



EUCPN Newsletter September 2015

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Editorial

Dear reader,

On behalf of the European Union Crime Prevention Network, I have the honour to introduce to you the EUCPN Newsletter September 2015. I feel obliged to the constant efforts of the Secretariat and the active work of our national representatives to submit relevant information to be published for readers.



Together with all of you, the Luxembourg Presidency team will finalize core issues regarding the future of the EUCPN network; such as evaluating the actual MAS 11-15 and setting up the new MAS 16-20. This exercise will deliver a key input for a successful future of our network. It should identify best practises how to improve and support crime prevention in EU member states and offer ways of fruitful cooperation with other EU agencies. Our common effort will conclude the intensive work done by the previous presidencies, especially during the Latvian Presidency.

Luxembourg has chosen 'cybercrime' as this year's BPC theme, a phenomenon that is increasingly affecting our modern society. As a matter of fact:

- Cybercrime is one of the key priorities for the Serious Organized Crime Priorities 2014-2017 of the EU Policy Cycle.
- European police statistics reveal a substantial increase of the phenomenon.
- For Luxembourg, as well as on a regional level regarding neighbouring member states (BE, DE, FR), the topic increasingly figures on the agenda of crime prevention cooperation groups and seminars.

Enjoy reading the Newsletter!

Jean-Marie WAGNER

EUCPN Chair

New products EUCPN

The European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and Best Practice Conference (BPC) 17-18 December, Luxembourg City

The highlight of the EUCPN year is the Best Practice Conference (BPC) for sharing and disseminating experience and knowledge of best practices in preventing crime and increasing safety and security in EU Member States. This conference is always held in connection with the European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) contest. The current theme under the Luxembourgish Presidency is “Cybercrime”. Subscriptions for the European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) must be no later than October 8 in the possession of the secretariat. For more specifications about the subscription please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

To read more about the event click [here](#)

Research and publications

INTERPOL

Cybercrime a fast growing area of crime

This article gives us more information about three broad areas of cybercrime. Furthermore we can read more about new trends and the changing nature of cybercrime.

To read the full article click [here](#)

HORIZON 2020

The EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation

This Article dates from the end of 2013 but is still relevant in the current theme “Cybercrime” The working program is still operational and the article tells us more about research and innovation activities needed to protect our citizens,

society and economy as well as our infrastructure and services. Fighting and preventing crime and terrorism requires new technologies and capabilities. Furthermore this includes cybercrime, illegal trafficking, terrorism and cyber-terrorism. Making progress in understanding and tackling terrorist ideas and beliefs to also avoid aviation-related threats and to protect the European borders.

To read the full article click [here](#)

EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

Help protect young LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex) people from violence and discrimination.

Research has revealed high levels of discrimination and violence towards young LGBTI people. LGBTI youths are likely to experience physical and psychological violence and discrimination. A survey that covered all 27 European Member States and Croatia asked participants whether they have experienced discrimination, violence, verbal abuse or hate speech on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender identity

To read more about the survey and the FRA project click [here](#)

EUROPOL

Europol internet referral unit to combat terrorist and violent extremist propaganda

Recently Europol launched the European Union Internet Referral Unit (EU IRU) in order to combat terrorist propaganda and related violent extremist activities on the internet. Terrorists and Jihadist groups in particular launched well-organized and concerted social media campaigns to recruit followers and promote or glorify acts of terrorism and violent extremism. You can read more about the unit [here](#)

ACC AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Organized crime in Australia 2015

The Australian Crime Commission released a report on illicit activities being 'key enablers' for organized crime. Those activities are: money laundering, cybercrime and technology-enabled crime, identity crime. All these activities can contribute to the effectiveness of other types of organized crime.

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

CESG United Kingdom

Common Cyber Attacks: Reducing the Impact

This paper of the CESG explains the threats and impact of cyberattacks. Every

organization is a potential victim for targeted and un-targeted attacks. Furthermore it gives us more information about types of attackers, their motivation, their technical capabilities and how to reduce the exposure to cyberattacks.

To read the full document click [here](#)

EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Council launches the EU naval operation to disrupt human smugglers and traffickers in the Mediterranean.

The European Council takes the issue of human smugglers and traffickers seriously. Therefore the European Council launched the EU naval operation called “EUNAVFOR Med”. The mission of this operation is to disrupt human smugglers and traffickers in the Mediterranean.

To read more about this operation click [here](#)

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME (ICPC)

Report on the prevention of drug-related crime

The consumption of psychotropic drugs can have an effect on crime. The substance can cause violent or aggressive behavior or the need to consume is translated into economic crimes in order to support an addiction. The report released in July focuses on crime committed by youth under the influence of drugs or to acquire drugs and more specific how different societies have striven to prevent these crimes.

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

VICTIME SUPPORT EUROPE

A Guide for individual evaluation of victims (EVVI) now available

The objective of the EVVI project was to propose good practices that can be used in different member states to ensure a uniform application of the minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime. A general evaluation to assess the victim’s personal characteristics, personal vulnerability, the risks and fear of harm. Furthermore the guide gives a more detailed evaluation to determine the level of risk faced by the victim and whether and to what extent the victim should benefit from special measures in the course of criminal proceedings, for those victims highlighted as at a greater risk of repeat or second victimization, of intimidation or retaliation.

To read the complete guide available in English click [here](#)

EUROPEAN FORUM FOR URBAN SECURITY (EFUS)

Security & Tourism Conference: developing global policies at the local level

The conference was the closing event of the security & tourism project. A project to elaborate local “security and tourism” strategies and to increase the visibility of the measures undertaken by the city and the police. In order to be an attractive tourism destination, a city must be able to provide a safe environment to visitors. Indeed, tourists may be particularly exposed to certain forms of crime because they lack cultural understanding and do not speak the language. But tourists can also cause trouble, among other because they feel carefree and unaccountable when holidaying in a foreign place.

To read more about the project and the Conference click [here](#)

UNDOC

Undoc Annual Report 2014

Recently the UNDOC released their 2014 Annual Report which provides us with an overview of UNODC's work across the globe in assisting Member States to address the threat posed by drugs, crime and terrorism. The report covers a wide-range of content such as thematic chapters on drugs, health and trafficking; transnational organized crime; justice; corruption; terrorism; policy support and public affairs; research, trend analysis and forensics.

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

PORTUGAL

E-book as a result of the IV international Conference on survivors of Rape, held on the 20 – 22 of November in Lisbon.

The conference discussed the engagement of Europe in a common approach to prevent and combat sexual violence in the future. Therefore, the e-book focusses on the challenge for Europe concerning rape, survivors, policies and support systems for victims of rape.

To read the e-book in English with a Portuguese foreword click [here](#)

ROMANIA

Prevention of juvenile delinquency and providing specific services to minor offenders who are not criminally responsible.

The aim of this manual is to support specialists who interact with children displaying a pre-delinquent and delinquent behavior as to facilitate inter-institutional cooperation in order to promote an integral approach based on the coordination of preventive and special protection measures taken for the best interest of the child.

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

Member States' good practices

EUROPE

EFUS European Forum for Urban Security

EFUS organizes a prize for Social Integration through Sport. The educational benefits like respect, tolerance and self-control can be a tool to prevent crime. Positive social changes are used to fight against discrimination, racism and violence.

If you want to take part in this European prize click [here](#)

SLOVAKIA

Countering extremism on the internet

The project contains a training module to improve the IT skills of police specialists and increase their knowledge on extremism especially focused on cyberspace. Extremists are using the internet and other new media for spreading extremist ideology, recruiting new members and opponents' intimidation.

To find full text and contact mail for more information click [here](#)

GERMANY

"Cybercrime"

Despite cybercrime is a global threat, tackling cybercrime is an equally important issue at the national level. Therefore the German Government wants as many citizens possible to share the benefits of digital progress. Two legislative initiatives at the national level are aiming to make the internet easily accessible for the citizens and to keep the internet safe. The first initiative "IT Security Act" focuses on two key areas. The first key area is "critical infrastructure" and the second key area is making the internet safer for consumers. Furthermore you have the second initiative involving the creation of the new criminal offence of "data trafficking". This to prevent that data can be received or handled by unauthorized third parties.

The full text can be found [here](#)

FRANCE

Minors' responsibility reminder practiced by the prevention of juvenile squad (PJFS)

This project has been launched to prevent and reduce the risks of juvenile crime. The PJFS is a unit of the Gendarmerie with a team of six under-officers specially trained for a psychological approach and listen to the youngsters. Inform them about their responsibilities because some of them are not always aware of what they do, they do not measure the consequences of what they did to their relatives, the society and themselves. Some reckon they have not broken the law.

To read more about the project click [here](#)

CYPRUS

Victims of crime or victims of the system?

The article is written by Mr. Costas Veis, Superintendent B', Head of the Office of Handling Issues of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Department C', Police Headquarters, Nicosia – Cyprus gives an example of different cases where victims of crime are in danger, victimized or at least are going through hardships by the procedures, the mechanisms, the restrictions and the rigidity of the system that actually should serve and protect them.

To read the full article click [here](#)

Support, protection and restitution of victims of crime

A second article written by Mr. Costas Veis learns us more about the position, status and role of victims and their family during a trial. Also, Mr. Veis mentions the gap between the legally recognized or procedural and institutionally established rights of the suspects and those of the victims of crime in Cyprus. Furthermore the article discusses the various aspects of financial compensation, support, witness protection, training of professionals on victim support, legal aid and more.

To read the full article click [here](#)

SPAIN

Latin American police officials and prosecutors receive training in Spain on fighting cybercrime

A total of 15 Latin American police officials and prosecutors from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico and the Dominican Republic, participated in June in a training workshop on combating cybercrime.

To read more about this workshop click [here](#)

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Location
27-30 September 2015	14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect and Exploitation	Bucharest Romania
5-8 October	CEPOL European Police & Science Conference	Lisbon Portugal

2015	Headquarters of Policia Judiciária	
14 October 2015	CJPE Radicalization Event (Barcelona) International seminar on 'Radicalization and Violent Extremism'	Barcelona Spain
22-24 October 2015	European Neighborhood Watch Association (EUNWA) conference 2015	Castel Ritaldi, Umbria Italy
22-24 October 2015	European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR) Conference 2015 Pre-Conference Workshops on the 21st October Changing Behaviour without Talking: automatic processes and the regulation of behaviour For more information and registration click here	Ljubljana Slovenia
26-30 October 2015	Cyber security intelligence an Awareness Course	The Hague Netherlands
29-30 October 2015	Proteus Seminar. Identity theft online: preventing, fighting & supporting victims	Lisbon Portugal
12 November 2015	The World after Snowden: The Impact on International law and Mass surveillance. One-day Conference	The Hague Netherlands
16-18 November 2015	Alternative Project Final conference – Justice and Security in Intercultural Europe: Exploring Alternatives	Leuven Belgium
16-17 November 2015	European conference on "Improving Police/Population understanding"	Brussels Belgium
20 November 2015	Conference of local authorities on the prevention of radicalization leading to violent extremism	Rotterdam Belgium
26-27 November 2015	6th Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia	Belgrade Serbia

2-4 December 2015	Counterterrorism (CT) and Applied Intelligence Course	The Hague Netherlands
3-4 December 2015	European conference organized by EFUS "Tools for a strategic approach" to urban security	Rotterdam Netherlands
11-12 December 2015	ECPR Standing Group on Organized Crime First General Conference – Old and new forms of organized an serious crime between the local and the global	Naples Italy
17-18 December 2015	The European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and Best Practice Conference (BPC) about the theme 'cybercrime'	Luxembourg City Luxembourg
9-11 March 2016	Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and Suicide Terrorism Course	The Hague Netherlands

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

Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in November 2015 will focus on Cybercrime. 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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