



European Crime Prevention Network

Annual Report of activities in 2017

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1. Background

The European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) was initially set up by the Decision of the Council of the European Union (2001/427/JHA) on 28 May 2001. Its main objective was to develop a platform for EU Member States to exchange experiences, knowledge and best practices in the field of crime prevention, as well as to promote crime prevention activity in EU Member States and at EU level, for the benefit of citizens' security and safety.

In order to address organisational failures and implement recommendations on the structure of the Network identified in the final report of the external evaluation, which was procured by the European Commission and carried out in 2008 and early 2009, the founding legislation was repealed and replaced by a new Council Decision (2009/902/JHA) on 30 November 2009. While some key changes were introduced to assign specific responsibilities to the main agents of the EUCPN, the new legislation kept the objectives and tasks of the EUCPN broadly unchanged. It sets out for the EUCPN to:

- facilitate cooperation, contacts and exchanges of information and experience between actors in the field of crime prevention;
- collect, assess and communicate evaluated information including good practice on existing crime prevention activities;
- organise conferences, in particular an annual Best Practice Conference, and other activities, including the annual European Crime Prevention Award, designed to achieve the objectives of the Network and to share widely the results thereof;
- provide its expertise to the Council and the Commission as required;
- report to the Council on its activities each year through the Board and the competent working bodies. The Council shall be invited to endorse the report and forward it to the European Parliament;
- develop and implement a work programme based on a clearly defined strategy that takes account of identifying and responding to relevant crime threats.

The EUCPN is represented by a Board, which consists of National Representatives from each EU Member State and their Substitutes if appointed. On a case-by-case basis, observers from other European organisations, institutions and agencies can also be invited to take part in Board Meetings. Other crime prevention experts including practitioners and academics may contribute to the work of the EUCPN as designated contact points.

The Executive Committee provides support to the Chair and is responsible for developing the EUCPN's strategic approach for approval by the Board. It is responsible for the development and the delivery of the EUCPN Work Programme as

well. The composition of the Executive Committee consists of representatives of the previous Presidency, the current Presidency, the two incoming Presidencies, two elected Member States¹ (France and Belgium), the EUCPN Secretariat and the representative of the EU Commission.

In 2017, the EUCPN Secretariat provided administrative, academic and technical support to the EUCPN as a whole, as well as specific support services to the Chair and the Executive Committee.

2. Summary of the year 2017

The EU Trio Presidency of the Netherlands, Slovakia and Malta have chosen the topic 'Organized Crime' as its overall theme.

The Presidency of Malta

The theme of the Maltese Presidency was Mobile Organised Crime Groups committing Domestic Burglaries and Pickpocketing. It was decided that as the Maltese Presidency opted to do two Board meetings and two thematic conferences the subject of Domestic Burglaries was to be discussed in the March meeting whilst the subject of Pickpocketing was to be discussed in the June meeting.

During the March Board Meeting, the feedback tool for the ECPA was adapted to this year and sent out. Furthermore a request was sent out about the EUCPN Stakeholders priorities. The recommendation paper on predictive policing was adapted and the ECPA projects of 2016 were put on the website and feedback letters of all projects were sent out. Additionally, the Work Programme 2017 was discussed and adopted. Finally the Memorandum of Understanding with EUROPOL was officially signed.

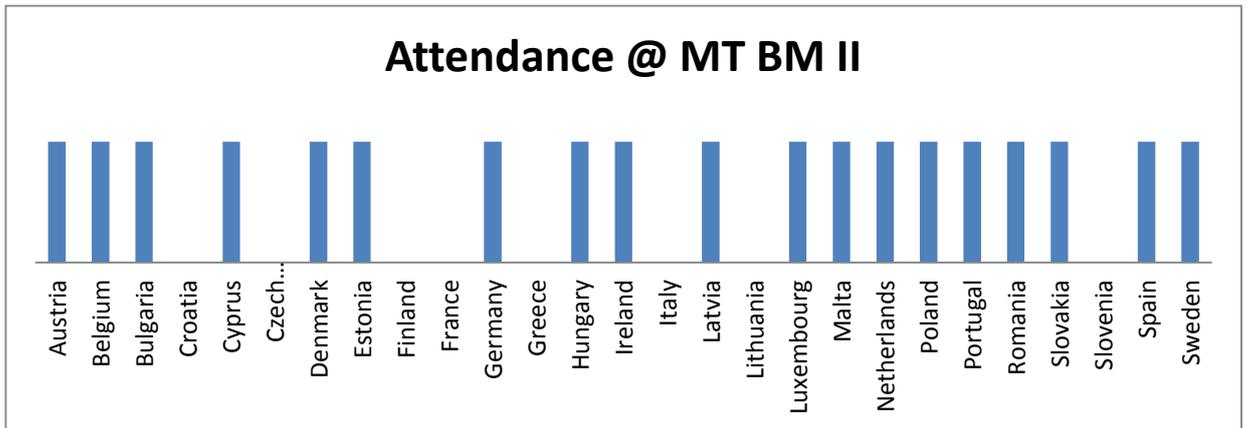
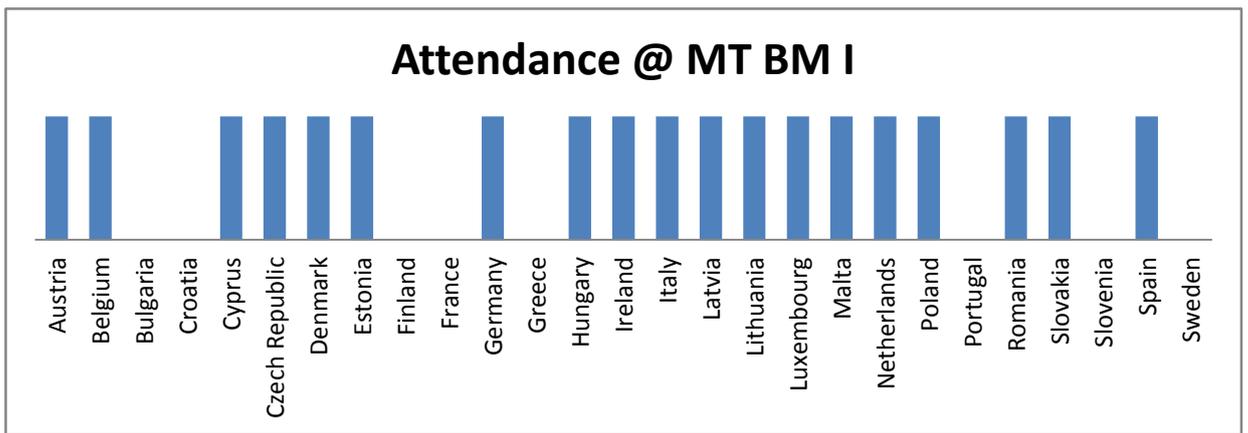
Following the Board Meeting the Maltese Presidency organized a thematic conference; the main topic was Domestic Burglaries committed by MOCGs. Presentations were given by Mr. Pascal Lhoutellier from EUROPOL on EUROPOL's role in the fight against Organised Property Crime, Inspector Kurt Zahra from the Malta Police Force on the crimes committed by Organised crime groups in Malta and the response of the Malta Police and the third presentation was by Dr. Trevor Calafato from the University of Malta on the Crime Prevention education perspective.

During the June Board Meeting, it was decided to focus more on the EU priorities and a discussion was held as to identify the main priorities on which to focus on. The Secretariat gave information about Stakeholder Meeting which they organized with six partners (IJJO, Europol, Cefpol, Council, Commission, Efus and the informal

¹ The two Member States were selected by the EUCPN Board for 18 months in line with the new Rules of Procedure of the EUCPN, which intends to provide more continuity in the work of the Executive Committee.

network on the administrative approach). In the meantime further collaboration with these partners which were proposed during the March Board Meeting was also conducted. A presentation was given by Ms. Eleonora Forte from the SOCTA Strategic Analyses Team on the 2017 Threat Assessment.

Following the Board Meeting the Maltese Presidency organized a thematic conference with the topic Pickpocketing committed by MOCGs. Presentations were given by Mr. Mikael Wrn and Ms Tine Pind Jorum on the Awereness Campaign in Denmark, Mr. Hasan Goleli and Mr. Michiel Dijkman on the project Boefproof in the Netherlands, Mr. Frank Van Den Heuvel on the research 'Facilitating of mobile groups' from the Netherlands and finally Insp. Kurty Zahra from the Malta Police Force on the impact of Pickpocketing in the Maltese Islands. After this seminar Malta handed over the Presidency to Estonia.



The EU Trio Presidency Estonia, Bulgaria, Austria focused on improving the safety in communities which are targeted by organized crime among other volume crimes.

The Estonian Presidency

The Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in EUCPN chose cyber safety to be the priority for the Presidency. During the second half of 2017 important agreements have been made and big steps for the future taken in the EU in this area. In EUCPN we focused on gathering and sharing information on the reduction and prevention of cybercrimes in the communities, which is in line with EU Policy Cycle priorities to combat cybercrimes committed by organized crime groups and generating large criminal profits. The Estonian Presidency organized the exchange of crime prevention best practices around the EU under the auspice of European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA).

In 2017 there were 18 projects in competition for the award, introducing a number of relevant practices from Europe on cyber safety, including preventing cybercrime and fighting against it. The ECPA project entries were evaluated according to the Rules and procedures for awarding and presenting the European Crime Prevention Award by the jury which held its final evaluation meetings on 15-16 November in Tallinn.

The Best Practice Conference with opening Public Lecture on the theme of cyber safety were held on 13-15 December in Tallinn. The lecture by professor Alisdair Gillespie, Head of Lancaster University Law School on 13 December 2017, focused an academic and legal approach to the challenges we face due to digitalization and online communication and can be viewed on the following link: <https://www.just.ee/en/eucpn-conference-cyber-safety>. On the 14 December, the first day of the conference, 18 nominees for the ECPA were presented and on the second day, 15 December, the panel discussion was held amongst Estonian practitioners and Europol's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) representative. The presentations at the Conference as well as the summaries of these projects can be found here:

http://eucpn.org/search/knowledge-center?f%5B0%5D=im_field_doc_subject%3A142&f%5B1%5D=im_field_doc_year%3A132&f%5B2%5D=im_field_doc_subject%3A25.

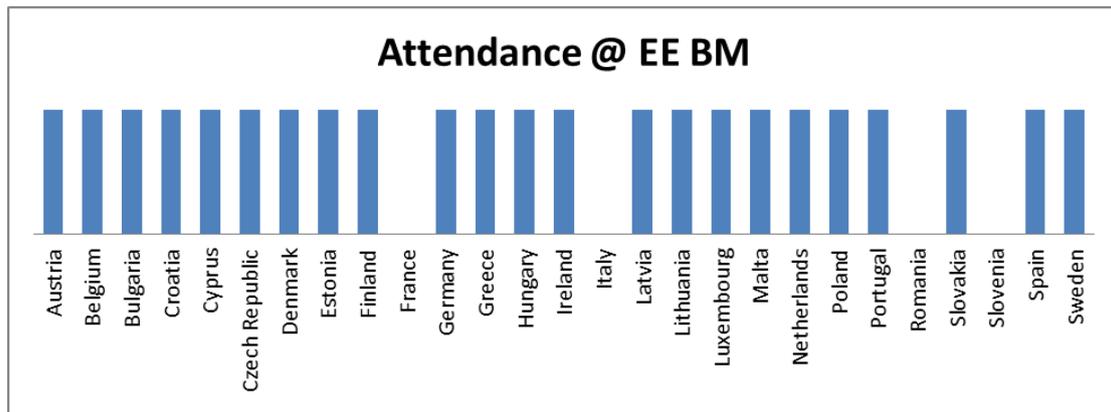
The awards for the three best ECPA projects in 2017 were announced at the Gala Event on 14 December. The ECPA has been since the start of the EUCPN one of the essential events of the network and in 2017, Estonia had the honour to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the ECPA. Several greetings by former EUCPN Board Members on the occasion of the important milestone of the ECPA were also given on the Gala Event. The overview of the ECPA through 20 years in the brochure "History And Evolution Of The European Crime Prevention Award" can be found here <http://eucpn.org/document/history-and-evolution-european-crime-prevention-award>.

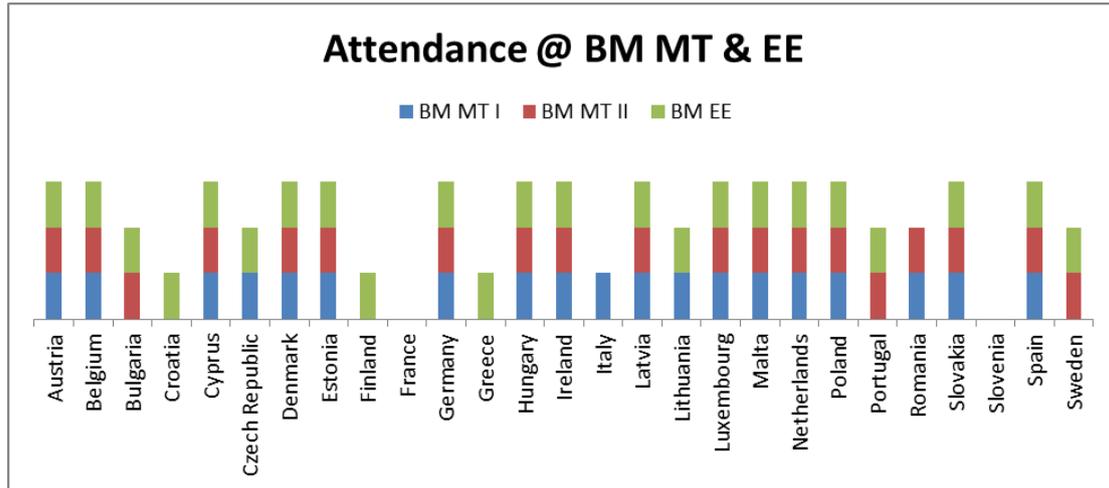
Furthermore, for the continued implementation of the Multi Annual Strategy 2016–2020, discussions and coordination of Member States cooperation, improving EUCPN's functionality and visibility and its cooperation with stakeholders, the Estonian Presidency organized and hosted in Tallinn two Executive Committee meetings, one in November and the other in December, followed by one Board Meeting in December.

During the Board Meeting, the overview and input by the network to the implementation of the Operational Action Plans (OAP) on the topics of THB, OPC, Cybercrime, Drugs etc. of the EU Policy Cycle 2018-2021 was discussed, the main focus of the discussion was given to the awareness raising activities/campaigns implemented by the network. It was decided that regarding OPC a campaign to prevent pickpocketing during the world cup will be developed and in the future an action plan for a focus day will also be prepared. About THB there will be a small campaign done, which should focus on EU wide victim's rights and be useful for law enforcement.

Throughout the full year the preparation for the EUCPN Secretariat new project application has been discussed and a lot of attention on the Board Meetings and electronic discussion were given for the MS financial input to the project. In the end of the Estonian Presidency we were in the status, that agreements are done and some discussions with MS were ongoing. However work is needed to be continued with 2 MS. The drafting for the new project "The further implementation of the Multiannual Strategy of the European Crime Prevention Network and the Informal Network on the Administrative Approach" is done by Belgium as the current host of the Secretariat and by the Secretariat for the period of 2018-2020. The project was sent to the Commission in January 2018 and through this process it was also decided by the Board to modify the Rules of Procedure on the role of the hosting country related to the Secretariat and new Secretariat project.

From the organisational matters an important decision was made, new ExCoM members were appointed (Belgium, Germany) and new composition of the ExCoM agreed. Related to the promotion of the EUCPN, the Board had a first discussion over the content and storyboard of the promotional video. This work is ongoing and will be finalized by the ExCoM in early 2018. Related to the Stakeholders, the MoU with EFUS, ICPC, and CEPOL, is on hold.





3. Delivery of the EUCPN Work Programme 2017

The Multiannual Strategy (MAS) identifies four strategic goals for the period 2016–2020. Annual actions, tasks and projects serving the achievement of the strategic goals were consolidated into the Annual Work Programme 2017 that was taken note of by the Council document 10229/16 GENVAL 76 ENFOPOL 198 on 7 April 2017. Therefore all actions stated within this annual report refer back to the Multiannual Strategy 2016-2020.

In line with the Council Decision 2009/902/JHA, in 2012 an external evaluation of the Network took place. The report of this evaluation was adopted by the European Commission and was disseminated with the Council Document COM (2012) 717 dated 30.11.2012. The recommendations which were made in this evaluation report were the subject of detailed analysis during Ireland's Presidency and an Action plan to respond was agreed, which was integrated into the Multiannual strategy of the EUCPN.

3.1. Towards becoming a point of reference in crime prevention

Action: *Updating a database of contacts of the target group members in line with priorities of the policy cycle*

- **Task:** The Member States will update their contact list according to the priorities of the policy cycle

In 2017, a new 'EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime' was adopted by the Council of the EU. Therefore, in December the ExCom of the EUCPN discussed to send an updated list to all Member States to ask for a detailed contact list.

Furthermore, throughout the year the Secretariat updates the contact list with the experts they meet during conferences and workshops. During 2018, these contact lists will be analysed in order to be in accordance with the GDPR.

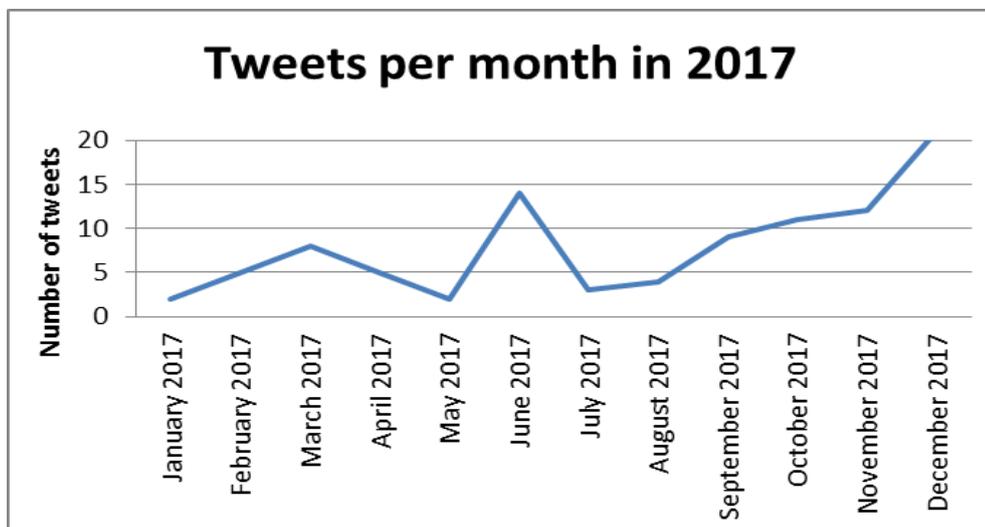
Action: *Improve the Network's communication strategy*

- **Task:** set-up of a new communication plan

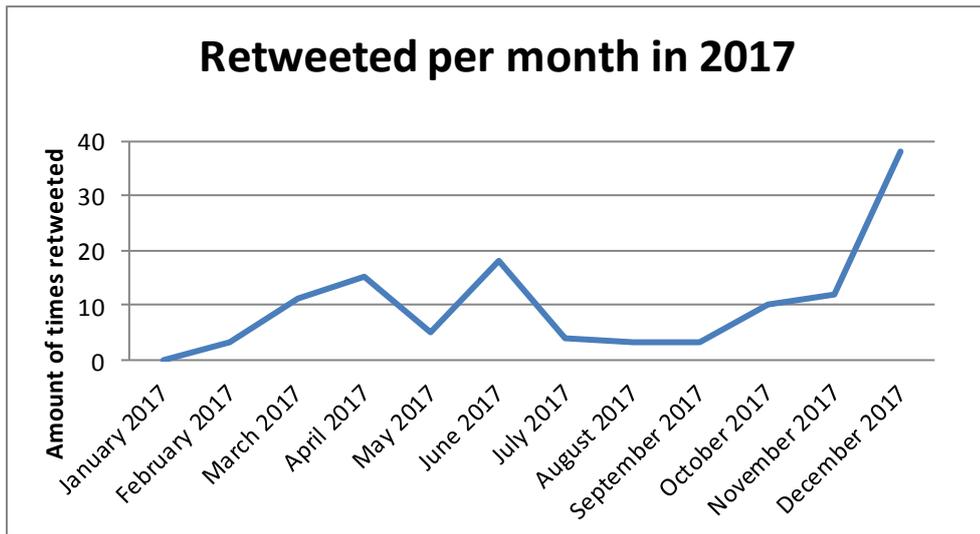
In August 2017, a new communication officer started working for the EUCPN Secretariat. She has been preparing the new communication plan. This will be put on the agenda of the first Board Meeting of 2018 which should lead to the finalization of the new communication plan later in 2018.

- **Task:** the EUCPN will put more emphasis on promoting the network on social media

The EUCPN Secretariat has tweeted 96 times during 2017. The underneath graphic shows in which months the most tweets were send out; the top month is December. This is the month of the BPC-ECPA therefore it is normal that more tweets were send out during this month. There is an increase in tweets in comparison with 2016, during which 80 tweets were send out.



Additionally, the followers of the EUCPN retweeted the messages 122 times in total, during 2016 this only happened 79 times.



Furthermore, this upward trend can also be seen in the amount of followers the EUCPN twitter account has. The EUCPN has now a total of 283 followers on twitter.

- **Secretariat task:** a promotion video of EUCPN will be made

The Secretariat started the work on the promotion video in November. The first storyboard was presented to the Board in December. The video is planned to be finished in the beginning of 2018. This video will be translated in all EU languages, therefore all National Representatives will be able to disseminate it in their Member State.

Action: provide a dynamic and interactive redesign of the EUCPN newsletter

- **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat will issue six newsletters in 2017: three during the presidency of Malta and three during the Estonian presidency

The EUCPN Secretariat issued all six newsletters in 2017. Three newsletters and one newsflash were sent out under the Maltese presidency (February, March, April and July) and two regular newsletters and one newsflash were sent out under the Estonian presidency (September, November and December).

- **Task:** new possibilities will be explored for the newsletter

The EUCPN Secretariat uses the same provider as the Belgian Ministry of Interior. The contract with this provider will be terminated in March 2018. After this date, a new provider will be appointed and used. Therefore the redesign of the EUCPN newsletter will happen after this date.

Action: the content, design and user friendliness of the EUCPN website should be kept in line with the current web standards

- **Task:** The Secretariat will keep the website up to date and optimise its current functions with the assistance of the Board. The Member States will make sure that the Secretariat receives regular updates about the information and contacts provided.

The EUCPN Secretariat sent a request to update the materials to the Board Members on the 1st of September. Most Board Members have since updated the requested materials.

- **Secretariat task:** a subscribe button to the EUCPN newsletter will be added

Instead of changing something small to the website, the Secretariat decided to await the adoption of the new communication plan and then redesign the complete website of the EUCPN. As stated above, this will happen in 2018.

Action: *Updating the application of the uniform feedback tool for EUCPN communication channels and events*

- **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat will present the results from the Best Practice Conference 2016 to the Board to reflect upon and decide whether the results call for further action in relation to future events.

The Secretariat presented the results of the BPC 2016 according to the performed feedback survey, during the first Board meeting of Malta on the 7th of March. The overall consent was that the BPC of 2016 was well organized and all information was clear. The event allowed the participants to meet new people and to get good ideas on projects related to the topic of crimes committed on the Elderly.

- **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat will evaluate the Best Practice Conference 2017.

During the BPC of 2017 which happened the 14th and 15th of December, the Secretariat again prepared the feedback survey, this year the survey was sent via online channels. The results will be presented to the Board in 2018.

Action: *Developing a function as a wider EU 'platform' of crime prevention*

- **task:** increase the cooperation with the EUCPN Board observers by inviting them to the Board meetings

The European Commission was always invited to the meetings of the ExCom and the Board. In December the representative of the European Commission gave an overview of the Commissions plans and actions in relation to crime prevention.

- **Task:** key stakeholders will be identified and the Board will discuss the favourable actions towards them

In 2016 an analysis of all possible stakeholders for the EUCPN was made by the Secretariat. This analysis was first discussed during the Board Meeting of December 2016. During the first meeting of the Maltese presidency, a second discussion resulted in the prioritizing of the stakeholders. For each of these stakeholders, propositions were formulated for actions towards them. Since then, the Secretariat has increased its efforts in contacting and interacting with their partners. The most visual effect of this was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the EUCPN and Europol during the Maltese presidency.

- **Action:** Establishing an efficient network of contact points

- **Task:** A meeting with all crime prevention councils will be organized

During the second half of 2017, the Secretariat discussed the possibility and need for the organization of this meeting. After the positive input from the Member States, the Secretariat decided to organize this meeting on the 29th of March 2018. This meeting will be evaluated and it will be then decided if this meeting becomes a new yearly event organized by the Secretariat.

- **Task:** MS identify national experts as the need arises; f.e. according to the themes of the presidencies or specific national projects

The Secretariat regularly organizes expert groups and workshops in which experts from the Member States participate. Whenever the Secretariat organizes such a workshop, they look for experts through their own contacts and the experts identified by the National Representatives.

Action: *Assuming the funding is available, the EUCPN Secretariat should be further strengthened (REC13)*

- **Task:** The National Representatives will be called upon to express their interest in providing 'virtual' secondments of experts to the Secretariat according to the theme of the presidency.

As stated above, the Secretariat does receive input from experts according to the theme of the presidency. These are however no real 'virtual' secondments.

- **Task:** The EUCPN Secretariat and Belgium as project manager will draft a proposition for the next EUCPN grant (2018-2019). This will be presented to the Executive Committee and the Board for input and feedback. Eventually it will be send to the European Commission as a respond on a call for projects.

The EUCPN Secretariat drafted the proposition for the next EUCPN grant. This proposition was presented to the ExCom and the Board in December. The Board

agreed on the project' proposition, Belgium therefore handed in the project on the 9th of January following the direct call of the European Commission.

Furthermore, the ExCom and Board also decided to put the role of the hosting country for the Secretariat on paper. A first draft was discussed during the Board Meeting of Estonia in December. The text will now be incorporated in the official Rules of Procedure of the EUCPN. This will be further discussed in 2018.

- **Task:** The EUCPN Secretariat and the Informal Network for the Administrative Approach will identify actions which can be taken in order to strengthen both networks and increase their cooperation.

In August a Policy officer for the Administrative Approach started working in the EUCPN Secretariat. He will work exclusively for the Informal Network on the Administrative Approach. He is positioned within the EUCPN Secretariat in order for the networks to work closer together and to make it easier for the Informal Network on the Administrative Approach to learn from the experience of the EUCPN.

3.2. Disseminating qualitative knowledge of crime prevention

➤ *Delivery of EUCPN projects*

The following projects were completed or withdrawn:

➤ *Project EUCPN Work Programme 2017: iCoach*

A total of 244 police officers participated at the training program from the project. On this base, a team of 130 "iCoachers" has been formed. They are preparing to give their first workshops before the end of 2017 with a specific tool : the "Jungle Web" game for online security (which has been reissued in 1000 copies). It is an educational game of speed, observation and knowledge in which the responsible and safe use of the Internet plays a vital role. This serious game encourages a positive dialogue within the family about online youth activities. Purpose: The tool invites parents and their children to naturally approach, through humor and attractive graphics, the experiences that young people can live on the Internet. This game is analyzed in depth during the training so that participants take it. The goal being that they use it in class with the students.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2017: Project for collaboration between Spanish national police corps and Spanish federation for down syndrome*

"Project for collaboration between Spanish National Police Corps and Spanish Federation for Down syndrome leadered by Spanish National Police is nowadays ongoing but in a renovation process. However, this project will continue with the same object, improving the protection and safety of groups of persons with Down syndrome and other types of intellectual disability and promoting their school, labour and social integration."

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2017: Coordinating Methodical Centre for Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence*

The project of setting up the Coordinating Methodical Centre for Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ('CMC') in accordance with Article 10 of the Istanbul Convention remains one of the crucial projects in the area of prevention and elimination of violence against women and domestic violence. The project has been implemented from 9 October 2014 until 30 April 2017, supported by the Norwegian financial mechanism and co-funded by the State Budget of Slovak Republic. The project recipient was the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR, and the Department of Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities provided the expert supervisor and coordination. Project activities

have been carried out by the project recipient and project partners: The Institute for Work and Family Research of the SR, Council of Europe and Norwegian Centre for Traumatic and Stress Studies. The aim of the project was to create, implement and coordinate a comprehensive nationwide policy of systematic prevention and elimination of violence against women and domestic violence. The level of protection of domestic violence victims was increased through amendments to four crucial legal acts. A nationwide campaign raising awareness on sexual violence was carried out. The CMC expert team provided trainings for assisting professionals and law-enforcement professionals. Primary prevention activities were carried out across the national educational system. Multi-institutional cooperation was established in all 8 regions of Slovakia. Multiple qualitative analyses and two representative quantitative researches were carried out over the duration of the project.

<http://www.zastavmenasilie.gov.sk/en/>

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2017: SOS Alert Solution*

Based on the analysis of the security situation, specific cases that have been executed in recent years and following the predefined goals of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism, the Department for Detection of Hazardous Substances and Environmental Crime of the Criminal Police Bureau of the Presidium of Police Force (hereinafter "the Department") implemented a security project "*SOS- Alert Solution – Cross border cooperation project for enhanced detection and interception of illicit CBRN (chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear) materials on the Slovakian-Ukrainian border*" (hereinafter "the project"). The objective of the project was to enhance the capabilities of the Presidium of Police Force of the Slovak Republic (PPF) and the State Border Guards Services of Ukraine (SBGS) and their respective partners at the border in specific areas related to CBRN threats through exchange of experiences, best practices and capacity building with the Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority (NRPA) and other European and international experts and organizations.

Special equipment for detection of CBRN materials and special protective equipment for training and operation of specialized units of security forces has been purchased from the project funds. The project also funded an extensive education and training of police officers, the Financial Directorate of the Slovak Republic officers, the judiciaries and the officers of Ukrainian security forces, the creation of strategic project documents – Joint Threat Assessment and Draft of the Joint Concept of Operation for the reaction of security forces on a CBRN incident at the Slovakian-Ukrainian border. A joint Slovak-Ukrainian exercise was carried out with the active participation of a Norwegian partner within the project. Implementation of the project was completed in April 2017.

Consequently, the following projects are ongoing:

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Prevention Project Dunkelfeld (PPD)*

This project is directed at people seeking therapeutic help because they feel sexually attracted to children and adolescents and/or who use child abusive images. Within the course of therapy, the person concerned is offered support concerning the prevention of child sexual abuse in the form of hands-on contact or 'online abuse' by using or producing child abusive image material.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Radio Campaign*

The aim of the project is the Promotion of the drug telephone help - line "1498" on national radio-stations with high ratings by youth.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Print promotional materials anti-drugs*

The aim of the project is the distribution of the promotional materials to students, members of the National Guard and communities.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: European local Authorities against extremism LIAISE 2*

"European local authorities against extremism" wants to prevent radicalisation leading to terrorism and violent extremism. Its overall goal is to strengthen the capacity of European towns, cities and regions to prevent and deal with violent radicalisation.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Cost & Impact of Cybercrime in Belgium*

The project aims to reach an objective, realistic and up to date picture of cybercrime in Belgium and its evolution over time. A critical assessment of international research reports will be conducted to get an overview on the existing know-how in measuring the cost of cybercrime and the indicators to be used.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Improving crime victims' access to services and creating contacts points for victims of crime*

The project aims to create analytical unit for analyzing needs of crime victims in order to receive appropriate protection and support and to prepare legislative proposals and preparation of analysis which could be used on the national level.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: “Protect your device” (temporary appellation)*

This project aims to make the citizens aware of the anti-theft function on smartphone or tablet.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: “Best practices to tackle urban crime (incivilities)” (temporary appellation)*

Recommendation to tackle urban crime based on evaluated local projects and to increase citizens empowerment.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: “Live Democracy! Active against Right-wing Extremism, Violence and Hate”*

Through this federal programme the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth promotes civil participation and democratic behavior at local, regional and national level. Associations, projects and initiatives which are dedicated to promoting democracy and diversity and work against right-wing extremism, racism, antisemitism, Islamic extremism and other forms of hostility to democracy and inhuman behaviour, against violence, hatred and radicalisation, are supported by the federal programme.

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Development of criteria for evaluation of interventions aimed at prevention of (religiously motivated) extremism*

The aim is to develop criteria which can be used in evaluations of interventions aiming to reduce radicalisation tendencies. And to provide a standardised instrument which can be used in the area of secondary and tertiary prevention (de-radicalisation).

- *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Mapping, identifying and developing skills and opportunities in operating environments to co-create innovative, ethical and effective actions to tackle radicalization leading to violent extremism (MINDb4ACT)*

MINDb4ACT aims to improve the current counter-violent extremism policies, generate new ones and connect law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and other practitioners working in the field of counter-violent radicalization. As an outcome MINDb4ACT will deliver policy recommendations extracted from validated results obtained from four kinds of interventions (research actions, exchanges among LEAs, strategic-policy exercises, training courses and pilot projects) with contributions from technology industry, social innovation and civic engagement schemes.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: "Safe Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship"*

The main objectives of the Programme include:

- reduction of common crime and vandalism;
- improvement of road traffic safety;
- protection of children, youth, disabled and elderly persons;
- prevention of social pathologies.

The aim of the Programme is to support the activity and promote municipalities and counties where activities of natural and legal persons contributed to a significant improvement of public security situation and protection of state, municipal and private property.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: "Impact Evaluation"*

The project aims to identify the local actions that "demonstrate" to be the most effective in terms of results achieved. It is therefore a subject here of developing a new public policy decision support tool for local authorities.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: I'M HERE PROGRAM*

Free access to a police database were parents of children between 02 and 09 years, fill a form with critical information such as address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and gets in a police station a wristband with a serial number. When this child, for some reason, is seen alone in a public space people can provide, with a 112 number, the number and the police contact parents.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Special Program SIGNIFICANT BLUE*

The project purpose is to:

- Raise awareness and train professionals from organizations in the area of disability and rehabilitation to a culture of prevention of violence and abuse against persons with disabilities;
- To sensitize the elements of the PSP to the problem of disability and the need for special protection of persons with disabilities; and

- Promote inter-institutional cooperation between the PSP and the field of disability and rehabilitation.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Cyber jungle*

The "Cyber jungle" project is aimed at the younger Internet users, their carers as well as people taking part in their education and attitudes shaping. Its mission is to improve the overall security of the Internet users, especially those who are not properly prepared for it. This set includes the surrounding reality: young people and children do not know the hazard and their parents - who in the accompanying circumstances had not followed the development of this medium are remaining in ignorance with respect to its capabilities and threats. It is a form of family dysfunction in terms of proper childcare.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Drawing on the right side of the brain*

In order to prepare inmates for reintegration to the society the National Crime Prevention Council of Hungary started a project to help them develop their social skills and self-confidence.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Re-Action program*

The highlighted purposes of the Program:

- Deepening the knowledge of crime prevention and building active knowledge
- Moderating aggression in schools
- Preventing crimes and drug abuse among young people
- Promoting positive attitude

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Volunteers for Kielce*

Increasing the scope of activities of the Police and involvement of the society, sense of co-responsibility for the surroundings among young inhabitants of Kielce, as well as building a positive image of the Police. The outcome of the Programme is support for the Police in prevention activities and in activities related to ensuring safety, as well as the activation of the youth.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: I do has FALCO says*

Produce a collection of ten short stories to promote safety and fomenting of civics and citizenship among children between 5 and 10 years old, using as main reference the figure of FALCO - PSP mascot. These stories will be used to support the awareness-raising actions that Police officers will do during the year in close interaction with the school community.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: The information campaign "Grandma, it's not your grandson ... Be careful."*

The main intention of the project is to educate the elderly about the threat of scam which are made by using methods called "on grandson" or "on the policeman". In effect it will reduce the number of these crimes.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: To live prepared as a visually impaired*

This action's purpose is to sensitize citizens to the issue of domestic burglaries, and especially to what they themselves can do in order to prevent this problem. The intended result is to eventually bring about a drop in domestic burglaries.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: National action day '1 day without'*

In order to help blind and partially-sighted persons the National Crime Prevention Council of Hungary prepared a special crime prevention program to teach these vulnerable people to develop their self-defense abilities.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Safety in the Public Sphere*

As the subjective feeling of security in Austria is decreasing despite an objective reduction in crime, the purpose of this particular project is both to reassure women and to provide them with information on ways in which they can avoid becoming the victim of a crime on their way home/while going out for a walk, etc. The outcome that we can comment on so far is a notable positive reception and a substantial increase in the awareness of possible sources of danger and how to act in the case of an emergency.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Save Gordon!*

The aim of the project is to raise awareness among youth about the dangers of internet and to educate them how to protect themselves online.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Homewatch - Application*

The National Crime Prevention Council aimed to show the people the safety level of their homes and to encourage them to think about what they can do to increase this status.

➤ *Project EUCPN work programme 2018: Conception European Methodical Centre.*

The main objective of methodical function of the Slovak headquarters of EMC, in close cooperation with other branches of EMC which will be established by strong cooperation with ICSW Europe member organizations, will be REAL CHANGE of social situation of citizens in a sense of supporting and developing citizens' well-being in terms of real possibilities of individual countries by the use of all legal matters which that are available to non-governmental and nonprofit organizations (III. sector) with the intention of equalizing social status of EU citizens as well as eradicating social conflicts. From SKTS and ICSW Europe' view this is the most effective preventive action in the field of primary, secondary and tertiary crime prevention.

➤ ***Actions and tasks associated with Strategic Goal B:***

Action: *Information exchange through the means of the Network will be intensified*

- **Task:** relevant research articles will be disseminated through the newsletter and the website

Throughout the year, the Secretariat uploads interesting articles on the website. Furthermore, before each newsletter is published, the Secretariat actively looks for useful articles which they then upload on the website and in the newsletter.

- **Task:** Project information about EU co-funded projects will be gathered by the Secretariat through the National Representatives and disseminated

The Secretariat started gathering this information at the end of 2017. An analysis will follow in 2018.

- **Task:** Malta will organize two thematic seminar; one about organized crime targeting domestic residence and one about pick pocketing performed by organized crime groups.

Both thematic conferences were held as planned with various speakers from EUROPOL, SOCTA, The Netherlands, Denmark and Malta

- **Task:** Estonia will organize the BPC-ECPA which will contribute to the dissemination of the ECPA projects

The BPC_ECPA took place in Tallinn in 13-15.12 and all the nominated projects were presented on the conference. The summary of the conference can be found here: <https://www.just.ee/en/eucpn-conference-cyber-safety>. In addition to the ECPA presentations one thematic discussion about cyber safety was held.

- **Task:** the presidencies will invite relevant international institutions to their board meetings and to the BPC-ECPA

Experts from EUROPOL and the SOCTA analyses team were invited to Malta in relation to the subjects the Maltese Presidency focused on and to explain the new threats of 2017 which the EU was focusing on. To the BPC-ECPA conference and side events a number of the experts on the cyber safety field from different levels (public, private, third sector and universities) from all MS of EU were invited and mostly the participations of the conference guests consisted of public sector officials. All of the important players from the EU were asked to be present (Europol, ENISA, NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, Centres of the Safe Internet from some EU MS, etc), from Estonia all the related stakeholders from the ministries, the third sector and also representations from the private sector organisations like Enterprise Estonia (EAS), telecom organizations and other companies working on the field was there.

- **Action:** develop relevant interregional information exchange
 - **Task:** the Secretariat will write a paper about the policy similarities and differences between the EU Member States and the regions within the EU. The National representatives will make sure that the Secretariat is updated about changes in policy

Before the Secretariat could start with this task, there was first a discussion at the Board meeting to determine which policies will be analysed within this paper. From all the EU priorities, 6 policies were identified as most important for the EUCPN: Cybercrime, OPC, THB, drugs, illegal migrant smuggling and terrorism (possibly trafficking of firearms will also be added to the list). After this decision, the Secretariat started looking into the policies which are already available through multiple sources. In 2018, the Secretariat will ask the Member States to fill in the gaps in order to start analyzing the policies to find similarities and differences.

Action: *Dissemination of information on relevant crime problems and on adequate responses to those*

- **Action:** Review of victim surveys and research on comparable criminal statistics and fear of crime

- **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat will produce a new European Crime Prevention Monitor report in 2017. This report will summarise data from different crime statistics, victim surveys and fear of crime studies.

The Secretariat's last monitor, which was published in 2016 and dealt with organised crime, was translated into French and German. All 3 versions are available on the website.

- **Action:** Development of recommendations on approaching challenges of crime problems by target groups

- **Task:** *Development of a manual on pickpocketing (during the Maltese Presidency)*

The EUCPN Secretariat, in cooperation with the Maltese Presidency, is developing a toolbox/manual about the prevention of pickpocketing. In order to do so, the EUCPN Secretariat organized one workshop in Malta with experts specialized in the topic. Next to this workshop, the EUCPN Secretariat also gathered information through literature and a questionnaire which was sent to all Member States. A second workshop was organized in January 2018.

As a result the toolbox will give an overview on general information related to the topic, on EU legislative measures and policies. And finally the toolbox will be concluded with a number of recommendations towards the policy makers in how the prevention of pickpocketing can be started, increased and improved.

- **Task:** *Development of a manual on Cyber Safety (during Estonian Presidency)*

The EUCPN Secretariat had, in cooperation with the Estonian Presidency, the task to write a toolbox/manual about 'Cyber Safety'. This was also the topic of the ECPA competition. During the ECPA a workshop was organized where experts in the topic could give their opinion on the good practices. These insights will be combined with a study of the literature and a questionnaire to the Member States. The Secretariat will finish this toolbox in 2018.

Action: *The EUCPN should further develop its range of outputs to increase the capacity to respond to key stakeholder needs (REC4)*

- **Task:** The Member States will proactively communicate with local practitioners and within Member States, in general, and where possible, produce summaries of key materials in the languages of MS and include on EUCPN website (REC5).

The EUCPN Secretariat has increased its presence on Social Media in order to reach the local practitioners more easily. Furthermore, the National Representatives were reminded of the need for their proactive communication within their Member States. Sadly enough, this year no key materials were translated into local languages. Nevertheless the toolboxes which are bound to be finished in the beginning of 2018 will be translated into 4 languages, also the monitor was translated into 2 languages.

- **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat will engage with local practitioners in the course of developing toolkits or exchanges of good practices.

The EUCPN Secretariat has organized two workshops during 2017 in which experts and local practitioners discussed the topics chosen by the presidency. Furthermore, local practitioners, which participated in ECPA projects, were invited to participate in the BPC-ECPA in order to exchange their views on Cyber Safety.

- **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat continues to engage with relevant institutions and respond to requests for inputs.

The EUCPN Secretariat has had multiple contacts (formal and informal) with institutions and partners. These contacts have allowed the EUCPN Secretariat to gain information about a multitude of topics and it has enabled the EUCPN Secretariat to exchange information.

3.3. Supporting crime prevention activities at national and local level

Action: *Review of EU funding sources and national funding mechanisms of crime prevention activities*

- **Secretariat task:** the Secretariat will make information about the funding opportunities available for the target groups

An overview was made of all EU financial instruments which could be useful for crime prevention projects. This overview can be found on the website of the EUCPN: <http://eucpn.org/document/eu-funding-programs>

Action: *publishing key documents in national languages*

- **Task:** an inventory of key documents which should be translated will be made

The Member States are aware of the fact that they can and should, if possible, translate key documents. However, this year no translations were done.

- **Task:** Translation of event conclusions and recommendations: at least the ECPA winning projects should be distributed in national languages

No event conclusions or recommendations from the BPC were translated into national languages. However, all the ECPA entries of 2017 and the event conclusions of the BPC 2017 will be translated into 4 national languages when the toolbox which relates to this topic is finished

- **Action:** A key EUCPN priority should be to produce good practice material for crime prevention practitioners at a regional and local level
 - **Task:** the toolboxes produced by the Secretariat will be translated into 5 national languages: English, French, German, Spanish and the language of the presidency

When finished all the toolboxes related to the topic of the presidencies of Malta and Estonia will be translated into the above mentioned languages.

Action: *Implementation of good/best practices by Member States*

- **Secretariat task:** the secretariat Provides support and evaluations to Member States wanting to adapt projects being ECPA winners

The EUCPN Secretariat did not receive any requests from Member States during 2017 in regards to this task. However the secretariat added extra information, if available, on the website for all the ECPA entries.

- **Task:** An overview of implemented projects and ideas will be developed

This year, it was the 20th anniversary of the ECPA. In order to celebrate this event, the Estonian presidency in cooperation with the Secretariat planned a special programme about it to the gala event of ECPA prizes with the presentation on the event and video greetings from former EUCPN Chairs and Secretariat members. In addition to that it was developed a booklet with an overview of all the project winners since the beginning of the ECPA. The overview of the projects can be found here:

<http://eucpn.org/document/history-and-evolution-european-crime-prevention-award>

- **Task:** the links between the EUCPN and the national crime prevention institutions will be improved by organizing a meeting in Brussels

During the second half of 2017, the Secretariat discussed the possibility and need for the organization of this meeting. After the positive input from the Member States, the Secretariat decided to organize this meeting on the 29th of March 2018. This meeting will be evaluated and it will be then decided if this meeting becomes a new yearly event organized by the Secretariat.

3.4. Towards developing various aspects of crime prevention at EU level

Action: *Development and implementation of a Network management plan*

In 2012 an external evaluation of the EUCPN was carried out and the Commission submitted a report to the EU Council which sets out the results of the evaluation and its recommendations. During Ireland's Presidency in the beginning of 2013, the Action plan responding to the evaluation of the EUCPN was finalised. Lithuania's Presidency, together with the Trio and EUCPN partners, started the implementation of the Action Plan.

Multiple recommendations of the evaluation have been added to the work program 2017 and therefore were also further monitored and implemented during the year. Throughout this Annual Report the actions related to these recommendations are indicated.

Action: *closer cooperation with relevant EU bodies, agencies and organisations*

- **Secretariat task:** the Secretariat will organize a stakeholders meeting with relevant partners

The secretariat organized one large stakeholders meeting on the 7th of June. During this meeting the Executive Committee was represented by 5 Member States and the Council Secretariat, European Commission, EUROPOL, CEPOL, the informal network of the Administrative Approach, IJJO and EFUS also contributed to the meeting. The topic of this year's stakeholders meeting was crime prevention within the EU Policy Cycle.

- **Task:** the Secretariat and the Presidency in office will identify and involve, depending on topics and circumstances, other crime prevention bodies in EUCPN activities.

The European Commission was present during all 3 Board Meetings of the EUCPN and Europol was present during 2 out of the 3 Board Meetings. Furthermore, during the Workshops and seminars organized by the Secretariat and the presidencies, multiple crime prevention bodies were invited and took part.

Action: increase the visibility of the EUCPN towards the international level

- **Task:** the Secretariat and the Board will identify the events and other activities organised by the other organisations. The Secretariat and the Presidency, if deemed appropriate, may look for an invitation to these activities and give the possibility to the National Representatives to participate and give a presentation of the activities of the EUCPN with the aim to raise its visibility.

Multiple events and activities were identified by the EUCPN Secretariat and the Board. Some of which already have been described above. The EUCPN Secretariat

also represented and promoted the EUCPN in multiple conferences, workshops and meetings:

- 2 x Core Group of ENAA
- Kick-off meeting of the Confine project and a workshop
- Third Cybercrime prevention network meeting
- Workshop to draft the Master MASP of the EU Policy Cycle 2018-2021
- Stockholm Criminology Symposium
- Ceuol Stakeholders meeting
- Ceuol EU Policy Cycle preparatory meeting
- EU Cyber Security Conference
- Europol/Interpol Cybercrime Conference
- Workshop: drafting the MASP and OAP's of CSE
- Workshop: drafting the MASP and OAP's of THB
- Workshop: drafting the MASP and OAP's of OPC
- Advisory Board Proton project
- Efus Conference
- Next Generation Community Policing Conference
- ICPC Colloquium
- First Multiplier Event of the Research Master on European and International Criminology
- Kick-off ARIEC Limburg
- OMCG conference

Action: *The EUCPN has decided to systematically align its priorities with the agreed EU priorities as regards the fight against crime (REC1)*

- **Task:** The trio will choose one EU priority to work on during 18 months. The presidencies within the trio will then translate this priority to local needs.

The trio (The Netherlands, Slovakia and Malta) chose to focus on the overall priority 'Organized Crime'. During the Maltese presidency a specific focus was put on Organized Property Crime (Domestic Burglaries and pickpocketing). Furthermore the EU Trio Presidency Estonia, Bulgaria, Austria focus on improving the safety in communities which are targeted by organized crime among other volume crimes.

During the Estonian Presidency, a specific focus was put on Cyber Safety within communities.

- **Task:** The Commissions' annual working programme will be put on the agenda during the Presidency of Malta for discussion at the Executive Committee and Board Meeting following its adoption by the Commission.

The Representative of the Commission presented the Annual Working Programme of the Commission during the Board Meeting of Estonia in December.

- **Task:** The Presidencies, with the help of the Secretariat, will include on agendas of upcoming Board Meeting relevant developments in Working Group meetings (LEWP, Genval, COSI...). National Representatives will be canvassed for agenda topics in advance of Board Meetings.

The Secretariat presented the Work Program of 2017 and the Annual Report of 2016 on GENVAL. Because it was decided that GENVAL is going to be dissolved, the EUCPN will report to LEWP in the future.

Furthermore, the Secretariat gave speeches at GENVAL and COSI about the importance of including Crime Prevention within the EU Policy Cycle 2018-2021. In relation to this discussion, the Secretariat also participated in a workshop organized by the Commission where horizontal priorities were drafted for the EU Policy Cycles 2018-2020. Furthermore, the Board decided to become involved in 3 Empact projects of the Policy Cycle: Cybercrime, OPC and THB. For each of these Empact project, the Secretariat attended the Kick-off meeting in order to propose an Operation Action for 2018.

- **Task:** The EUCPN secretariat, together with the executive committee, will take the lead in the inclusion of EU priorities in the discussion on the future of the Network.

As stated before, the trio topic was chosen in light of the EU priorities. Furthermore, the EUCPN Secretariat with the presidencies have also paid attention to the priorities. In 2018 a new project of the Secretariat will start in which more attention will be given to EU priorities separately from the topics of the presidencies.

Action: *The EUCPN should develop its role in making inputs to EU and Member State policymaking in the crime prevention field (REC2)*

- **Task:** The Presidencies will invite the Board to identify one relevant EU and Member State topic per year addressing Genval and the European Commission with results.

This year the most important development at EU level in relation to crime was the development of the new EU Policy Cycle 2018-2021. Since this was such an important development, the EUCPN decided to focus on this throughout the year. As can be read above, the Secretariat put a lot of effort into increase the awareness of the necessity of adding crime prevention to the EU Policy Cycle. Therefore, as a result, the EUCPN will become involved in 3 Empact project during 2018. The biggest outcome of this will be the creation of EU wide awareness raising campaigns made by the EUCPN.

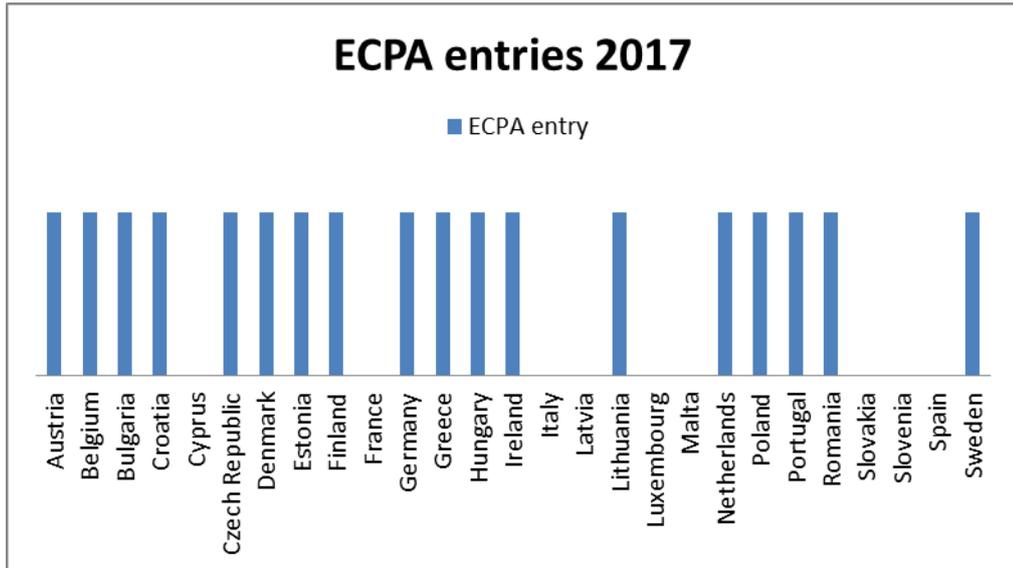
- **Task:** the Presidency in office will inform Genval about the main activities and recommendations proposed by the EUCPN.

The Secretariat presented the Work Program of 2017 and the Annual Report of 2016 on GENVAL, however in 2018 this will be done differently, because GENVAL has ended its work

- **Task:** the Presidency in office, the Member States and the EUCPN-secretariat will proactively increase circulation of information on EUCPN activities/projects on national and EU-level.

The presidencies in office organized 4 Executive Committee meetings, 3 Board meetings and two seminar. The Estonian presidency also organized the annual Best Practice Conference, and other activities, including the annual European Crime Prevention Award, designed to achieve the objectives of the Network and to share widely the results thereof. Estonia invited national and international experts to share their experiences on the topic of cyber safety during the Best Practice Conference. Furthermore, contact points of the EUCPN and local practitioners were invited to the conference. This improved networking possibilities and promoted the EUCPN through the increased circulation of information on EUCPN activities and output on the national and EU-level.

Furthermore, the EUCPN Secretariat tried to raise visibility to the EUCPN activities and project by publishing 6 newsletters and by becoming active on social media.



Action: A more strategic approach to determining EUCPN activities, and strengthening its role in providing inputs to policymaking at the EU and Member State level is needed therefore the EUCPN Secretariat will provide:

- An understanding of EU trends and across Member States with regard to crime;
- An overview of Member States' crime prevention institutional set-ups, strategies and policies (some of this information is already available);
- To the extent that can be assessed, an assessment of what impact crime prevention measures have on different types of criminal activity.

➤ **Task:** The Secretariat will continue its collaboration with Eurostat.

Throughout the work of the EUCPN research team the statistics of Eurostat are an important source of information.

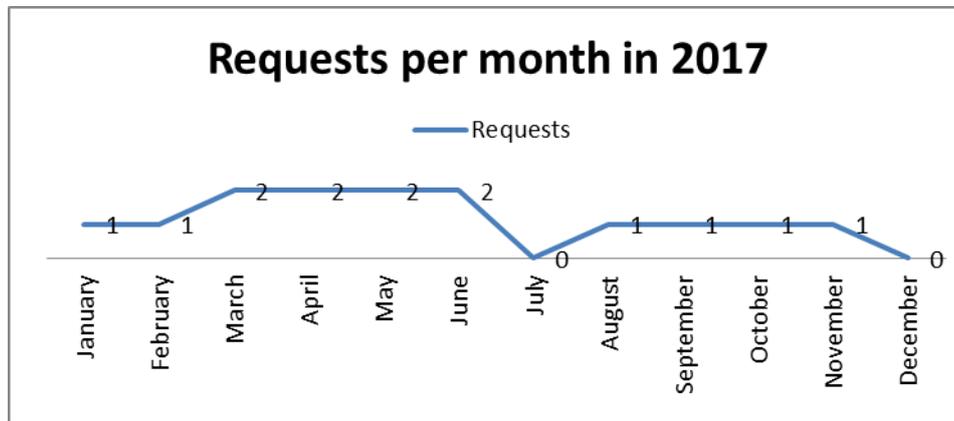
➤ **Task:** The Secretariat will further develop and circulate research and outcomes. The Member States will provide the Secretariat with relevant research.

The EUCPN secretariat has continued its research in relation to the topics of the presidencies. Furthermore, gather and disseminate research from other EU institutions, universities, NGO's and governments through the newsletter and the website.

➤ **Task:** The Board will annually include/update on the website an overview of Member States' Crime prevention institutional set-ups, strategies and policies.

The secretariat has asked for the update of the strategies and policies. They have not yet received them from all the member states. Nevertheless the ones that they did receive have been uploaded on the website.

Furthermore, the National Representatives can also send requests to the other Member States. These request deal with a whole range of phenomena and generally ask for good practices, research, policies or statistics. During 2017 a total of 14 requests were sent out.



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