation for Enhanced Community Policing Actions – INSPEC2T Inspiring Citezens Participation for Enhanced Community Policing Actions – INSPEC2T

INSPEC2T projects' scope is to develop a sustainable framework for Community Policing (CP) that effectively addresses and promotes seamless collaboration between the police and the community. INSPEC2T approach bases its conceptual foundations on EU crime prevention and Member States specific Internal Security Policies, validated research results and best practices from cooperation between police and local, regional and national communities. INSPEC2T is focusing on a user-centric design and development approach, and has already mobilized and engaged a critical user group mass, in EU and abroad. With special emphasis on social media and mobile apps, it consolidates and modernizes bidirectional communication of stakeholders, using multi-level anonymity flags and having a clear understanding of acceptability issues. INSPEC2T will be demonstrated and validated in 5 EU cities by a wide range of relevant stakeholders. INSPEC2T engagement and active participation is stimulated through fully interactive training Serious Game applications empowering players to familiarize themselves with the system.

Find out more about the project [here](#).

## Upcoming events

Date	Event	Location
24-28 July 2017	EFRJ Summer School 2017	Como, Italy
29 July - 4 August 2017	Children as Actors for Transforming Society	Caux, Switzerland
13-16 September 2017	17th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology	Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom
14 September 2017	Combating Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Developing a Stronger Multi-Agency Response for the Identification and Support for Victims of Trafficking	London, United Kingdom
19-20 September 2017	Europol Intellectual Property Crime Conference	Antwerp, Belgium

18-19 October 2017	EC3 - ENISA IoT Security Conference	The Hague, Netherlands
23 October 2017	Third international symposium on drug-impaired driving	Lisbon, Portugal
24-26 October 2017	Second European conference on addictive behaviours and dependencies	Lisbon, Portugal
25-27 October 2017	Next Generation Community Policing Conference Next Generation Community Policing Conference	Heraklion (Crete), Greece
26-27 October 2017	3rd International conference on "Wastewater – Based Drug Epidemiology"	Lisbon, Portugal
26-28 October 2017	10th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry	Dublin, Ireland
15-17 November 2017	Security, Democracy & Cities Conference	Barcelona, Spain
19-26 November 2017	RJ WEEK 2017	
13-15 December 2017	The European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and Best Practice Conference (BPC)	Tallinn, Estonia
6-8 December 2017	Counterterrorism (CT) and Applied Intelligence Course	The Hague, Netherlands
16-18 May 2018	Counterterrorism (CT) and Applied Intelligence Courses (7th Edition)	The Hague, Netherlands
12-14 June 2018	Stockholm Prize in Criminology 2018	Stockholm, Sweden
14-16 June 2018	10th international EFRJ Conference (Tirana 2018)	Tirana, Albania

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

## Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in August 2017 will focus on Cyber Safety. 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](mailto:eucpn@ibz.eu).

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