



## EUCPN Newsletter September 2014

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).

### Specific topics

- Editorial
- EUCPN news
- Research and publications
- Member States' good practices
- Upcoming events
- Preview

### Editorial

Dear Reader,

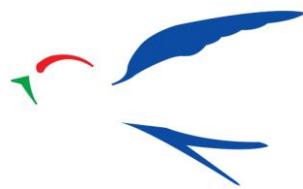
On behalf of the European Crime Prevention Network, I have the honour to introduce to you the EUCPN Newsletter September 2014.

The Italian Presidency is willing to go ahead in implementing the EUCPN Work Programme 2014 and the Action Plan, continuing in the same spirit of the previous Presidencies, with the help of the Board. The Best Practice Conference (BPC) and European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) will take place in Rome on 4-5 December 2014. Prevention of trafficking of human beings will be the theme of this year's ECPA and BPC. Member States were already invited to submit their best projects related to this theme.

We believe that the improvement of prevention tools should be at the heart of the policies aimed at strengthening the fight against criminal activities. EUCPN favours innovative approaches, endeavours to use and promote the results of projects and sets up and maintains close contacts with the civil society. The EUCPN Newsletter is one of the tools to communicate about our work and spread our best experiences all over Europe.

Have a fruitful reading,

Nicola Palmiero  
EUCPN Chair



## EUCPN news

### EUCPN Secretariat

#### **Translation of the guidelines on evaluation of crime prevention initiatives in the EU Member States languages**

During the course of the Irish Presidency, two workshops were organised which brought together policy makers and practitioners, as well as academic experts on the theme of evaluation of crime prevention initiatives. This more practical part of the toolbox 'Evaluation of crime prevention initiatives' is based on the discussions, suggestions and recommendations pronounced during these two workshops. It contains a range of practical steps, tips, examples and worksheets that can be used when planning, doing and using an evaluation. Thanks to the support of the European Commission, these guidelines have now been translated and are available in all EU Member State languages.

To find the guidelines in your language, click [here](#).

To read the toolbox (in English), click [here](#).

## Research and publications

### EUROPOL

#### **EU Terrorism situation and trend report (TE-SAT 2014)**

The TE-SAT 2014 is the result of a collaboration between Europol and the EU Member States. This public document, published annually, presents facts and figures on terrorism in the European Union for the benefit of law enforcement officials, policy makers and the general public, and also seeks to identify developing trends in terrorism.

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

### EU AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

#### **Guardianship for children deprived of parental care - A handbook to reinforce guardianship systems to cater for the specific needs of child victims of trafficking**

Effective guardianship systems are key to preventing abuse, neglect and exploitation. Yet the roles, qualifications and competences of guardians vary from one Member State to another. This handbook, a joint publication of the European Commission and FRA, is designed to help standardise guardianship practice, ensuring also that it is better equipped to deal with the specific needs of child victims of trafficking. It provides guidance and recommendations to EU Member States on strengthening their guardianship systems, setting forth the core principles, fundamental design and management of such systems. By promoting a shared understanding of the main features of a guardianship system, it aims to improve conditions for children under guardianship and promote respect for their fundamental rights.

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

### LATVIA

#### **Compilation of articles 'Social inclusion: preventive measures of children's anti-social behaviour'**

A compilation of articles under the title 'Social inclusion: preventive measures of children's anti-social behaviour' was prepared within the project 'Reducing youth at risk numbers: modeling early childhood intervention approaches'. Authors from Latvia, Lithuania and Bulgaria address a wide

scope of topics with the unifying thread being prevention of crime. The issue of early prevention and its role within the everyday life of specialists from law enforcement agencies and educational institutions, for providers of social services as well as for the parents and children themselves has been analysed in considerable depth and so has the issue of a child as a victim within criminal proceedings in Latvia. The compilation also includes a description of the development of mediation in Lithuania and gives insight into the best early crime prevention practices in Bulgaria.

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

#### **Research on victim's rights to legal aid in criminal proceedings in Latvia**

This research was carried out within the project 'Improving protection of victim's rights: access to legal aid'. The research provides an insight into different aspects of the issue, such as the description of the current legal framework and its development, an explanation of criteria that a person must meet in order to qualify for legal aid as well as an overview of the status of the victim as such, including one's rights and obligations. The research also addresses several problematic aspects which were particularly important in the light of the transposition of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing the Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA. The idea highlighted throughout the report is that the state has to establish a support system for a wholesome return of the victim back in the community, ensuring emotional, financial and legal aid in due time.

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

#### **HUNGARY**

##### **Research project 'Cyberbullying: shifting boundaries in scenes and roles of offending and victimisation. The TABBY model programme'**

There are several studies focusing on school bullying, however its online version, cyberbullying, is a less researched area: it only emerged by the spread of the internet and mobile communication technology. Even today, few programmes have been tested properly. Nevertheless, online bullying requires a complex management strategy. TABBY in Internet (JLS/2009-2010/DAP/AG) is a complex action research managed through the years 2011 and 2012, with the participation of five European countries. The report aims to describe the structure and the most important results of the research, as well as its options of utilisation.

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

#### **DENMARK**

##### **Report 'The flow in the gang environment'**

This report examines the flow of members in the gang environment in Denmark. The purpose is to gain knowledge about whether gangs consist of long term members or the gangs are more unstable and labile. The report shows that there is a big flow of members in the gang environment and that many gang members are able to leave the groups without the help of exit programmes.

For more information, contact [Christian Klement](#).

### **Member States' good practices**

#### **SLOVAKIA**

##### **Activities related to prevention of trafficking in human beings**

One of the activities organised in Slovakia to prevent THB is the active training of employees of state institutions, specialists that work with Roma communities and police specialists. The project 'Strengthening of joint measures in the prevention of forced labour of Roma communities and the development of reference mechanism', which is implemented by the Ministry of Interior with the support of the European Commission, already trained

over 300 people from different target groups working with Roma communities. It included specialists working with Roma communities, field social workers, employees of the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, employees of labour inspectorates and NGOs. In addition, an international conference on best practices in the prevention of trafficking in human beings in Roma communities is prepared within the project and will be held on 16-17 October 2014. The Ministry of Interior also supports a film festival concentrated on this issue, prepared by the Slovak Catholic Charity in cooperation with the organisations Stop The Traffik and Unchosen.

For more information, contact [Jana Mitosinkova](#).

## **ESTONIA**

### **Programme on combating gender-based violence and human trafficking with the support of Norway Grants**

Despite the Estonian government's clear commitment and concern, gender-based violence and trafficking remain grave challenges for the Estonian society. Trafficking in human beings is increasingly becoming an area of concern, with Estonia being a source, transit, and destination country for women subjected to forced prostitution, and for men and women subjected to conditions of forced labour. In order to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to strengthen relations between Norway and the Beneficiary States to the mutual benefit of their peoples, the programme 'Domestic and gender-based violence' was launched in March 2013 in Estonia. The activities of the projects to reach the objectives should be implemented by April 2016. The Programme contributes to tackling gender-based violence and trafficking through funding the development and improvement of services for victims of domestic violence, sexual exploitation and trafficking, while strengthening cooperation between relevant institutions to secure an integrated approach.

For more information on the projects included in this programme, click [here](#).

## **BELGIUM**

### **ISEC-Project 'Administrative approach to organized crime'**

The city of Genk (Belgium) is running a pilot project from 2013-2015 to explore the possibilities and boundaries of an administrative approach in preventing organised crime networks from settling into the local system. By building up information matrixes and structuring information and cooperation, local authorities try to tackle different types of criminal phenomena. One of the items that is specifically addressed, is THB, including the sexual and professional exploitation of vulnerable subjects. To this end, several tools were developed. A platform for the exchange of trends and prevention tools was set up, a form for reporting signals through the intranet was developed, and a structured list of signals referring to exploitation was drawn up. City personnel received a 6h training where they got an introduction to the phenomenon, received different tools to interact with possible victims, and were trained in the detection and follow-up of the signals. Tools, practices and lessons learned from the over-all project will also be disseminated through a 3-day European conference, to be held from 19-21 January 2015 in the city of Genk.

For more information, contact [Annemie Deboye](#).

## **DENMARK**

### **Project 'Tips for parents'**

A safe school environment without bullying reduces the risk of later crime. An important element of the social cohesion in the school class is a well functioning cooperation between parents. The Danish Crime Prevention Council and the fund 'TrygFonden' have developed a [website](#) (in Danish) which contains tools to make it easier for parents to cooperate. The target group is the primary school, age 5-7, and their parents.

For more information, contact [Anette Aaby Hansen](#).

### **New measure to reduce youth crime**

The Danish Government has adopted new legislation with the goal to reduce

youth crime. In the future, municipalities will be obligated to convene a meeting when a juvenile has committed a serious crime, where the parents and professionals will formulate together a plan to help the young person. For more information, contact [Andreas Relster](#) or [Signe Damgaard](#).

#### **Project 'Urban planning'**

This project has developed guidelines on how to create urban spaces that reduce crime and create safety, for example in relation to lighting, activities in public spaces and transportation. There is also a [video](#) (in Danish) illustrating eight central principles. The guide has been published by The Danish Crime Prevention Council and the fund 'TrygFonden'.

For more information, contact [Karsten Nielsen](#).

#### **LITHUANIA**

#### **Project 'Adstringo: addressing trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation through improved partnerships, enhanced diagnostics and intensified organisational approaches'**

In June 2014, the Ministry of Interior of Lithuania, HEUNI, TF-THB and the University of Tartu finished a 2-year flagship project of the Priority Crime Area of the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The project focused on the development of national networking with round table discussions-seminars for competent national institutions and organisations in order to promote partnerships of key actors in the sphere of combating THB for labour exploitation and exploitation of migrants by exchanging information, organising joint discussions and initiating instruments in the countries of the Baltic Sea Region. The meetings were attended by representatives of the public and the private sector, civil society organisations, and the International Organisation for Migration. In 2012, research on THB for labour exploitation and forced labour was conducted in Lithuania, Estonia, Finland and Sweden. The results were presented and discussed at the Adstringo Conference on 17 October 2013 in Vilnius to raise awareness of specialists, exchange information and look for joint solutions. Based on the outcome of the national meetings, research and expert meetings, guidelines were produced.

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

### **Upcoming events**

Date	Event	Location
5-8 October 2014	2nd international conference on law enforcement and public health (LEPH2014)	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
9-10 October 2014	2nd Crimmigration Control (CINETS) conference: 'the borders of crimmigration'	Leiden, The Netherlands
16-18 October 2014	5th international conference of the European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)	Majorca, Spain
23-24 October 2014	Founding conference of the European Neighbourhood Watch Association (EUNWA)	Vienna, Austria
4-5 November 2014	Ethical issues in preventing and combating human trafficking	Vienna, Austria
17-19 November 2014	11th International Center for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) Colloquium	Palermo, Italy

20-22 November 2014	The 4th international conference on survivors of rape: 'rape, survivors, policies and support systems - a European challenge' (IV ICSoR)	Lisbon, Portugal
20-21 November 2014	International Circles Of Support and Accountability (COSA) Conference	Barcelona, Spain
21 November 2014	HOTT project: International symposium on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of organ removal	The Hague, The Netherlands
27-28 November 2014	5th annual conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia: 'victims' protection: international law, national legislations and practice'	Belgrade, Serbia
28 November 2014	Conference on protection orders in the EU Member States	Lisbon, Portugal
3-4 December 2014	6th IJJO international conference: 'making deprivation of children's liberty a last resort. Towards evidence-based policies on alternatives'	Brussels, Belgium
4-5 December 2014	EUCPN Best Practice Conference and European Crime Prevention Award 2014 on 'prevention of trafficking in human beings'	Rome, Italy
19-21 January 2015	European conference 'administrative approach to organized crime'	Genk, Belgium
26-30 January 2015	World congress on juvenile justice	Geneva, Switzerland

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

## Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in December 2014 will also focus on the prevention of trafficking in human beings. 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).

Contact: [eucpn@ibz.eu](mailto:eucpn@ibz.eu)

Responsible editor: EUCPN secretariat, Bd. de Waterloo / Waterloolaan 76, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.



With financial support from the Prevention and Fight against Crime  
Programme of the European Union  
European Commission - Directorate-General Home Affairs