



# European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA)

## Annex I

Please answer the following questions in English language.

1. Is this your country's ECPA entry or is it an additional project. (Only one ECPA entry per country plus up two other projects)

Yes, this is the Italian ECPA entry.

2. What is the title of the project?

"Safe...outside your home"

3. Please give a short general description of the project.

This project uses the Community Police together with local territory control services with a view to developing ad hoc prevention activity with regard to house burglaries. Our project involves private craft associations and local institutions, the latter both in their capacity as users' representatives and as a local police service operating on the territory.

The provincial police authority responsible for the project is the Questura of Ancona (Provincial Police Headquarters), in cooperation with the Territory Control Service.

The project has been implemented in the Ancona jurisdiction (123.71 km<sup>2</sup>-102,997 inhabitants).

4. Please describe the objective(s) of the project?

Data monitoring with regard to crime reports revealed that in a particular area of the town house burglaries had increased. Therefore, it was necessary to analyze the reasons for this trend and identify possible actions to prevent this phenomenon.

Besides the usual territory patrolling services and the control activities with regard to people, vehicles, and businesses, carried out by the National Police Crime Prevention Task Force - that supports the Public Security Authorities to implement Special Territory Prevention and Control Plans - an additional prevention activity was carried out by the Community Police.

The Community Police personnel, generally developing and establishing widespread contacts with the users and gathering information from them, were tasked with raising public awareness on this issue and indicating self-protecting conducts.

5. How was the project implemented?

The initiative was launched in April 2012, in response to an increased rate of predatory crime in the territory of the Ancona municipality.

The analysis and processing of data concerning crime trends, carried out on the basis of indicators such as age of victims, time of criminal events, modus operandi of offenders, etc., was complemented by site surveys and monitoring of social and environmental factors that facilitated the commission of criminal acts.

This resulted in the planning of the activities described below.

6. Were partners involved in planning and/or development and/or implementation of the project? If so, who were they, and what were their roles?

Partners involved in the project were the Ancona Municipality – through its District Councils and Municipal Police - the National Deaf Association – Ancona Section. The project envisaged also a specific communication plan in relation to which the local media played a fundamental role.

7. How did you build in plans to measure the performance of the project? Has the project been evaluated? How, and by whom?

Our points of reference have been the analysis of crime reports and the data concerning prevention activities, i.e. police checks and contacts established with the users.

Data concerning police reports were managed by the Questura, and then sent to the competent judicial authority to be confirmed as well as to the national Police database.

8. What were the results? How far were the objectives of the project achieved?

An exhaustive evaluation of the project will be possible in the forthcoming months. However, in view of the consolidation of the data currently being processed, the trend related to complaints received in relation to the areas covered by the project is to be considered positive in consideration of the decrease recorded. In the period from June to August 2012 thefts decreased by 2.5% compared to the same period in 2011, whereas the number of persons reported and arrested for theft increased by 84% (46 persons in 2012 compared to 25 in the same period of the previous year). In addition, with regard to robberies, in the same period concerned, perpetrated / attempted robberies increased by 4%, while the number of cleared cases rose by 54% due to the arrest or reporting of the offenders to the Judicial Authority.



9. Give a concrete description of the implementation of the project and the references.

Ad hoc interventions planned together with the Municipal Police in order to prevent the illegal occupation of urban spaces by itinerant groups.  
Planning of long-range prevention services through the Patrol Unit and the Crime Prevention Units in order to intensify police checks of people, vehicles, public offices and places attended by subjects suspected of or involved in drug trafficking.  
Prevention Services carried out by the Community Police with the distribution of leaflets containing advice to prevent house burglaries, especially during holiday periods.  
Community Police controls of hospital premises to prevent thefts or robberies to the detriment of patients.  
Suggestions and safety advice to deaf people sent by text messages through the National Deaf Association's special intervention.  
References: Questura of Ancona, General Prevention and Public Aid Office. Police contact person: Dr.ssa Cinzia Nicolini, Vice Questore Aggiunto of the Italian National Police (Cinzia.nicolini@poliziadistato.it).

10. Are there reports or documents available on the project? In print or on the Web?

Please, give references to the most relevant ones.

The project report, including all the objectives and the action plan, was prepared by the police contact person. In case of need, it could be provided by the latter.

11. How is the project funded? Has a cost-benefit analysis been carried out? If so, how?

What were the findings? Please provide supporting information.

Special funds were not necessary to develop the project. Human resources are part of the afore-mentioned Police Office operating in cooperation with other National Police services and local bodies.

12. Please, write a *one page* description of the project:

In general, some prevention initiatives have been carried out with regard to house burglaries/robberies, according to the Questore's directives and the indications of the Territory Control Service.

In particular:

- Night and day controls carried out together with the R.P.C. (Crime Prevention Unit). Considering people increase in the coast towns of this area and with a view to enhancing citizens' confidence in public institutions resulting in a deterrent effect with regard to illegal activities and to dangerous driving, ad hoc interventions and

controls have been carried out to prevent crimes against property (thefts/robberies and house burglaries) and drug trafficking. In addition, checks have been carried out with regard to public places, businesses, nightclubs, resorts in cooperation with the Crime Prevention Unit of Pescara, the Dog Units, the Nautical Patrols, the Highway Police and the Municipal Police.

- Distribution of leaflets: on a regular basis, and especially in summertime, leaflets are being distributed to citizens (in cafés, associations, administrative offices, post offices, hospitals) to provide them with advice about prevention measures against thefts, robberies, frauds; these are also available on the Ancona Questura web site.
- Operational information meetings with the representatives of local institutions, the Ancona government representative for security matters, the chiefs of administrative districts, the Municipal Police: during these meetings, which are held on a regular basis, many problems are discussed and relevant actions planned.
- Ad hoc text messages to prevent house robberies are sent to deaf people included in the list of the “SMS lifesaving” service (Questura of- Ancona and ENS – National Deaf Association).