



## EUCPN Newsletter June 2013

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,

As Ireland's Presidency of the EUCPN is drawing to a close I would like to mark some of the recent developments in the Network.

Under Ireland's Presidency, the EUCPN focused on the topics of youth offending and internet crime within the trio theme for Ireland, Lithuania and Greece (2013-2014): 'Collaboration in Crime Prevention'. During the Board meetings held in Dublin we saw examples of crime prevention initiatives which draw on the work of academics, national and European policy makers, police, local crime practitioners, communities and businesses. The EUCPN has an important role in providing a European platform to acknowledge and showcase the development of useful synergies across our societies in tackling crime.

In May 2013, the Network agreed to enhance co-operation with the Informal Network on the Administrative Approach to Combating Organised Crime (established by the European Commission in 2011). In making this decision, the EUCPN was mindful of the recommendation in the recent report of the evaluation of the EUCPN that the EUCPN should systematically align its priorities with agreed EU priorities as regards the fight against crime. The work of the Informal Network was cited as a relevant point of contact in this regard<sup>[1]</sup>. The co-operation between the two networks will facilitate the sharing of information on good practices in crime prevention and developments in crime prevention policies and strategies.

Another recent development of note was agreement by the EUCPN Board on an action plan to respond to the report of the evaluation of the Network which I mention above. This plan constitutes a structured approach intended to address issues identified in the evaluation report and advance the work of the EUCPN, including raising its profile among its target groups. The EUCPN Board believes that this action plan will play a constructive role in the future development of the Network.

The Irish Presidency would like to thank all those individuals and organisations who have participated in and contributed to the work of the Network and, in particular, the Secretariat for their diligence and professionalism.

Finally, we look forward to working with our trio partners, Lithuania and Greece in advancing the work of the EUCPN at this important point in its development.

Doncha O'Sullivan  
Chair

<sup>[1]</sup> COM (2012) 717 final - Report from the Commission to the Council : Evaluation report on the European Union Crime Prevention Network

## Feedback on attended events

### 5th annual Adriatic City Security Conference (SIGG) (21-22 March 2013, Croatia)

Organised by the Zastita – Croatian Security Magazine, the fifth SIGG conference focused on crime prevention, civil and crisis city management and new technologies in city security implementations. The EUCPN Secretariat was invited to give a presentation on the activities of the EUCPN.

To read the full SIGG programme, click [here](#).

### 7th Annual International Forum (AIF) within the 18th German Congress on Crime Prevention (GCOCP) (22-23 April 2013, Germany)

With over 3000 participants every year since 1995, AIF is one of the biggest congresses on crime prevention. This year's main topic was 'More Prevention – Less Victims'. AIF presented lectures in English from various international crime prevention experts. The EUCPN Secretariat was invited to give a presentation on the activities of the EUCPN. A publication with a contribution from the EUCPN Secretariat is forthcoming later this year.

To read the full AIF Programme, click [here](#).

To read the full GCOCP Programme, click [here](#).

### 4th Meeting of the Informal Network on Administrative Approach (23 May 2013, Belgium)

This Network meeting periodically takes place in Brussels under each present Presidency. This time it was hosted by the Irish Presidency and co-organised by the European Commission. The main topic of this meeting was trafficking in human beings. Several presentations were delivered on this topic, for example: a presentation on an analysis based on the replies to a questionnaire related to trafficking in human beings and the administrative approach, a presentation on the Conference 'Putting Rantsev into Practice', a presentation on the European Multidisciplinary Platform against Criminal Threats on Trafficking in Human Beings (EMPACT) and a presentation on how Ireland included administrative approach elements in their counter trafficking in human beings activities. Also, there was room to exchange good practices on this theme between the Member States. The next meeting will take place at the end of 2013 under the Lithuanian Presidency.

### Stockholm Criminology Symposium (SCS) (10-12 June 2013, Sweden)

This year's symposium focused on two major themes, namely 'saved from a life of crime, evidence-based crime prevention' and 'contemporary criminology'. In conjunction with the Symposium, the Stockholm Prize in Criminology was awarded to Professor David P. Farrington of Cambridge University for his pioneering research on early-life interventions and the cost-effectiveness of developmental programs over the life course. A novelty this year was the Jerry Lee Lecture. The lecture is named in honor of Jerry Lee, the initial donor of the Stockholm Prize in Criminology. Dr. Daniel Ortega from Venezuela gave the first Jerry Lee Lecture on the impact of police training on crime, as measured by a randomised control trial in the context of the Plan Cuadrantes, a new police patrolling programme introduced in the eight major cities of Colombia by the National Police in 2010. In total, more than 50 panel sessions took place. The EUCPN Secretariat organised the panel session 'Evidence-based crime prevention: Bridging the gap between research, policy and practice'. The session was chaired by the research officer of the EUCPN Secretariat and the following presentations were given:

- Is there a gap between research and policy, and provided there is, how do we bridge it? – Lars Bræmhøj (Southern Jutland Police, Denmark)
- Urban security in Europe: implications for crime prevention problems, responsibilities and expertise - Adam Edwards (Cardiff University, UK)
- On the use of comparative international research - Peter Kruize (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Evaluating crime prevention initiatives - Barra S. O'Duill (Department of Justice and Equality, Ireland)

The presentations will be available soon on the EUCPN website.

To read the full SCS programme, click [here](#).

## Research and publications

### Urban Manager for Security, Safety and Crisis Management (URBIS) project

The URBIS project questions the possibilities for 'urban security management' given the increasing freedom of movement of people, goods and services across national borders, an increasingly austere economic climate and consequent pressures on governing capacity in European cities. The distinctiveness of the current situation is captured in the idea of 'acting locally while thinking globally' about threats to the freedom and security of European citizens. In particular the project explores which public authorities are empowered and legally obliged to manage urban security, what skills and competencies they have to undertake this responsibility and what educational and training provision currently exists in support of their work. On the basis of this review, the project will consider any further need to professionalise this area of work. It will then design and trial a postgraduate-level programme of teaching and learning emphasising a comparative understanding of urban security in Europe and questioning the possibilities for exchanging expertise and experience amongst public authorities.

To read the executive summary of the 'state of the art recognition in managing urban security', which Cardiff University are leading, click [here](#).

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

### **European Journal of Criminology - May 2013 Edition**

This special issue of the European Journal of Criminology is devoted to the concept of urban security. Guest editors Adam Edwards and Gordon Hughes have assembled various contributions related to the research project on 'urban security management' funded by the European Union's Leonardo da Vinci Lifelong Learning Programme. The special issue includes a report on the key findings, as well as some contributions from some of the participants in the policy Delphi that provide further detail on urban security in different European countries. Key informants for the policy Delphi were recruited through the European Society of Criminology ([ESC](#)), European Forum for Urban Security ([EFUS](#)) and EUCPN.

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### **Restorative Justice: An international Journal**

The first issue of this new journal aims to gather and present in a systematised way the fruits of academic research as well as practice and policy related information on restorative justice worldwide. The first issue will include featuring articles, book reviews, a thought provoking piece by Nils Christie and 10 responses to this piece (from John Braithwaite, Kathleen Daly, Jan Froestad & Clifford Shearing, Shadd Maruna, Gabrielle Maxwell, Christa Pelikan, Joanna Shapland, Josep Tamarit Sumalla, Lode Walgrave and Martin Wright).

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

### **Youth deviance and youth violence – Findings from a European Study on juvenile delinquency and its prevention – Görge, T., Kraus, B., Taefi, A., Bernuz Beneitez, M.J., Christiaens, J., Mesko, G., Perista, H. & Tóth, O.**

In 2011 and 2012, the study 'Youth deviance and youth violence: A European multi-agency perspective on best practices in prevention and control' (YouPrev) has been conducted in six European countries (Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain). The main goal of the project was to deepen knowledge on prevention and control of juvenile delinquent behaviour and to make this knowledge available to relevant professional groups and institutions. Multiple methodological approaches were taken. Manuals for continuing education of police and social work professionals were set up in each country, brochures summarising key results and pointing out policy implications were published, and findings were presented and discussed at an international conference.

To read the findings from this European Study, click [here](#).

### **DENMARK**

#### **Developments in juvenile delinquency 2001-2012**

A new report from the research division of the Danish Ministry of Justice documents once more the decline in youth crime that has been witnessed over most of Europe in recent years. The decline in Denmark is found in all parts of the country, though more steeply in larger cities, across all age groups and all types of crime. The level of crime has dropped for both boys and girls, although a little more for boys.

For further information, contact [abp@jm.dk](mailto:abp@jm.dk).

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

#### **Systematic review of youth crime prevention interventions. Published 2008-2012**

This systematic literature review was commissioned by the Danish Crime Prevention Council to supplement the existing knowledge base about youth crime prevention and provide useful information about implementation and effectiveness of known crime prevention initiatives. The review is one component of a larger project commenced by the Danish Crime Prevention Council to collect information about methods and implementation processes for youth crime prevention interventions. Within the scope of this project, a network of prevention ambassadors is being established across Danish municipalities and it is the hope of the Danish Crime Prevention Council that this systematic literature review can inform and qualify the work of these prevention ambassadors in their local prevention efforts.

For more information on the review, click [here](#) or contact [Celie Manuel](#).

For more information on the Ambassador project, contact [Ann Birgitte Brixen](#).

#### **Report on the level of male victimisation in domestic violence**

The report, which is published by the National Institute for Public Health, University of Southern Denmark, describes the current level and characteristics of partner violence against men in Denmark, and further describes the obstacles that men encounter when it comes to seeking help after being subjected to partner violence. It also describes the existing possibilities for support for men, who have been victimised.

To read the report, click [here](#) or contact [Karin Helweg-Larsen](#).

## **Good Practices in Member States**

### **IRELAND**

#### **Project 'Connect with Respect' – promoting a safer place on the internet.**

An Garda Síochána (the police force of Ireland) recognises the challenges and dangers which advances in social media have brought to young people. It is in this context that 'Connect with Respect' is now a part of the Garda Secondary Schools Programme. The 'Connect with Respect' lesson aims to change the attitude of bystanders to make them more likely to intervene positively and effectively in online bullying situations. It aims to help students to understand the impact that cyber bullying can have on different people, and to recognise that cyber bullying is not acceptable. It also aims to provide opportunities for reflection and discussion on the effects of cyber bullying and to enable students to develop responsible decision making when they witness it taking place.

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

#### **Garda Youth Diversion Bicycle Project**

In 2011 and 2012, bicycle crime was a big youth crime issue in a particular area of Dublin. In response to this, in partnership with local Community Gardaí, the project completed a bicycle project with a targeted group of young people which it was believed were involved in some of these incidents. There were 7 young males aged between 14-17 years on the project each of whom worked on restoring his own bike. This required concentration and commitment. The aim was for young people to have ownership over their own work. If they put time and effort into fixing a bike they would realise that bicycles are important to people and are not just an easy way to make some money by stealing and selling.

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

#### **LITHUANIA**

##### **Project 'Strengthening of police capabilities aimed at prevention of juvenile delinquency'**

This project was implemented by the Police Department under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, and partially supported by European Union Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme. The Project aim was to present a new procedure of conflict resolution to the territorial police units and other social partners dealing with juvenile delinquency problems. It is unique in such a way that the application of Restorative Justice Models was suggested to police officers. As a result, mediation is now applied to public conflicts where participation of the police is obligatory which increases the public trust in the police.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact [Ingrida Lamanuskienė](#).

#### **ITALY**

##### **Project 'Good to know'**

This project, whose main topics are online safety, data on the web, data on Google and managing data on Google, aims to raise awareness of internet users about the importance of a responsible and well-informed approach to the world-wide-web, while explaining how to manage shared on-line information. The objective is to teach secondary school level children a responsible use of the internet and to make teachers and parents aware of the dangers that lurk on the internet. To achieve this goal, the Postal and Communications Police, organise *ad-hoc* meetings upon request of the schools, held by selected personnel. The project, which has been launched and promoted on the whole Italian territory by the Postal and Communication Police and funded by Google Inc., started in the school year 2012-2013 and is still ongoing. The initiatives are carried out in collaboration with school headmasters at the national level

For more information, contact [the Postal Police](#) or [the Communications Police](#) of Italy.

#### **SLOVAKIA**

##### **The campaign "Do you know what your child is doing right now?"**

The Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic through its facility The Information Centre for Combating the Trafficking with Human Beings and Crime Prevention, has prepared the campaign called "Do you know what your child is doing right now?", focusing on young people and parents. In a number of shopping centres posters of students of secondary schools of Applied Arts thematically inspired by risky phenomena such as drugs, alcohol, gambling, social networks and trafficking of human beings were presented. Finally, the expert jury selected the theme showing a boy with candy. Between April 2012 and August 2013 the visual image of the campaign was presented on 22 billboards throughout the Slovak Republic and artistic presentations of this issue are circulating throughout Slovakia in the form of the cycle of 30 posters. The campaign focuses on hospitals, large shopping centres, galleries and selected secondary schools. Through the campaign a publication and a guide for parents on cases of children deciding to travel to work abroad or on cases of drugs, alcohol or other addictions were produced and distributed. A brochure will also be distributed through various trainings and workshops, as a supporting publication for touring, as well as during various activities of the Information Centre for combating the trafficking of human beings and crime prevention among the adult population.

For more information, contact [Lucia Polakova](#).

##### **Launch of national campaign "No hate speech" in Slovakia**

The Crime Prevention Department of the Office of the Minister of Interior of the Slovak Republic joined in the implementation of the national campaign of the Council of Europe "No Hate Speech Movement" aimed at increasing awareness and involvement of young people in the fight against hate speech on the Internet. As the most active users of the Internet, young people in particular are at the highest risk of becoming victims of cyberhate but at the same time they are often the originators of various manifestations of cyberhate. Heated online discussions, hateful blogs, defamatory videos, insulting pictures can in many cases radicalise their audience, escalate tensions between groups and even lead to physical violence and hate crimes. Therefore, it is necessary to draw public attention to this issue and prevent this form of cyber-crime in its early stages. On 17 May 2013 the campaign was initiated by launching the official campaign website <http://www.beznenavisti.sk/> which was announced at a press conference and by promoting the campaign at two major public events in two Slovak cities - Bratislava and Zilina. The campaign, lasting until 2014, will reach young people by using various tools - promotional materials, trainings, activities at summer music festivals or sporting events and by online education.

For more information, contact [Daniel Milo](#).

#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

##### **2Moro? Peer Education to reduce youth crime**

This project has sought to reduce the rate of re-offending for young people in Hackney through providing formal employment and training opportunities for 12 young people who have been convicted or were at risk of committing crime. The project is co-delivered, with six young people employed by Immediate Theatre, a local performing arts charity and six employed by the Prince's Trust, a national charity delivering sports programmes in Hackney. All 12 have been employed for

the past year as peer facilitators, working directly with other young people in school and community settings. The peer facilitators have mentored vulnerable young people, supporting them to reengage in education, divert away from crime or take positive choices as well as also engaging more widely with large groups of young people delivering sports and interactive drama workshops. As part of their employment the peer facilitators have undertaken a package of training including peer facilitation, arts and sports awards. They have also received ongoing support from both employers to complete their journey of desistance and become independent and confident citizens. The peer facilitators have successfully undertaken a year of employment and are beginning to move into sustainable outcomes. None of the peer facilitators have re-offended since engaging in the 2Moro project.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact [Nina Holland](#) or [Jo Carter](#).

## **ROMANIA**

### **Analysis of missing children cases recorded by police**

Since the beginning of the year 2006, a substantial increase of public interest, supplied by the media, on the phenomenon of missing children has been recorded. Police statistics regarding recorded missing children cases, some unsolved or finalised with the late discovery of the children who had gotten lost or deceased before being found, the ample search operation carried out by Police together with other Home Affairs agencies, and the large number of documentaries dedicated to these searches aroused the special interest of the media and the general public and have had a considerable impact on the overall feeling of insecurity. Under these circumstances, the Crime Research and Prevention Institute has initiated a research of the phenomena with a special social impact, with the aim of identifying the typology of missing children, their behavioural patterns and the complex factors that contribute to the favouring of such phenomena as well as to develop adequate preventive measures.

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

## **Information from partners**

### **Joint Europol-Eurojust Annual Report to the Council and Commission for 2012**

Eurojust and Europol have continued their efforts to foster closer co-operation and operational complementarity in the fight against serious cross-border crime by increasing information exchange and improving their strategic and operational cooperation in supporting the Member States.

Specifically, during 2012, Europol and Eurojust proceeded and enhanced their activities in the following fields:

- Connection of Eurojust to the secure SIENA Network;
- Exploration of further association of Eurojust to AWFs (Focal Points);
- Increase in information on meetings including operational and coordination meetings and participation in respective meetings;
- Close cooperation as regards the European Cybercrime Centre;
- Full implementation of the joint exchange programme.

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

### **CEPOL Annual Report 2012 - Strengthening police cooperation through learning**

The latest Annual Report of CEPOL contains information about CEPOL's achievements in 2012. The report also highlights a selection of training activities that were implemented during the year. In total, 6,019 people took part in a CEPOL training activity in 2012, compared with 4,206 participants in 2011 (an increase of 43%). Through a combination of reduced governance costs and the greater use of new technology to facilitate training and coordination, the agency reasonably lowered the unit price of training activities. This was achieved without compromising quality and CEPOL continued to reach satisfaction levels of over 90%.

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

### **EMCDDA - European Drug Report 2013**

In May the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) presented its annual overview of drug trends and developments across Europe in a report which is available in 23 languages, print, PDF and in a tablet (iOS and Android) version. Moreover, a new interactive information package has been created which incorporates video and interactive features to provide deeper insight into a selection of important issues.

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

To download the Trends and developments report, click [here](#).

### **The Beccaria-Portal: A directory and knowledge network in crime prevention and criminology worldwide**

The Portal offers a future-oriented solution to the challenges of knowledge transfer in Europe. It stands for the enhancement of knowledge through the wisdom of many and can be used worldwide. It combines up-to-date information from criminology and crime prevention in order to advance the transfer of knowledge and networking in these fields worldwide. The project was realised by the Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony in the Lower Saxony Department of Justice together with ten EU partner organisations from Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Hungary. The Portal Network brings together international experts. By registering they can create a profile with information about themselves and their professional focal points and interests. Also they are invited to add the following data themselves: Calendar; Qualification; Glossary; News; Guidelines; Links.

To visit the website, click [here](#).

## Upcoming events

### **International Human Rights Network Training programmes 2013 - Monitoring and Evaluation: Applying Human Rights Based Approaches**

15-19 July 2013, Maynooth, Ireland

This programme aims to enhance the substantive knowledge and practical skills for applying Human Rights Based Approaches to monitoring and evaluation.

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

### **European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) Summer School - Restorative Justice in intercultural settings: business as usual?**

29 July -2 August 2013, Vienna, Austria

The summer school forms part of a major project on alternative ways of dealing with conflicts in intercultural settings ([www.alternativeproject.eu](http://www.alternativeproject.eu)). It focuses on the challenges and opportunities of applying Restorative Justice in intercultural and diverse settings. Participants are expected to bring case studies and experiences of practice and research for discussion and study.

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

### **European Society of Criminology**

4-7 September 2013, Budapest, Hungary

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

### **The First World Congress on Probation (WCP) - A World of Probation: Perspectives on Community Justice**

8-10 October 2013, London, United Kingdom

This Congress, organised by the European Organisation for Probation (CEP), is a new initiative to bring together practitioners and those with an interest in probation and community justice from across the globe to share their knowledge and experience. The Congress will provide participants with the opportunity to examine and discuss new and changing probation practices, with the overarching principle of changing lives and behaviours.

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

[Flyer](#) (114KB)

## Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in September 2013 will focus on the prevention of domestic violence. 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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