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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 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which was procured by the European Commission and carried out in 2008 and early 2009, the founding legislation was repealed and replaced by a new Council Decision (2009/902/JHA) on 30 November 2009.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 States (Estonia and Belgium), the EUCPN Secretariat and the representative of the EU Commission.

In 2019, 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.

**Summary of the year 2019**

The EU Trio Presidency Romania, Finland and Croatia focuses on ‘criminal reoccurring behavior within EU priorities’.

During 2019:

- **The Romanian Presidency**

The priorities of the Romanian Presidency were based on the Trio Presidency Programme of Romania, Finland and Croatia, jointly adopted by the three countries in 2018. The EUCPN Trio Presidency (Romania, Finland and Croatia) has chosen the common topic “criminal reoccurring behavior within EU priorities”.

The theme of the Presidency of Romania was **“Preventing the victimization of minors’ – online and offline”**. During its Presidency, Romania organized one Board Meeting (in June 2019) and two ExCom Meetings (in March and June 2019). National representatives from 24 MS took part in the Board meeting: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Romania.

The ExCom Meeting and the Board Meeting held in June 2019 was focused on drafting and initiating the debates on the following documents:

- Financial Regulation of the EUCPN;

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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.
- The concept of crime prevention;
- Memorandum of Understanding with CEPOL;
- Work Procedure on Multiannual strategy 2021-2026.

Following the Board meeting the Romanian Presidency organized a thematic conference on the priority topic. The conference was structured in two panels: “Prevention of Minors Victimization in the Real Life” and “Prevention of Minors Victimization in On-line Environment”. During the first panel Mrs. Angela Chirvasuta (The Crime Research and Prevention Institute, Romania) presented the nationwide project TEDI Safety School, Mr. Maximilian Nicolae (Director of the National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons) gave a presentation on the work carried out by this institution, while Mrs. Aliona Dragomiretcaia (Chief of Prevention Section, General Directorate of Public Security, Republic of Moldavia) described the prevention initiatives and best practices from the neighborhood country. During the second panel, Ms. Adriana Cusmir (The Crime Research and Prevention Institute, Romania) offered a glimpse into the methodologies used in Romania in order to measure the incidence, dynamics and risk factors of minors’ victimization, Mrs. Catalina Surcel – Executive Director of The Association Telefonul Copilului (Child Helpline) analyzed The power of partnerships for preventing the harms of bullying victimization and Mr. Liviu Arsene (Bitdefender) discussed the Online threats and how to keep children safe.

During its Presidency, experts from Romania in cooperation with the Secretariat developed and designed a questionnaire on online victimization of children. It was sent to the MS and the gathered information was used as a basis of the toolbox Preventing the Victimization of Minors in the Digital Age. The toolbox was elaborated and translated into Romanian, German, French and Romanian in the second part of 2019.

The Presidency of Finland
The Finnish Presidency of the EUCPN focused on the prevention of drug-related juvenile delinquency. The number of offences by adolescents has diminished in many European countries. While ever fewer young people commit serious crimes, a small group of young people become serial offenders. Finland focused on this theme, because research has indicated that the majority of adult persistent offenders have already committed crimes as adolescents. Identifying young people at risk and directing them to appropriate services will put a stop to the vicious circle of crime, prevent victimisation and reduce the cost to society. These youngsters suffer from various social and mental health problems, substance use being one of the risk factors.
The theme of the ECPA competition was “the prevention and reduction of drug-related crime and harms caused by drug abuse among young people”. Finland was interested in to find entries, which applied various crime prevention methods. Projects to be entered into the contest could aim to have young people stop their drug use or to reduce the harmful effects of use. The objective of the project could also be to reduce crime or public disturbances or to improve the sense of security in public places or in the vicinity of treatment and housing facilities.

The Finnish Presidency organized together with the EUCPN the best practice conference and presented the European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) to the winners of the competition. The ECPA has been, since the start of the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN), one of the essential events of the network and continues to showcase the success of crime prevention throughout Europe.

On the 5th and 6th of November 2019 the Executive Committee Meeting and jury meeting took place at the Ministry of Justice in Helsinki as part of the Finnish Presidency of the EUCPN. In 2019 there were 17 projects in competition for the award, introducing a number of relevant practices from Europe on the prevention of drug-related juvenile delinquency. The ECPA project entries were evaluated according to the rules and procedures for awarding and presenting the European Crime Prevention Award by the international jury of experts.

On the 12th of December 2019 the Best Practice Conference took place in Helsinki. The conference began with the lecture of Professor Lieven Pauwels from Ghent University. The presentation dealt with An analytical approach on the adolescent rule-breaking to integrated crime prevention. Mr. Gregory Burkhart from the European Monitoring Centre Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) presented Science-based prevention of substance use. The rest of the conference was dedicated to the ECPA entries. The 17 projects were presented by the project managers or the National Representatives. The presentations of the national projects can be found here.

On the 12th of December 2019 the winning project called Sofielund Approach from Sweden was awarded at a gala dinner. The second price was given to BENGALO – project from Germany and the third one to Netstof.dk – project from Denmark.
Delivery of the EUCPN Work Programme 2019
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 2019. Therefore all actions stated within this annual report refer back to the Multiannual Strategy 2016-2020.

Goal A) To be a point of reference for the target groups of the Network

**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

  The EUCPN Secretariat has put a lot of effort into updating the contact list of the EUCPN, especially in relation to the work within the ‘EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime’.

  Furthermore, throughout the year the Secretariat updates the contact list with the experts they meet during conferences and workshops.

**Action:** *Improve the Network’s communication strategy*

- **Task:** the new communication plan, adopted in December 2018, will be implemented

  A second communication plan was published by the EUCPN Secretariat in 2018. It outlines what the EUCPN will commit itself to in regards to communication in order to achieve the EUCPN goals by 2020. What follows is a short overview of these targets and their state of play.

  In July 2019 the EUCPN launched a new website. Due to the new design, it is much easier to keep the website up-to-date and dynamic. The monthly average number of visitors in 2019 was 1749. The most popular pages were the homepage, the knowledge center and the prevention campaigns. The campaigns attracted many new visitors to the website.

  Regarding twitter, the EUCPN had 741 followers at the end of 2019 and gained 311 followers in comparison with 2018. On average, the EUCPN
tweeted four times a week. The EUCPN had 449 followers on Facebook in December; this was an increase with 245% in comparison with the beginning of 2019. On average the EUCPN posted three times a week. Since February 2019, the EUCPN is also active on LinkedIn. Roughly speaking the EUCPN posted twice a week about EUCPN activities and had 298 followers at the end of 2019.

A new design for the EUCPN newsletter was created in 2019. The first newsletter in this design was the newsletter of May. On the website a button was added to make subscribing to the newsletter much easier. Besides this, the EUCPN started to post information about the newsletter on social media, which resulted in more clicks on the newsletters and a small increase of subscribers. In total, the EUCPN published twelve newsletter in 2019.

In 2019 the EUCPN developed two videos on toolboxes, the first one was on fraud and the second one on community-oriented policing. In addition, the EUCPN created a video on the European Crime Prevention Award. Furthermore, the EUCPN designed a new housestyle for its output to make it more appealing and cohesive. Lastly, the EUCPN published a flyer about its work.

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

- **Action:** increase the cooperation with the EUCPN Board observers
  - **Secretariat Task:** A stakeholders meeting will be organised
    
    On the 29th of May, the EUCPN Secretariat organised a stakeholders meeting to discuss the concept of crime prevention. During the meeting, we asked the stakeholders their view on crime prevention in order to be able to inform the Board as thoroughly as possible. The following stakeholders joined the discussion: European Commission, UNODC, ICPC, EIGE, EFUS and Europol.

  - **Task:** the creation of Memorandum’s of Understanding will be aspired with key stakeholders

    Throughout 2019, the EUCPN has been discussing an framework partnership agreement with CEPOL. The EUCPN anticipates the signing of this document in 2020.

- **Action:** Establishing an efficient network of contact points
Secretariat Task: A meeting with all national crime prevention councils will be organized

On 11 April 2019, the second EU wide National Crime Prevention Council meeting was organised in Brussels. During this meeting the EUCPN provided an opportunity to exchange experiences and good practices on how the different councils operate, the development of a National Crime Prevention Strategy and a discussion on a few specific themes. In total 15 Member States participated.

The EUCPN presented its activities in the EU Policy Cycle, the Dutch and swedish NCPC explained how they operate and an exchange of information was organised focusing on the way local prevention initiatives are supported via a grant system.

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

Throughout the year, various experts from different Member States were contacted to help the EUCPN Secretariat with creating the output of the network. This year, also three experts took part in the jury meeting of the ECPA; Lieven Pauwels (BE) and Charlotte Colman (BE) represented together the University of Ghent and Teresa Silva (ES) represented the Mid-Sweden University.

Action: setting-up collaboration projects with international institutions should be improved

Task: EUCPN will continue its partnership within the research project ‘PROTON’.

Throughout 2019, the EUCPN Secretariat participated in 2 Proton meetings. The research project organised its final conference in September and all results can be consulted on the public website: www.proton.eu. Furthermore, the results of the project were also presented during the Board Meeting in December.

Secretariat Task: The EUCPN should be represented on relevant meetings organized by the stakeholders

The EUCPN Secretariat participated in multiple meetings related to the EU Policy Cycle at Europol.

Action: provide a dynamic and interactive redesign of the EUCPN newsletter
➢ **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat will issue a minimum of six newsletters in 2019: three during the presidency of Romania and three during the Finish presidency

The EUCPN Secretariat issued 12 newsletters in 2019. The new design of the Newsletter has been used since May 2019. Most newsletters were send out during the Finish presidency due to multiple events which warranted newsletters. All newsletters can be consulted on the website: [https://eucpn.org/service/newsletters](https://eucpn.org/service/newsletters)

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

The newsletter has been used to promote single events or questionnaires throughout 2019.

**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.

In July 2019, the EUCPN Secretariat launched the new website of the EUCPN. The website is now user-friendly and has a modern design. Furthermore, the Member States were asked to update their content such as policies, crime prevention initiatives etc.
Goal B) To disseminate qualitative knowledge on crime prevention

By the collection and dissemination of information on facts, theories and practices, the Network shall contribute to finding the most adequate forms of interventions for the particular problems and to the standardization of solutions.

A list of projects which were completed or updated can be found in annex 1

➢ Task: The Romanian Presidency focused on victimization of minors – online and offline.

Romania aimed to envisage a way of approaching crime prevention in the future in order to respond to the new threats to children’s safety (both online and offline) and aimed to suggest/promote a new model of crime prevention for the future and a new concept of policing in this field – Police of the Future. Preventing victimization of minors should take in consideration both protecting children from harmful web content, teaching them how to ensure data protection and to deal with different online threats, and also using the internet to reach children and convince them to adopt protection measures. A toolbox related to this topic, has been published by the EUCPN Secretariat in 2019.

➢ Task: Finland’s presidency focused on preventing of drug related juvenile delinquency. The offending of the adolescents has diminished in many European countries. Even though increasingly few young people commit serious crimes, the repeated offending accumulates on a small group of young people. This group of youngsters with various social and mental health problems, substance abuse, school drop-outs, unemployment, lacking life-skills, experiences of victimization and risk of social exclusion has been recognized as a target group of crime prevention activities. These various symptoms of persistent offending and deviant behavior have driven them to marginal positions and social exclusion.

The majority of the adult persistent offenders have already committed crime as adolescents. To identify youths at risk and directing them to services will prevent vicious circles of crimes, prevent victimization and reduce costs for society.

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.

- **Secretariat task**: the secretariat will update every 2 weeks the financial information page on the website to give an overview of all possible open calls.

  Every two weeks the Secretariat gathers all the new calls and adds them to the website of the EUCPN. Furthermore, tweets are also sent out to promote them. In order to make this more visible, there is now a dedicated page for this information on the new website.

- **Task**: Romania will organize one thematic seminar on the victimisation of minors
  Romania organised their seminar on the victimisation of minors on the 12th of June 2019. During the seminar presentations were given about the prevention of victimisation in real life and online.

- **Task**: Finland will organize the BPC-ECPA on preventing of drug related juvenile delinquency
  The Best Practice Conference took place on 12 December 2019. At the start of the conference, prof. Lieven Pauwels from the University of Ghent and Mr. Gregor Burckhart from EMCDDA gave their views on the topic. After these presentations, the ECPA entries were all presented. The conference was streamed online in order to increase the possibility to participate. All projects can be found on the EUCPN website.

- **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

    Throughout 2019, the EUCPN Secretariat kept gathering the policies of different phenomena from the Member States. Furthermore, the Secretariat decided to analyse the policies on Organised Property Crime. This task is still being undertaken and the paper will be launched in 2020.
**Action:** Analyse and development of the Network’s concept of crime prevention

- **Secretariat task:** A literature study will be set-up and consultations with the academic world, the stakeholders and the Member States will be started. In 2018 the Secretariat already started with the literature review to prepare for this task. During 2019, the Secretariat organised consulting meetings with local and national practitioners, academics and international stakeholders to gather this opinion and views on the concept of crime prevention. As a result, a white paper was written and circulated to the Board of the EUCPN. During the summer, each Member States was asked to give their opinion on the concept of crime prevention via a questionnaire. After this consultation, the Secretariat came up with a consensus text which was presented to the Board in December. During this Board Meeting, the new concept of crime prevention for the EUCPN was adopted. It reads as follows: ‘Crime prevention are ethically acceptable and evidence-based activities aimed at reducing the risk of crimes occurring and its harmful consequences, with the ultimate goal of working towards the improvement of the quality of life and safety of individuals, groups and communities.’

In 2020, an background paper will be written for the concept.

**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. This report will summarise data from different crime statistics, victim surveys and fear of crime studies. The topic of the Monitor report in 2019 will be *Environmental crime – wildlife trafficking*.

There are indicators that organised crime groups are involved in wildlife trafficking, therefore Environmental crime is a new EU priority amongst the ten priorities of the EU policy Cycle on organised and serious international crime. As a result the EUCPN Secretariat has written a monitor on the topic wildlife trafficking. Illegal wildlife trafficking negatively impacts economic and social development, governance and biodiversity. The EU is considered the top global importer in terms of value of wildlife, ranging from live reptiles and birds to caviar and reptile skins. Additionally, the major ports and airports of the EU are important transit points for trafficking activities. The objective of this monitor is to identify opportunities for action in the prevention of wildlife trafficking.
These opportunities can be largely divided in four categories. First of all, there are promising existing tools that are worth promoting because they have proven their potential in the prevention and fight against wildlife trafficking. Secondly, the EC in its progress report and the experts have identified certain key actors that are interesting target groups for awareness campaigns. A third category of opportunities for action are awareness raising campaigns concerning ‘booming’ species that are currently being illegally trafficked in the EU. Finally, there is room for raising awareness with regard to the importance of document fraud and corruption in the criminal chain of illegal wildlife trafficking. The full monitor can be downloaded here: https://eucpn.org/document/monitor-environmental-crime

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

  o **Task:** The Secretariat will, in cooperation with the Romanian Presidency, organise a workshop with experts specialised on the victimization of minors. The Secretariat will also write a toolbox and a policy paper with recommendations on how to prevent the victimization of minors.

The fifteenth EUCPN Toolbox is published in the framework of the topic of the Romanian Presidency of the EUCPN: preventing the victimisation of minors — online and offline. The particular focus of the present Toolbox is on awareness-raising and effective communication with minors in the digital age. Since the rise of the internet, minors’ use of media and ICTs has changed dramatically, and continues to do so. This necessitates the continuous evaluation of communication strategies and their adaptation to new realities. This Toolbox covers the pros and cons, does and don’ts of social media marketing, influencers, game-based learning and gamification, online police officers, and smartphone apps in crime prevention, and how they compare to old-school offline interventions. This Toolbox consists of three parts. The first paints the current intelligence picture: what we know about the victimisation of minors and their ICT and media use. The second gives an overview of good practices, both providing recommendations and identifying pitfalls. The third lists a number of good examples from practice.

You can download the full toolbox here: https://eucpn.org/toolbox15-victimisation. The toolbox has been translated into French, German and Romanian.
- **Task:** The Secretariat will, in cooperation with Finland’s Presidency, organise a workshop with experts specialised on preventing drug related juvenile delinquency. The Secretariat will also write a toolbox and a policy paper with recommendations on how to prevent drug related juvenile delinquency.

The sixteenth EUCPN toolbox is currently still under construction. The Best Practice Conference and the European Crime Prevention Award have provided valuable input into this toolbox. Furthermore, the exchange of information with the experts of the jury meeting was fruitful. On the 21st of January 2020 another expert meeting will be organised and the toolbox will be finalised by March 2020. The toolbox will be translated into French, German and Finish.

**Action: Assessing the impact of crime prevention work**

- **Secretariat task:** the Secretariat will increase its research output by developing a research programme; increasing the research performed by the Secretariat and by subcontracting research to universities.

The research programme of the Secretariat for the years 2018-2020 consists of the toolboxes linked to the presidencies topics, 2 monitors, 2 subcontracted researches, 2 in-house researches on phenomena and one research on the concept of crime prevention. During 2019, the EUCPN Secretariat has been working towards fulfilling this task by March 2020.

- The subcontracted research dealing with the identification of the market position of the EUCPN is being performed by the University of Ghent. A questionnaire related to this research was launched in December 2019.

- The subcontracted research to examine the experiences of the Member States performing evaluations in projects and activities aimed at crime prevention is undertaken by the Mid-Sweden University. The questionnaire related to this topic was published in June 2019.

- For the in-house research: ‘What are the newest developments and good practices in security technology with regards to the prevention of several OPC phenomena? Physical attacks on ATMs, robberies of shops, hold-up of banks, burglary, keyless car theft, cyber related phenomena…’, 2 expert meetings were organised and the results will be made public during the European conference on crime prevention on 19 and 20 February.

- For the in-house research: ‘How to prevent that unaccompanied minors go missing, and how to prevent that they end up in prostitution, modern slavery,… and other dangers they face during...
their journey?’, 2 expert meetings were organised and the results will be made public during the European conference on crime prevention on 19 and 20 February.

**Action:** Understanding of EU trends across Member States with regards to crime prevention

- **Task:** the Member States will update their information on the policy of different crime prevention phenomena.
  There are multiple policies of the Member States to be found on the website of the EUCPN. The Member States are asked to keep these up to date. Furthermore as the result of the discussion on the prioritised phenomena for the EUCPN, the Secretariat has started to gather the Member States’ policies of 5 ‘larger’ phenomena such as OPC, THB, Cybercrime, illegal migrant smuggling and drugs.

- **Secretariat task:** the Secretariat will make an analysis about EU trends across Member States with regards to crime prevention.
  The EUCPN Secretariat has started with the analysis of the Organised Property crime policies. The results of this study are to be expected in the first half of 2020.

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

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

  The EUCPN Secretariat has organised multiple workshops during 2019 in which experts and local practitioners discussed the topics chosen by the presidency. Furthermore, local practitioners who handed in an ECPA project were invited to participate in the BPC-ECPA in order to exchange their views on preventing drug related juvenile delinquency.
  Furthermore, in the framework of the EUCPN’s work on the concept of crime prevention, the EUCPN Secretariat organised a workshop especially for local practitioners to give their feedback and opinion.

- **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.
Goal C) To support and facilitate crime prevention activities at national and local level

With a view to increase the preventive approach in Europe, the EUCPN needs to support policy makers and practitioners at national and local level. The Network should take account of and address the difficulties caused by the diversity of national conditions of crime prevention activities. The EUCPN Secretariat is ready to assist National Representatives with knowledge and to support funding applications.

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

- **Secretariat task:** the Secretariat will continuously update information about the funding opportunities 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](http://eucpn.org/document.eu-funding-programs)

Action: publishing key documents in national languages

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

  To our knowledge, no event conclusions or recommendations from the BPC were translated into national languages. However, all the ECPA entries of 2019 and the event conclusions of the BPC 2019 will be translated into 3 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

  - **Secretariat task:** the toolboxes produced by the Secretariat will be translated into 4 national languages: English, French, German and the language of the presidency

    The toolbox on the victimisation of minors in the digital age has been translated into French, German and Romanian. The toolbox which is to be published related to preventing drug related juvenile delinquency will be translated in French, German and Finish.

    Furthermore, the EUCPN Secretariat is planning of translating the concept of crime prevention in as many EU languages as possible.

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 2019 in regards to this task. However the Secretariat added extra information, if available, on the website for all the ECPA entries.

Furthermore, the ECPA winners from 2016 till 2019 are all invited to give presentations about the project during the European Conference on crime prevention which will take place on 19-20 February 2020 in Brussels.

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


**Action:** *the funding of EUCPN supported activities should be made more transparent*

➢ **Task:** The Romanian Presidency will develop and present for future Board Meetings’ approval, a financial regulation, according to the article 6.2.b from the Council Decision 2009/902/JHA.

This task started under the Romanian presidency and after thorough discussions, the final text of the financial regulation was approved during the Board Meeting of December in Helsinki. The text creates a framework for all monetary issues.

**Action:** *improving the links between EUCPN and the national crime prevention institutions*

➢ **Secretariat task:** EUCPN Secretariat will organize a meeting in Brussels which can serve as a platform for the national crime prevention institutions

On 11 April 2019, the second EU wide National Crime Prevention Council meeting was organised in Brussels. During this meeting the EUCPN provided an opportunity to exchange experiences and good practices on how the different councils operate, the development of a National Crime Prevention Strategy and a discussion on a few specific themes. In total 15 Member States participated.

**Action:** *Providing the Member States with useful campaign material to raise awareness amongst their citizens*

➢ **Secretariat task:** The Secretariat will develop at least 2 awareness raising campaigns in relation to the EU priorities. These campaigns are linked to the EU Policy Cycle on serious and organized crime and will be focused on domestic burglary and THB.
The Secretariat created 2 campaigns in 2019. First of all, the very first EU Focus Day on domestic burglary took place on the 19th of June. This campaign gives extra visibility to the already existing prevention activities in all the Member States. The Secretariat created campaign materials containing posters, flyers, websites and GIFs (small animated videos). The Secretariat made an evaluation, the feedback was in general very positive. Nevertheless, there were some areas of improvement which will be taken into consideration by the Secretariat in the future. The Secretariat plans to make this an annual event, the next EU Focus Day will take place on the 17th of June 2020.

In addition to the EU Focus Day, the Secretariat also created a campaign focused on the EU wide rights of THB victims. This campaign was launched on the 17th of October. The campaign materials contained poster, flyer, sticker and a video. The materials could be translated into EU languages but the Member States could also chose multiple non-EU languages depending on the knowledge of victims.

All materials can be found on the EUCPN website: https://eucpn.org/service/campaigns
Goal D) To contribute to various aspects of crime prevention at EU level in respect of the EU strategy of crime prevention

The preventive work should be part of the way to handle crime in Europe, therefore the Network should support the EU. The best use of existing knowledge base shall be made by setting up regular schemes of information exchange with relevant European actors.

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

- **Task:** the Secretariat and the Board will develop closer relationships with other European and international entities in the crime prevention field.
  
The Secretariat and Board have had various formal and informal contacts with European and international entities. The EUCPN has been creating a framework partnership agreement with CEPOL and expects this to be signed in the beginning of 2020.

- **Secretariat task:** the Secretariat will organize a stakeholders meeting with relevant partners.
  
  On the 29th of May, the EUCPN Secretariat organised a stakeholders meeting to discuss the concept of crime prevention. During the meeting, we asked the stakeholders their view on crime prevention in order to be able to inform the Board as thoroughly as possible. The following stakeholders joined the discussion: European Commission, UNODC, ICPC, EIGE, EFUS and Europol.

- **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 both Board Meetings of the EUCPN. Furthermore, during the workshops and seminars organised 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 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 or a member of the Secretariat 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.

**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 EU Trio Presidency Romania, Finland and Croatia focus on ‘criminal reoccurring behavior within EU priorities’. The Romanian presidency translated this into preventing victimization of minors - online and offline. Finland’s presidency decided to focus on preventing of drug related juvenile delinquency.

- **Task:** The Commissions’ annual working programme will be put on the agenda for discussion at the Executive Committee and Board Meeting following its adoption by the Commission. There was no presentation of the Annual Working Programme of the Commission.

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

- **Task:** The EUCPN will continue and increase its activities linked to the EU Policy Cycle on serious and organized crime.
  - **Task:** A European Focus day on Domestic Burglary will be developed
  - **Secretariat task:** The EUCPN will look into the prevention of ATM-attacks through organizing a conference and publishing a EUCPN-Europol paper
  - **Task:** A campaign in relation to THB will be developed
  - **Task:** EUCPN will support the creation of a prevention package on the prevention of cybercrime – child sexual exploitation
  - **Secretariat task:** Together with ENAA, the EUCPN will create a barrier model for the prevention of Synthetic drugs.
  - **Secretariat task:** The EUCPN Secretariat will create a monitor on environmental crime – wildlife.
**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 LEWP and the European Commission with results.

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

- **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.

- **Secretariat Task:** The EUCPN Secretariat will write a policy paper for each of the official presidency topics.

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

- **Secretariat task:** the Secretariat will engage in more research of its own and will provide for an analyses of the different policies amongst Member States

- **Task:** The Board will annually include/update on the website an overview of Member States’ Crime prevention institutional set-ups, strategies and policies.
Annex 1: projects as referred to in Goal B

“Best practices to tackle urban crime (incivilities)” (BE)

The project is completed. The deliverables were as follows:
- A conference bringing together local practitioners to discuss “useful” approaches tackling incivilities (more than 150 participants) (https://www.besafe.be/sites/default/files/2019-12/actes_journee_colloque_spf_interieurversion_3_24_05_19.pdf)
- A manual containing the theoretical context (with the contribution of academics) and recens more than 70 promising local practices divided into 4 categories (https://www.besafe.be/sites/default/files/2019-03/guide_nuisances_compressed.pdf)
- Distribution of this manual to all municipalities in Belgium (with mail addressed to each Mayor)
- Development and maintenance of a public database of local practices on the topic (https://www.besafe.be/fr/themes-de-securite/nuisances)
- 3 consultancies with requested municipalities to help them to define a global and preventing approach to tackle incivilities

“Protect your device” (BE)

This project is not yet finished. The collaboration with private partners requires more concertation than initially expected.

Milestones achieved:
- Identification of target audience
- Definition of the project scope
- Identification of awareness messages to disseminate
- Identification of campaign communication channels

Milestones to achieve:
- Develop the campaign messages (video) with private partners

Cinema Awareness Campaign (CY)

The Drug Law Enforcement Unit (DLEU) of the Cyprus Police Headquarters implements an advertising programme, with the intent to inform the public about
the Hotline for response and help in the issue of Drugs (1498) and also to raise awareness on the issue of illegal substances.

With the consultation of experts in advertisement and following a procedure for public tenders, the Police prepared two advertising spots (30 seconds each), which are screened consecutively, at the Cinema, before selected movies of high ratings. According to the Department of Advertising and Promotion of K-Cineplex in Cyprus, 850,000 people visit their Cinema annually, a number high enough which has urged Cyprus Police to invest their drug campaign on advertising spots, during their screenings. Also, the age group visiting that Cinema is also appropriate for the purposes of this campaign as a target group (80% of the visitors belong to the age group 15-35 years old).

Moreover, as the Marketing Director Zoe Jones states, “Cinema advertising is eight times more effective at making your brand stand out from the crowd than television”.

**Development of criteria for evaluation of interventions aimed at prevention of (religiously motivated) extremism. (DE)**

The National Centre for Crime Prevention (Germany) is a research Institute working in the area of evidence-based prevention of crime and violent extremism. From 2017 to 2019, it carried out a project for “developing evaluation criteria for PVE/CVE practices” (NZK-EEE). The research team carried out a series of focus group sessions with professionals and front line practitioners such as case manager, prison staff, Imams, Muslim youths, refugee workers and security officials. The purpose of this procedure was to explore understandings and conceptions of “Islamist radicalization” held by different professional groups active in the area of PVE/CVE. Its result is a toolbox with 38 indicators for evaluating the impact of programs directed at preventing Islamist radicalisation or supporting processes of deradicalization. The corresponding handbook, with the title “Evaluation criteria for the Prevention of Islamism (EvIs)” instructs users how to use the tool for collecting meaningful evaluation data. Users can customize an evaluation profile tailored to the particular prevention program under evaluation.

The German version of the handbook is available online and printed. An English version of the handbook will be available soon.

**Live Democracy! Active against Right-wing Extremism, Violence and Hate (DE)**

Through the federal programme "Live democracy!" the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth promotes civil participation and democratic behaviour at a local, regional and national level. It developed

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partnership-based interactions between municipalities, federal states, the Federal Government and civil society and considers encouraging democracy and preventing radicalisation as an overall society task.

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. The federal programme will be continued, and starting in 2020, competence networks and competence centres active throughout Germany will be funded in 14 thematic areas. The main task of competence networks and competence centres is to develop the areas of practice further, to support expert exchange, to facilitate the transfer of successful pedagogical approaches as well as networking and qualification.

**ACADEMY OF SAFETY III – education for safety of educational institutions and woman in świętokrzyskie voivodeship (PL)**
The project “ACADEMY OF SAFETY III – education for safety of educational institutions and women in świętokrzyskie voivodeship” included the development of workshops on procedures applied in emergency situations and focused on prevention of violence and aggression. Evacuation simulations in educational institutions in the event of a terrorist attack were carried out under the project.
The project involved **12,100** participants, 26 educational institutions and 605 training classes. Safety workshops were addressed to students, teachers, parents and women. They were conducted by the members of the PASSA Association and police officers of the Świętokrzyskie region.
The project initiated the cooperation between institutions and services in terms of safety. A platform for exchanging experiences and knowledge between the police and local partners (emergency services, NGOs, schools) was developed. Additionally, the project included free psychologist consultations in schools, art contests and equipping school clubs. 4,000 reflective items were distributed to students.

"Active and aware senior in the world of finance" (PL)
The "Active and aware senior in the world of finance" project was implemented by the Regional Police Headquarters in Radom, in cooperation with the National Bank of Poland.
The aim of the project was to increase the knowledge of elderly people in the area of finance and security, including fraud that seniors are exposed to. The project was implemented in three stages.

The first of these was a training seminar that took place on November 27-28, 2018. Local senior leaders and social prevention officers from 28 counties of the Masovian Garrison participated in the training.

In the second stage, which took place from January 2 to February 28, 2019, there were local cascade training sessions, which were used to transfer knowledge acquired during the seminar. A total of 42 training sessions were held, attended by 2039 people. The trainings were supplemented with various forms of participants activation and integration.

The third stage of the project involved conducting a competition for the most interesting local initiative, organized by senior leaders and police officers, during cascade training. On March 29, 2019, the award ceremony was held.

**Conscious and Safe in the Network (PL)**

The "Conscious and Safe in the Network" project was carried out in 2017 – 2019 in the Siemiatycze county in cooperation with local government units and educational institutions. About 6,000 PLN was raised for the program.

Implementing agreed assumptions the following was conducted:

- 178 meetings with students (5930 of participants),
- 113 meetings with parents and teaching staff (3020 of participants).

The following was prepared:
- computer program entitled “Safety quiz” written by the student of High School in Siemiatycze within the extracurricular activities,
- information leaflets intended for the tutors,
- cotton bags promoting Internet safety,
- multimedia presentations aimed at various groups of audiences,
- prevention calendar (within the art and graphic competition),
- the gifts for the participants of individual actions were purchased.

Due to the fact that the program attracted a lot of interest from the local community, a decision was made to extend the program. Subject appendix has been signed on February 15, 2019.

**Don’t be afraid to shine (PL)**

The "Don't be afraid to shine" project was implemented as part of the Chorzów Coalition for Security in cooperation with the Chorzów City Hall and the Municipal Police Headquarters in Chorzów as well as the students of the Academy of Fine Arts. Young designers have created a remarkable collection of useful clothes, such as hats, gloves, socks, umbrellas, bags, enriched with reflective elements, which at dusk will
be great for everyday use, providing their users with safety on the road. Reflective clothing was presented during a professional fashion show, beautifully shimmering in the spotlight. As part of the "Don't be afraid to shine" project, a number of educational and preventive classes for first grade students of Chorzów primary schools were also carried out. Theoretical talks were supplemented by multimedia displays and practical exercises concerning safe road movement and road crossing conducted under the watchful eye of a policeman. The series of educational classes was concluded with a competition of artistic works showing the world of reflections seen through the eyes of a child. Program participants have been equipped with reflective shopping bags and bands, and young designers will use their reflective experience to set future fashion trends.

„Prescription youth” (PL)
The "Prescription youth" project has been adapted to the needs of students as well as of the local environment. The program was implemented as part of preventive meetings at primary and secondary schools in the Białystok powiat. As part of the program, "Trips to the Court" and "Blue Weeks" were organized in the Prevention Department of the Municipal Police Headquarters in Białystok.
Throughout the program, a total of 273 meetings in which attended 8,836 children and youth were carried out in the Białystok powiat. In addition, meetings were held with almost 500 parents and the teaching staff. The implementation of the program significantly increased the legal awareness of minors and the knowledge of children, adolescents, parents / legal guardians, as well as teaching staff about the most important provisions contained in the Act on Juvenile Matters concerning counteracting all symptoms of demoralization and juvenile delinquency.

Without hate in real life and online (PL)
The program „Without hate in real life and online” is addressed to school children and youth of the Mońki county. It started in 2018 and will last until June 2020. Its thematic scope covers a wide spectrum from human rights, tolerance, dignity, to legal consequences for spreading hatred and crime in the broadly understood space of social media and the Internet.
It began with the organization of a thematic conference addressed to the teaching staff of our powiat. So far, a graphic competition has been organized for the program logo, a photo competition on the Safe Internet Day, a knowledge competition about Internet addiction, an art competition about children's rights, a screening of the movie "Suicide Room". First of all, the Ombudsman for Children, Mr. Marek Michalak, was invited in 2018. Throughout the program, meetings with children, young people and adults are organized to increase awareness of the dangers of the
Internet, and above all to promote netiquette, which should be marked by positive patterns.

**Beyond Appearances. (RO)**

'Beyond Appearances' represents a project that came about as a support for our community, the educational institutions and parents. Through the development of instructional events deeply rooted in reality and through the presentation of facts and their consequences which can result in the deprivation of our best right: our liberty!

There have been completed a total number of 24 meetings both in penitentiary units and educational institutions, occasions through which 998 primary and secondary school students, 142 university students and 80 teachers had the chance of carrying out discussions with persons deprived of liberty and increased their knowledge about their living and social conditions and detailed stories about their illegal acts.

The meetings had a great support from teachers who realised the necessity of these collaborations and taking into consideration the new elements present in the area of juvenile violence prevention, the direct or indirect beneficiaries developed a strong interest in these collaborations. Our goal, as coordinators, was to carry out as many meetings as possible, in order to sensitize the student, to determine him to change his behaviour and to realize that acting violent does not represent the right approach in inter-human relationships. The activities have been advertised in 22 articles in local media and our project continues with its 11th edition in 2020.

**Open your mind! Stay away from prison! (RO)**

The project "Open your mind! Stay away from prison!" consisted in organizing 16 sessions of "live reading", an interaction between high school attendants and young people deprived of liberty, service a sentence in prison.

The purpose of this initiative was to inform the students regarding the legal aspects pertaining the crimes and a new awareness and insight pertaining the consequences of the criminal acts, in order to prevent a potential criminal behavior.

The joint partnership between the Police, Schools and Prisons had double benefits. Firstly, the young people could acknowledge, by interacting with the living examples in front of them, the frail barrier between law and lawlessness, and how making wrong sort of friendship or life choices could lead to fatal mistakes, that could tragically impact their life. On the other hand, this sort of interaction is a step forward in the inclusion of the people in detention, and their connection with educational activities.

The activities adjoined to this project, organized with the implication of these "living books", and real life experiences, stand amongst the most prolific and efficient prevention measures, as the feedback received from the participant would reveal:
"Today I have learned to treasure my freedom much more, and to consider carefully to possible consequences before doing something!"
"If you have no freedom, you have nothing!"
"The conclusion of the day - to be very careful where we invest our trust!"

Improving crime victims’ access to services and creating contacts points for victims of crime. (SK)

The project is implemented by the Ministry of Interior through the Crime Prevention Department and is aimed at five target groups – senior victims, victims of violent crimes, victims of hate crimes and extremism, victims of human trafficking and youth victims. The project is focused on increasing the share of crime prevention stakeholders in solving current societal problems resulting from crime in Slovak Republic. As part of the implementation of a comprehensive and coordinated solution of crime prevention tasks in the area of support and assistance, contact points were established in the territory of the Slovak Republic in each regional city, totaling eight. The contact point is a place of consultation and information in a publicly accessible and accessible place and is operated under the name Victim Information Office. The contact point consists of a regional level coordinator and two assistants on staff.

In terms of content, the project consists of three areas, which are:

1. building cooperation with external partners to provide services to target groups – networking
   - to 31.12.2019 – 3 674 meetings were held
2. implementation of awareness raising and prevention information activities
   - to 31.12.2019 – 447 activities were realized (with the number of participants 14 722)
3. client (victim of crime) focused activities – consulting
   - to 31.12.2019 – contact points were visited by 304 clients