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Dear reader,

In the first half of 2021, Portugal took over the Council of the European Union Presidency and consequently the Presidency of the EUCPN. Therefore it is an honour to present to you the latest EUCPN Newsletter.

In these troubled times, facing challenges for which we have to prepare and prevent, Portugal chooses to focus on preventing homicides among intimate partners. As long as this definitive outcome has not occurred, there is still the possibility of preventing it, helping potential victims and offenders. After the murder, we can only punish the offender and mourn the tragedy. Raising awareness that violence escalates can result in intimate partner homicide and trying to prevent it, are our main goals.

We also have the opportunity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the EUCPN, which works to establish itself in the European context as a reference in the area of crime prevention. On May 28th, we are going to toast the work done by all those who grasped criminal prevention with impetus, for the benefit of the whole society. We admit a special thanks to the EUCPN Secretariat, which is the glue that unites all the pieces in a coherent puzzle, without lowering the arms. The Portuguese Presidency will organise meetings to take place in March and May, whose meeting conditions, face-to-face or online, will depend on the evolution of policies under COVID-19. The Multiannual Strategy for 2021-2025 focusing on two main strategic goals - supporting and developing evidence-based crime prevention within the EU and improving the internal functioning - has already started to be executed.

Enjoy reading the newsletter, which is the result of EUCPN output and the contribution of the Member States. Thank you all very much.

Alfredo Esberard
EUCPN Chair



Warning, you may find the following message disturbing...

... but you continued reading, didn't you? The same happens in many crime prevention initiatives warning people about the potential consequences of their behaviour, whether as an offender or a victim. Indeed, fear-based tactics are commonplace within crime prevention and raising awareness of the potential risks and harms is assumed to deter people from that particular behaviour. However, this is not always the case. In fact, it may even be counter-productive. Scary, right? [Read our mythbuster](#)



An integrated approach to family-based crime

Did you know that crime sometimes runs in families? Family-based crime is complex and diverse, so how can it be prevented? Find out in our toolbox, which consists of three papers and is cowritten in French and German. - Theoretical background: translates what we know about family-based crime into a theoretical basis for prevention - Effective prevention: lists seven different types of preventive interventions - European Crime Prevention Award 2020 [Read our toolbox](#)

Croatia: Living Life without Violence

The project is primarily focused on the prevention of all forms of violence (predominantly domestic violence, followed by other types of violence including peer violence and violence against women) and is targeted at children and young people between the ages of 13 and 14. [More info](#)

Spain: Women with courage

The project consists of decentralised training activities in 20 associations belonging to "DOWN ESPAÑA" for the prevention of gender-based violence and other types of abuse among people with intellectual disabilities. [More info](#)

Romania: Bright Sky

Bright Sky Ro is an app, a free digital tool that supports victims of domestic abuse, providing assistance and useful information to people in an abusive relationship or to those who want to help such cases. [More info](#)

Greece: BeSecure - FeelSecure

The BeSecure-FeelSecure project aims to reinforce urban security and promote a positive perception of urban safety in the City of Piraeus in Greece. This will be achieved by providing strategies & tools to link the main urban security stakeholders & facilitate their collaboration both in physical space and in cyberspace. [More info](#)

Spain: VioGén

VioGén is a computerised tool for Police Risk Assessment and includes an algorithm aimed at improving the predictability of intimate partner homicides. This tool is used by the Spanish police on a daily basis. [More info](#)

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