

European Crime Prevention **Conference**

»» Effective prevention
of organised crime
in the EU

17 and 18 April 2024
Tallinn, Estonia

About the conference

The European Crime Prevention Conference is a biennial conference organised by the Secretariat of the EUCPN and funded by the European Commission. The Conference offers a forum to share knowledge and experiences regarding crime prevention across the European Union. It welcomes policymakers, practitioners and academics, but maintains a consistent focus on the frontline.

In line with the EU Roadmap on the fight against drug trafficking and organised crime, adopted by the European Commission on 18 October 2023, the third European Crime Prevention Conference is dedicated to the prevention of organised crime. What is the current state of organised crime prevention? What can we do to effectively prevent the recruitment of young people into organised crime? How can the administrative approach disrupt organised crime activities? Additionally, topics such as the prevention of online fraud and trafficking in human beings will be explored.

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Practical information

Dates: 17 and 18 April 2024

Venue: Swissotel - Tornimäe Street 3, 10145 Tallinn, Estonia

Conference language: English



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Overview programme

17 April 2024

»» day 01

09:00 Registration

09:30 Welcome and opening speech (Ballroom 2 & 3)

09:45 **Plenary session 1:** doing what works: from evidence to action + Investing in the Future: Youth Outreach, Education, and Empowerment (Ballroom 2 & 3)

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Session 1**

- Youth recruitment prevention: challenges and solutions in practice (Ballroom 1)
- Starting with crime prevention: training insights from the EUCPN (Tornimäe)
- Preventing organised crime at EU level: a collaboration (Tartu)

12:45 Lunch break (poster sessions)

13:45 Extraordinary plenary: Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs (Ballroom 2 & 3)

14:15 **Session 2**

- Tackling youth recruitment: a cross-border exchange between partners (Ballroom 1)
- The administrative approach: facilitating cross-border information exchange (Tartu)
- Fighting online fraud: partnerships with the private sector (Tornimäe)

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 **Plenary session 2:** Estonia's journey towards a unified and effective prevention system (Ballroom 2 & 3)

17:15 End of day 1

Overview programme

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»» day 02

09:00 Registration

09:30 **Plenary session 3:** Understanding the recruitment into organised crime (Ballroom 2 & 3)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Session 3**

- Youth recruitment: addressing risk factors through multi-stakeholder partnerships (Ballroom 1)
- Applying barrier models to tackle organised crime (Tartu)
- Preventing trafficking in human beings for labour and criminal exploitation (Tornimäe)

12:30 **Plenary session 4:** Concluding remarks (Ballroom 2 & 3)

13:00 Lunch and end of day 2

Programme day 1

day 01
17 April 2024

09:15

Registration

09:45

Welcome and opening speech

Estonia: : Lauri Läänemets, Minister of the Interior, and Madis Timpson, Minister of Justice of Estonia
Ballroom 2 & 3

10:15 **Plenary session 1:**

Doing what works: from evidence to action

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN Secretariat
Ballroom 2 & 3

- Thematic session -

Policies should be grounded in the best available evidence. This evidence informs us about what works in public policy, its costs and benefits, both in the short and the long term. To effectively promote evidence-based policies, the EUCPN has devised a comprehensive strategy, which will be presented during the first half of this session. The EUCPN employs four criteria to assess and disseminate good practices. An assessment tool named QUALIPREV is utilised to objectively evaluate the extent to which these criteria are met. Furthermore, the EUCPN has developed two trainings for practitioners and policymakers, focusing on the fundamentals of crime prevention as well as the evaluation of crime prevention initiatives.

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Investing in the Future: Youth Outreach, Education, and Empowerment

*Jon DeLena, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Ballroom 2 & 3*

- Thematic session -

The second half of this plenary includes a brief overview of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the agency's history and role in supporting drug prevention education, an overview of the science-based and evidence-informed strategies and initiatives that DEA deploys.

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 1**

Youth recruitment prevention: challenges and solutions in practice

*Liz Cronin, Extern Greentown Programme (Ireland)
Rik Ceulen, City of Tilburg (The Netherlands)
William Wikström, Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Sweden)
Ballroom 1*

- Thematic session -

This session explores practical challenges and solutions related to the prevention of young people into organised crime through the experience of three successful prevention programmes, each with a different frame of reference. The Greentown Project focuses on community interventions to reduce the influence of criminal networks on children. Practitioners will share success stories, challenges and lessons learned from two cases. In the Dutch City of Tilburg, the coaching programme offers families in organised crime an exit strategy, aiming to break the vicious cycle of growing up in criminal families. The presentation outlines the project's

evolution, stakeholder engagement and challenges in measuring individual interventions and overall impact. The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention and local authorities implemented Group Violence Intervention in six locations. The example of Örebro provides insights into the effectiveness of a US preventive policing strategy in a typical Swedish city, showcasing integration into existing structures and commitment from stakeholders when applied to a different local context.

Starting with crime prevention: training insights from the EUCPN

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN Secretariat
Sarah Bosman, EUCPN Secretariat
Tornimäe

- Interactive session -

This session will cover two trainings developed by the EUCPN: “Crime Prevention Fundamentals” and the “Evaluation of Crime Prevention Interventions—a practical guide for trainers and practitioners”. By delving into the basic aspects of crime prevention, the session will explore its definition and various prevention types; emphasising that it extends beyond mere awareness-raising. Additionally, participants will be introduced to the knowledge and skills necessary to comprehend and conduct evaluations of crime prevention initiatives. The session is centred around a group discussion on key steps to take in setting up evidence-based crime prevention.

Preventing organised crime at EU level: a collaboration

Anne Boisseau, Efus
Stijn Van De Vyver, Europol
Gabor Bota, CEPOL
Steven Lenos, Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN)
Tartu

- Thematic session -

This session highlights the contribution of EU agencies, organisations and platforms in the fight against organised crime, with a specific emphasis on the recruitment of young people, individually as well as within the European Multidisciplinary Platform against Criminal Threats (EMPACT). Europol and @on will provide insights from criminal investigations improving our understanding of the modus operandi of organised crime groups when it comes to recruitment. CEPOL will illustrate

how it can support Member States through specialised law enforcement training addressing the challenges of crime prevention. Efus will showcase the challenges but also potential of local authorities in countering and preventing organised crime.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break (poster sessions)

The poster session gathers a mix of European projects that each showcase their actions within the field of crime prevention, aimed at different focus areas.

- **Frontline Politea**: preventing substance use by local practitioners
- **Indeed**: working evidence-based and evaluation to prevent violent extremism, countering violent extremism and de-radicalisation initiatives
- **2PS - Prevent & Protect Through Support**: offender prevention of people with a sexual interest in children
- **InterCOP**: preventing cybercrime
- **V-Bar**: operational cooperation between EU law enforcement authorities and other public and private stakeholders in the field of disrupting and preventing organised vehicle crime committed by mobile organised crime groups
- **Engage2Innovata**: addressing barriers to implementing EU security research and innovation outputs
- **The Parafilik Program**: preventing sexual violence
Marek Navrátil, Národní ústav duševního zdraví (Czech Republic)
- **POrtS united Against corruption**: tackling corruption and organised crime in European seaports Genna Federica, SAFE (the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Greece)

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Extraordinary plenary

Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs
Ballroom 2 & 3

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14:00 – 15:30

Session 2

Tackling youth recruitment: a cross-border discussion

Seán Redmond, University of Limerick, (Republic of Ireland)

Emma De Caluwé, Ghent University (Belgium)

Charlie Lloyd, ESRC Vulnerability and Policing Futures Research Centre (England and Wales)

Veroni Eichelsheim, Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (The Netherlands)

Teodora Groshkova, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

Ballroom 1

- Panel discussion -

This session will address key challenges to prevent the recruitment of young people into organised crime. Academics and policymakers from the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom, Belgium, and the Netherlands will discuss issues in policy, practice, and knowledge development, with a specific emphasis on youth involvement in drug crimes. The session encompasses a structured Q&A session, offering participants the opportunity to ask questions, share observations or make comments.

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The administrative approach: facilitating cross-border information exchange

Katie Du Pont, ENAA Secretariat

Antoine Verachtert, Benelux Secretariat

Gennard Stulens, EURIEC

Robin Vanpéee, Directorate of Integrity Assessment for Public Administrations, Belgium

Sergio Santon, National Police, Italy

Tartu

- Thematic session -

The complexity of cross-border information exchange between law enforcement, the public prosecutor and all relevant administrative bodies often hinders practitioners to implement the administrative approach in practice. By means of case studies, this session will showcase solutions for achieving cross-border information exchange for administrative purposes within the EU by presenting existing frameworks and their practical implementation. After an introduction by the ENAA, the EU Regional Information and Exchange Centre (EURIEC) will illustrate the possibilities and limitations for the exchange of different types of information at local and national level. Italy will present their initiative to make use of SIENA for cross-border information sharing, and the Benelux Secretariat will present the unique Benelux-Police Treaty which allows cross-border information sharing for administrative purposes. Belgium will present its new 'Directorate Integrity Assessments for Public Administrations' legislation which has a provision on international cooperation.

Fighting online fraud: partnerships with the private sector

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN Secretariat

Jan Trmal, Czech Police (Czech Republic)

Gijs van der Linden, Dutch Police (The Netherlands)

Tornimäe

- Thematic session -

This session centres on the operational action 7.1 in the Online Fraud Schemes EMPACT priority. The goal is to share good practices on how to prevent online crimes by establishing long-term cooperation between the police and international private stakeholders, who have an interest in protecting their platform, customers and digital

tools from being (ab)used by criminals. Discussions will be kick-started by different initiatives such as the Proactive disruption of crypto investment scams of Ofenziva by the Czech Republic, Cooperation with the private sector by AnyDesk of the Netherlands and Winning the Battle against scam calls - How we mitigated caller ID spoofing by Finland.

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 **Plenary session 2:**

Estonia's journey towards a unified and effective prevention system

Karin Streimann National Institute for Health Development (Estonia)

Triin Vilms National Institute for Health Development (Estonia)

Ballroom 2 & 3

- Thematic session -

In recent years, Estonia has embarked on a journey towards a more comprehensive and effective prevention system. This session will discuss the why, how and what has been done in the development of cross-sectoral prevention policy, highlighting successes and failures, as well as the aims achieved so far. It will also explain the benefits for policymakers and specialists, of registries that rate preventive interventions based on agreed standards.

day 02

18 April 2024

Programme day 2

09:00 – 9:15

Registration

09:30 - 10:30 **Plenary session 3:**

Understanding the recruitment into organised crime

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN Secretariat

Ida Adamse, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (The Netherlands)

Mara Garavini Seisselberg, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Ballroom 2 & 3

- Thematic session -

During this session, we will delve into the outcomes of an expert meeting aimed at analysing the complexities surrounding the involvement of youngsters into organised crime. The first presentation will unveil the results of the expert meeting, shedding light on the crime-related problem, its nature and causes, its potential consequences, modus operandi, risk and protective factors,... These insight are essential for designing targeted and effective preventive measures. Following this, the second presentation will provide valuable insights into the risk and protective factors influencing young people's involvement in organised crime groups. Delving deep into the mechanisms that drive this involvement, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of the issue. Lastly, in the third presentation, the OSCE will turn the spotlight on the recruitment of women and their roles within organized crime groups.

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10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 **Session 3**

Youth recruitment: addressing risk factors through multi-stakeholder partnerships

Tom Jefford, Family Psychology Mutual and Sajid Humayun, University of Greenwich (United Kingdom)

Georgia Dimitropoulou, United Nation Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (Austria)

Célia Bobet, MILDECA: Interministerial Mission to Combat Drugs and Addictive Behavior (France)

Nour Gjaltema and Gerlant Kooistra, Ministry of Justice and Security (The Netherlands)

Ballroom 1

- Thematic session -

This session provides insights into a variety of risk-based prevention programmes highlighting the benefits of multi stakeholder partnerships. The initiatives address different forms and aspects of crime prevention while showcasing how cooperation between and support to different stakeholders can be put in place. “Functional Family Therapy-Gangs” focuses on vulnerable youth coerced into criminal activities, addressing risks beyond the family context. The UNODC’s “Preventing Violence and Crime through Sport” policy guide underscores evidence-based sports interventions to prevent youth crime and recruitment by organised crime groups. The French MILDECA project (LIMIT’s) aims to prevent the involvement of young people in drug trafficking by involving all relevant actors. Finally, the Dutch “Prevention with Authority” programme tackles youth recruitment by organised crime groups through financial support to local prevention initiatives tailored to the local context and risk factors.

Applying barrier models to tackle organised crime

Lienke Hutten & Joeri Vig, Dutch Center for Crime Prevention and Safety (Netherlands)

Jelle Janssens, Ghent University (Belgium)

Tartu

- Interactive session -

A relevant tool within the administrative approach is the use of barrier models. The barrier model identifies the steps criminals must take to commit a crime, highlights which parties and opportunities make the crime possible to then determine which barriers can be implemented, by public and private partners, to effectively disrupt the work of the criminals. Participants will get the opportunity to actively explore and implement the methodology during the session.

Preventing trafficking in human beings for labour and criminal exploitation

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN Secretariat

Martin Guillemette, Council of Europe

Marco Carvalho, Mercadoria Humana 4

Tornimäe

- Thematic session -

This session will provide the opportunity to discuss concrete actions to effectively prevent human trafficking for labour and criminal exploitation. Three presentations will set the scene with the presentation of the EUCPN Toolbox on the prevention of THB for labour exploitation, applying situational prevention theory to this phenomenon; followed by a presentation of the Council of Europe's efforts to tackle criminal exploitation outside the EU, by using the innovative method of simulation-based exercises and a final contribution by. Finally, the Portuguese project "Human Merchandise 4", the winner of the 2023 European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) providing insights into this phenomenon by increasing the knowledge to prevent repeated and secondary victimisation as well as alerting society to its individual and collective responsibility in combating human trafficking.

12:30 – 13:00 **Plenary session 4:**

Concluding remarks

Jo De Cock, DG Home

Ballroom 2 & 3

Concluding remarks looking forward, based on insights and recommendations from the plenary and breakout sessions.

13:00

Lunch and end of day 2

