

## EUCPN Newsflash ECPA 2016

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### ► Member States' good practices

#### And the winner is ... Czech Republic

On 15 December 2016 this year's European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) was awarded during the Best Practice Conference (BPC) in Bratislava, Slovakia. It was again a great success since 19 countries participated with their best national crime prevention projects, focusing on the theme 'Organised crime targeting elderly people'. The winner received a check of 10 000 euro, while two other projects were also awarded with an honourable mention and a check of 5 000 euro each.



#### Czech Republic - Senior Academy - Winner ECPA 2016



##### Project description

Senior Academy is the most successful crime prevention project in the Czech Republic which focuses on the senior citizens. The aim of the project is to ensure the safety of elderly persons and prepare them to be able to provide advice and information to others who share their immediate surroundings.

The study programs are conceived as methodology for safe conduct in society. The course lecturers are police officers, teachers, social workers, psychologists, and other experts on particular topics.

Furthermore, the project educates senior citizens how to maintain a good quality life in today's society by being aware of all different types of risk factors (security, safety, order, health, financial, social etc.) It is designed not only to teach senior citizens to be aware of all those risk factors, it also helps them to be able to prevent or to minimize those risks or to cope with their consequences. The project also helps senior citizens to become socially active. It motivates them to participate in public events, to be actively involved in various NGOs or other public institutions which can be found in their local environment.

Last but not least, the project enables senior citizens to meet new people of their age group, form new relationships with their peers and therefore to improve quality of their life.

More information can be found [here](#) or [here](#).

#### Germany - Hello Granny – I need money - Runner Up



##### Project description

Elderly people are attractive to fraudsters. One method that has become popular among criminals is the "Grandchild trick fraud", in which fraudsters pose as relatives of the victim, pretending to be in a desperate situation and in urgent need of money.

The project "Hello Granny, I need money" offers an innovative concept for crime prevention concerning trick fraud. It is an interactive stage play which offers an overview about prevalent techniques and shows up measures to protect oneself from becoming a potential victim. It also reduces the subjective fear towards tricksters and encourages to be more self-confident.

The audience is actively engaged in the performance. Randomly selected audience members take part in the performance as active participants while the actors improvise and react to the input by the audience spontaneously. The background of realistic cases helps to convey the urgency and the entertaining factor ensures a long-lasting impression.

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#### Croatia - A Day Like A Dream - Runner Up



##### Project description

The "Dan kao san" Project represents an innovative and proactive approach of the strengthening of the elderly and people with disabilities and improving the quality of their lives, since they are particularly vulnerable social groups. By the implementation of a variety of interrelated interactive activities the elderly and people with disabilities are being educated and informed in order to raise their level of self-protection and thus reduce the possibility becoming victims of crimes. Moreover, the elderly and persons with disabilities are placed in the role of trainers who educate

police officers in an innovative way by putting them in the position of the elderly so that the police officers might directly experience the problems they are faced with in their daily life.

Moreover, interactive workshops in which there participate grandfathers, grandmothers and grandchildren help to overcome intergenerational gap and find the best answers to the question of how young people might help the elderly, and how seniors can share their knowledge and life experience with young people. Famous Croatian elderly actors have also become involved. Through the performance of a dedicated show based on real cases from the practice, by playing the role of their peers in homes for the elderly, vividly indicate risky situations and show them how one should behave in these situations. Educational and informational materials, dedicated especially for the elderly and people with disabilities, have been distributed to innovative models in order to reach all the elderly and people with disabilities. By the permanent and strong partnership relations established by the police, civil society organizations and relevant institutions dealing with this issue, the preconditions for a long-term cooperation in a systematic and multi-sectoral approach to this issue are achieved. The quality of the Project has been recognized and the General Police Directorate has recommended that it be applied across the whole Croatian territory as a model for preventive work relating to the prevention of crime against the elderly and people with disabilities.

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### ► Jury explanation

Through this the EUCPN wants to explain the reasons for awarding the European Crime Prevention Award. The winner of the ECPA, the project "Senior Academy" of the Czech Republic, was chosen because of their innovative value and it has already been transferred to other Member States. Moreover the Elderly are actively involved in their own knowledge of crime and in how they can prevent becoming a victim. Furthermore, many partners are involved and the elderly come in contact with all these institutions. Last and not least the jury liked the idea of giving the elderly a diploma when they go through the academy and that the elderly become volunteers with the police.

The runner-up project "Hello Granny – I need money" from Germany was chosen because of the active involvements of the elderly in theatre; they learn by doing. The methodology was thoroughly discussed and evaluated. Because of this, this methodology can now be used for more other phenomenon.

The Second runner-up project is "A day like a dream" of Croatia. The jury members liked this project because it is also attracting disabled people and it has been transferred to other regions of the State. The involvement of the famous Croatian actors was also a positive feature since it gives visibility to the project. Moreover the fact that information about prevention was given together with the utility bill was seen as an innovative feature.

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