

CRIME PREVENTION - POLICE AND CITIZENS TOGETHER

An important area of policing is certainly crime prevention. Consequently, one of the key strategic objectives of the Ministry of the Interior is directed at improving the prevention of criminal behavior, which can only be achieved through systematic and strongly committed approach and of course, only in synergy with the wider community.

The police in the Republic of Croatia have in its composition, both at national and local level, formed organizational units for crime prevention or specialized police officers for control and prevention.

Over the past few years, the General Police Directorate of Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia in cooperation with its strategic partners has built a complete system of policing in the area of crime prevention, which is in line with international and EU standards, and that is certainly the result of successfully implemented joint projects, namely:

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- **“Support in enforcement of systematic crime prevention work and establishment of crime prevention coordination unit”**, and
- *"Strengthening capacities of the Ministry of the Interior through development of crime prevention system, victims support and arms control activities."*

The project is conducted in collaboration with the UNDP (United Nation Development Programme).

2. EU TAIEX Assistance Program "Best Practices in the development of standard procedures in the field of crime prevention and guidelines on police preventive treatment".

The program is conducted in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Austria.

3. "The development of crime prevention."

The project is conducted through the activities in the framework of the Mixed Commission of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal State of Baden-Wurttemberg.

4. EU - IPA twinning light project "Strengthening capacities of the Ministry of the Interior in the area of crime prevention."

The project is conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior of Baden-Wurttemberg of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Today, police officers in the Republic of Croatia are conducting numerous prevention activities, cooperating in the implementation of specific prevention programs, projects and targeted actions with numerous partners, government bodies, institutions, scientific, educational and health establishments, humanitarian and international organizations, civil society organizations and local community.