

## EUCPN Newsletter March 2012

Under the Danish Presidency, the EUCPN currently focuses on 'Local cooperation on crime prevention'.

With this issue of the EUCPN Newsletter, we would like to give you a general introduction of the current theme and a view on the work of the EUCPN. Discover certainly also our website [www.eucpn.org](http://www.eucpn.org), on which you can find more information.

This Newsletter is a platform for policymakers, practitioners and everyone who is interested in crime prevention. To improve and to further elaborate this Newsletter, we kindly invite you to give us feedback and to share all your news, research, good practices and experiences on crime prevention with us on [eucpn@ibz.eu](mailto:eucpn@ibz.eu).

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### Introduction to the theme of the present issue

Dear reader,

Local crime prevention cooperation is the theme of the Danish Crime Prevention Day on 27 March 2012.

It would seem a banality to argue that cooperation is essential to crime prevention; it is a well-known fact. Nevertheless we have chosen this topic to be the focus of what we call the Crime Prevention Day 2012. When we in Denmark consider it an important issue, it is because we believe that the potential of cooperation is far from fully developed. The Danish Police Reform of 2007 resulted in the forming of local councils where police and municipalities are meant to join forces to minimize local crime. This model of cooperation and its inherent challenges will be the main subject of the Crime Prevention Day. The involving of civil society will be another key issue.

For inspiration we have invited Eva Sørensen, leader of the major Danish research project CLIPS. CLIPS is an abbreviation of 'Collaborative Innovation In the Public Sector'. This refers to the creation and implementation of new knowledge and ideas that come from the interaction of users, professionals, public administrators, politicians, consultants, interest groups and private companies in new kinds of learning processes.

Key note speaker, Professor Eva Sørensen, Roskilde University, Denmark, will talk us through the latest research results regarding this New Public Management and Governance project.

We are happy to announce Barry Loveday, Reader in Criminal Justice, Portsmouth, UK as the second key note speaker of the day. Barry Loveday will present the latest UK plans on the direct election of local police and crime commissioners (PCC's). The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people, holding the police to account; effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve.

The elective process changes the way of policing in the UK. Direction will no longer follow top-down procedure but take the shape of bottom-up processes. Local crime panels and members of the public will be able to challenge PCCs on the basis of publicly available crime maps that facilitate the evaluation of local police service. Barry Loveday will argue that this widening of the 'police family' could pave the way for initiatives such as neighbourhood and street wardens. These rather radical reforms and other initiatives involving the civil society will be presented and discussed on the Crime Prevention Day 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

We hope to see you there.

Anna Karina Nickelsen, Chair EUCPN

### EUCPN events and activities

#### Crime Prevention Day 2012

The Danish Crime Prevention Council invites you to take part in the Crime Prevention Day 2012 at Brøndby Stadium in Copenhagen on 27th March 2012.

Members of the EUCPN are also invited to take part in the meetings related to the EUCPN March 2012 that takes place at the Bella Sky Cornwell Hotel in Copenhagen.

The Crime Prevention Day is addressed to Danish and European actors in the field of crime prevention.

Workshops and presentations are in English and in Danish language. Key parts of the program will be translated into English. We expect 500 participants from Denmark and 200 participants from the rest of Europe.

More information concerning the event you can find [here](#).

We are looking forward to seeing you at the EUCPN March 2012 meetings and the Crime Prevention Day.

## Local cooperation

### European financed projects

#### Community Engagement for Civic Order, Policing and Security

This ISEC project was the continuation of a previous EU-funded project on partnership in crime prevention. The objective was to further involve citizens in policing and urban security. One of the activities was to evaluate policies and initiatives in order to assess their innovativeness and added value and whether they could be transferable.

European Commission project reference: JLS/2008/ISEC/046

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#### Implementing Local Safety Audits

The overall objective is to increase number of local authorities to make use of local safety audits with a view to implement strategic orientations on crime prevention and to develop partnership based policies. To this end, the Guidance on local safety audits helping local actors to develop audit methodology should be adapted to national and local contexts and effectively implemented in four Member States.

European Commission project reference: HOME/2010/ISEC/FP/C3/1633

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#### Gathering of all local forces to prevent violence in sporting events

The general objective is to support local authorities in preventing sport-related violence and misbehaviour. The project aims to boost cooperation among the different bodies responsible for safety and security — local government, police, other security forces, emergency services, organisers of events, social organisations and NGOs. The initiative should contribute to the exchange of best practice.

European Commission project reference : JLS/2008/ISEC/080

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## Belgium

#### Local Integrated Security Policy: from vision to plan

This contribution presents points of interest concerning the developments of a Local Integrated Security Policy (LISP) project by local initiators. It deals with some organizational and methodological recommendations with regard to the set up of a LISP in cities and municipalities. It covers four different perspectives on the development of networks, and a conclusion of five factors that influences the development of a LISP. To read more, click [here](#).

## Research

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#### Sport, science and art in the prevention of crime among children and youth

This paper explores theoretical frameworks used for understanding the relationship between leisure activities and the prevention of youth crime. It is examined whether scientific research has yielded empirical support for these theoretical perspectives. This discussion is illustrated by means of examples of good or promising projects for each field (sports, art, science). It is concluded that leisure can be regarded as an important context for youth crime prevention. In practice however, there appears to be little scientific evidence for these mechanisms. Therefore, it is difficult to identify good or promising practices within this field. To read the paper, click [here](#).

## Denmark

#### Rounding up suspects in the Rise of Danish Burglary

By Dave Sorensen, PhD. sociology

During the 18-year period 1990 to 2007, the number of reported residential burglaries was very stable. This changed in 2008 to 2010, when burglary increased by 30% (averaged over these three years) as compared to the previous 18-year average. If we look at the most extreme variation, the number of reported burglaries in 2009 was 65.3% higher than in 2005. Little solid evidence exists as to why residential burglary increased so dramatically in 2008 and 2009. The report examines whether any of the following factors may have contributed to the rise in Danish burglary:

- Changes in public reporting tendencies and police recording practices
- Population age, drug use and economic recession
- Increasing professionalism
- Crime tourism
- The Police Reform of 2007

The report concludes that the influx of crime tourism and distractions caused by the Police Reform are likely to have had the most influence amongst the factors listed above.

#### Will non-offenders become offenders if they live together with offenders at a halfway house?

By Linda Kjær Minke, PhD. sociology

The study seeks to answer whether non-offenders will be affected to commit more crime after they have lived together with offenders at Skejby halfway house. The Skejby halfway house is part of the Prison and Probation Service in Denmark. It constitutes an outstanding social experiment where offenders are deliberately mixed with non-offenders in order to reduce their risk of recidivism. An earlier study has shown that the probability of re-offending is 21 percent lower for offenders staying at Skejby halfway house. This study shows that non-offenders who have lived together with offenders don't commit more crime compared to a control group. In conclusion a model like Skejby halfway house where offenders live together with non-offenders reduces the offenders' probability of re-offending by 21 percent and does not turn the non-

offenders into criminals.

## Hungary

### **Bonding and attitude among the Czech, Estonian and Hungarian children and young people. Analysing study based on data of the International Self-Report Delinquency Study – 2 (ISR2-2)**

The ISR2-2 study is an international study aimed at revealing youth deviancies. After the National Institute of Criminology joined the study in 2005-2006, 2049 students from the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> school grades were interviewed about their families, hobbies, spare time spending habits and on the smaller, not unlawful acts which might cause nuisance or disturbance to others, as well as on criminal acts committed by them. There was a comparative assessment of self-report surveys carried out on national samples in the Czech Republic, Estonia and Hungary. On the one hand, the study aimed to find out the extent, to which emotional bonding influences the occurrence of juvenile deviancies. On the other hand, the study wanted to find out the quality of effect the different characteristic features – risk taking, selfishness, impulsivity – had on children's and young people's behaviour. To read more about the study and to discover the most important findings of this research click [here](#).

## Good practices in Member States

### Slovakia

#### **Crime prevention project transfer 'Everybody else does it!' from Denmark to Slovakia**

A remarkable example of good international cooperation between EUCPN Member States is the transfer of Denmark's European Crime Prevention Award 2006 winning project 'Everybody else does it!' to Slovakia. The project's objective is to change pupil's social norms by means of mathematical knowledge. The purpose of the project transfer was to determine whether it is possible to implement the methodology of the project designed for the Danish system into the educational process of Slovakia. The transfer contained a range of supporting activities by the Danish Crime Prevention Council and took place from 2009-2011. Slovakia concluded that the Danish methodology can be applied but needs some modifications adapting to the Slovakian system. To read the full text click [here](#).

### The Netherlands

#### **Administrative approach in practice**

Amsterdam revoked several licenses for clubhouses motorcycle clubs based on the law Bibob. This law makes it possible to assess the risk that the applicant of a license poses to society. After Amsterdam, several cities in the Netherlands make use of the administrative approach to counteract these motorcycle clubs. For more information click [here](#).

### Italy

#### **Prevention of Acts of Discrimination**

Italy established an Observatory for Protection against Acts of Discrimination (OSCAD) for the purpose of helping persons belonging to minorities concretely enjoy the right to equality before the law and be protected against acts of discrimination. OSCAD is located within the Public Security Department - Central Criminal Police Directorate. For more information click [here](#).

#### **Prevention in the field of sports betting**

Italy established the Sports Betting Intelligence Unit (UISS) within the Public Security Department. It monitors and analyses the information supplied by the agencies responsible for the organisation, management and control – including prevention of violent episodes – of sporting events in order to prevent and combat illicit phenomena in the field of sports betting. It suggests adequate prevention and countering strategies as well as initiatives aimed at enhancing international police cooperation in this sector. For more information click [here](#).

## Upcoming events

DATE	EVENT
6 March 2012	<b>Equality in the Workplace: Zero Tolerance on Gender-Based Discrimination and Harassment in Europe</b> Equality between women and men is one of the fundamental principles of EU law, and furthermore, harassment in the national legislation of seventeen European countries. Nevertheless, gender-based discrimination is still prominent in many workplaces with harassment manifesting in various forms. Concern about the effects of workplace discrimination and harassment on the health and safety of workers is growing over the last decade. Public Policy Exchange continues its equality platform with a special international symposium on tackling discrimination and harassment in the workplace. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange with leading practitioners, international organisations and major stakeholders across Europe. <a href="#">Event Details</a> <a href="#">Website</a> <a href="#">Register to Attend</a>
12-13 April 2012	<b>25th Baltic Criminological Seminar</b> The 25th Baltic Criminological Seminar titled "The challenge of crime in the globalized world" will take place in Tallinn, Estonia. For additional information and registration please contact Anna Markina <a href="mailto:anna.markina@ut.ee">anna.markina@ut.ee</a> .
16-17 April 2012	<b>6th Annual International Forum within the German Congress on Crime Prevention</b> The 6th Annual International Forum (AIF) within the 17th German Congress on Crime Prevention (GCOCP) will be held on 16 and 17 April 2012 in Munich. The AIF will present lectures of international experts and current topics in crime prevention. The AIF is held in English language with some parts of the German Congress on Crime Prevention being translated (opening and closing plenum). Also international guests can experience the exhibition (where they can display their crime preventive work), and take part in the evening reception and other events (poster session).

	<p>Since the GCOCP is one of the biggest congresses in crime prevention with over 2.500 participants and a big international guests every year since 1995 in different German cities, this is your chance to network and discuss different approaches in crime prevention.</p> <p>For more information (program etc.) please visit <a href="http://www.gcoep.org">http://www.gcoep.org</a>.</p>
9-10 May 2012	<p><b>EU-Conference - Local crime prevention: How to promote and support the participation of citizens?</b></p> <p>Since many years local crime prevention is an important topic. Especially in urban districts local crime prevention can be seen as experts on site. In this way it can strengthen social cohesion.</p> <p>If we talk about local crime prevention, we talk also about the participation of citizens, because citizens do not only live in projects on the local level. The participation of citizens is important because citizens have knowledge about the local crime prevention. Their participation is desirable because it is assumed that they can contribute to the local crime prevention. Furthermore it is possible that the origin, the expansion and the preservation of urban quarters are supported by their participation.</p> <p>The meeting wants to show the current situation of citizen participation from a European perspective with examples from Denmark, England, Estonia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland and Sweden as well as three speakers from different countries. Furthermore the meeting wants to show how the participation of citizens can be promoted and supported.</p> <p>To read more, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
20-24 May 2012	<p><b>14th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology</b></p> <p>Justice for Victims: Cross-cultural perspectives on conflict, trauma and reconciliation</p> <p>The programme covers all aspects of victimology, presenting the state of the art in both its keynote addresses and research. Focus will be on three main themes: victims rights, transitional justice and trauma and resilience.</p> <p>We cordially invite representatives from international and regional organisations, academia, civil society and individual experts to register and/or to submit an abstract.</p> <p>A programme, list of speakers and information about abstract submission and registration can be found on <a href="http://www.14thsymposiumwsv.nl">www.14thsymposiumwsv.nl</a>.</p> <p>The symposium will be preceded by an Introduction to Victimology (EN) on 15 and 16 May 2012. More information can be found on <a href="http://www.14thsymposiumwsv.nl">www.14thsymposiumwsv.nl</a>.</p>
29-31 May 2012	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium of the Campbell Collaboration</b></p> <p>The Colloquium is the Campbell Collaboration's main annual event. The three days will be devoted to systematic reviews in the fields of social welfare, education, crime &amp; justice and international development. Each year, the Colloquium attracts researchers from around the world who are interested in systematic reviews of social interventions. The Colloquium features a wide variety of well-known plenary speakers, beginning and advanced training in systematic reviews, and detailed presentations of Campbell Collaboration systematic reviews.</p> <p>Read more about this event</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding the Colloquium click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
11-13 June 2012	<p><b>The Stockholm Criminology Symposium</b></p> <p>The symposium is an annual event that attracts more than 600 participants from all over the world. The first symposium was held in June 2006. During the years the symposium has become a true meeting point for researchers, practitioners interested in learning about the latest research findings of significance to crime policy. The three days are packed with presentations from a large number of projects, programs, academic research and research conducted by public sector agencies.</p> <p>For further information click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
5-10 August 2012	<p><b>21st Annual Meeting of the International Police Executive Symposium</b></p> <p>Theme: economic development, armed violence and public safety</p> <p>In Cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs NGO Branch</p> <p>For more information click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in June 2012 will look back on Denmark's Presidency on local cooperation and introduce Cyprus' incoming Presidency with the theme 'community policing'. We kindly invite readers to share their news and information with the EUCPN Secretariat by sending contributions (in English) to [eucpn@ibz.eu](mailto:eucpn@ibz.eu).

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