



EUCPN Newsflash ECPA 2018 - correction pictures

On 6 December 2018, this year's European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) was awarded during the Best Practice Conference (BPC) in Vienna, Austria. It was again a great success since 20 countries participated with their best national crime prevention projects, focusing on the theme 'Community Policing'. 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.

And the winner is...



Finland - Winner ECPA 2018
The Forssa approach: mediation of polarisation and inter-group conflicts

Project description

"The Forssa Approach: mediation in polarisation and inter-group conflicts" is a project based on the thorough study in a Finnish town Forssa in 2016. The project aimed at reducing violent crimes and conflicts between local youth and residents of a reception centre. The project also targeted the inhabitants of the community at large because people noticed the tense atmosphere. The project aimed at restoring a sense of security, to defuse the polarised situation and to prevent further clashes in the town.



“The Forssa approach” was established on neutral and transparent communication and multidisciplinary collaboration enabling exchange of information and coordination of activities. Community mediation and dialogue was the method used by professional mediators and police for recognising the interests and needs of conflicting parties. Discussions of the conflict in the community at large continued and a media project for students was initiated and completed.

The project calmed down the situation in Forssa and defused intergroup conflicts and polarisation between locals and asylum seekers. Violent crimes ceased completely.

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



Lithuania - Runner
Šiauliai District Discovers a Security Formula

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Project description

Awarded Best Crime Prevention Project at the National Prevention Projects and Community Initiatives Awards 2018 (Mol, Republic of Lithuania). Each community all over the world would prefer to live in a safe environment. The main idea of the project is to emphasize that efforts in crime prevention must be done from all participants – government, local authorities, police, non-governmental organizations, media, and communities as well. The main objective was to improve the security situation in Šiauliai district, to reduce the number of committed criminal offenses and other violations of law, to create a safer living environment involving residents in this process. Except the traditional prevention principle “forewarned is forearmed”, we were seeking to do something innovative, truly inspiring, helping to change attitudes and mindsets, what would grab the attention of the community and engage all parties in the common goal – crime prevention.



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



Hungary - Runner
My neighbour is the policeman!

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Project description

My neighbour is the policeman! project is a local government project, implemented by the Public Security Non-profit Ltd. of Zugló (ZKNP), aimed at supporting and appreciating the local police officers' work in District 14 (Zugló) of Budapest. The policemen have been provided with high-value infrastructural devices and distributable material containing direct contact information and photographs, which were presented in a communication campaign, as well. In the next stage, the project focussed on creating a public security network with the help of Police



Café, a community creative technique. The local police officers and the representatives of civil communities and professional bodies create the problem map together, and look for solutions for the unique and specific problems arising.

A primary objective of the project is to strengthen the trust in the police and demonstrate that the creation and maintenance of public security is a community task, which involves each member of the society.

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

Jury explanation

Through this the EUCPN wants to explain the reasons for awarding the European Crime Prevention Award. As you may know the winner of the ECPA is the project "The Forssa approach: mediation of polarisation and inter-group conflicts" of Finland. The project was chosen because of the mediation and interactive process the community went through. Besides there is a clear link between the project and the reduction of crime and the fear of crime. The Jury appreciated the involvement of the most important stakeholders and partners.

The runner-up project 'Šiauliai District Discovers a Security Formula' of Lithuania was particularly liked because of the involvement of stakeholders and partners in the project and a big participation of community members. In addition, there was a very good follow-up of the entire process: the activities, compliance, deadline,... Moreover, a good evaluation of the project was carried out. The Hungarian project 'My neighbour is the policeman!' is the second runner up! The project was particularly liked because of the emphasis on trust between the police and youth. In general, youth is very critical about the government and it takes some time to convince youngsters that police can be trusted. Building trust is a very important pillar of Community Policing and this project improves the trust relationship.

ECPA 2018 entries

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