

Project no. HOME/2012/ISEC/AG/4000004321 “Development of existing urban design, planning and crime prevention methods and introduction of new ones to improve living environment safety (CPTED)” coordinated by the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board was implemented between 01.12.2013 – 30.11.2015. Project partners (co-beneficiaries and associate partners) were National Police Board (FI), State Police (LV), Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior (LT), Ministry of Justice (EE), Ministry of Interior (EE), Academy of Security Sciences (EE), NGO Estonian Neighbourhood Watch (EE), Association of Estonian Cities (EE), Harju County Government (EE - until September 2014) and NGO Pro-Police Latvia (LV).

Crime and fear of crime is an issue in all EU countries. Theories indicate there may be links between the physical environment (including the ‘street-scape’) and opportunistic levels of crime. Conceptual changes to the design of residential and commercial development may decrease the level of crimes. The acronym generally given to this design philosophy is CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). The Justice and Home Affairs of Council of the EU (JHA) adopted in 2011 Conclusion 8094/11 on encouraging and adoption of the philosophy and principles of CPTED by police forces in all EU states, build upon the knowledge and experience gathered and called the EU Commission to consider the possibility of providing appropriate funding for CPTED related projects. Accepting the principles of CPTED is an important first step in that direction and training and information on the CPTED principles should be provided to everyone involved in the urban planning process to ensure that all participants are aware of their roles and responsibilities in relation to preventing crime and reducing feelings of insecurity within the community. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (Erfurt 1997) (CLRAE) in its final declaration suggested for regional authorities to promote collaboration between police and professional designers and ensure that police officers are specially trained to advise on the relationship between crime and the built environment.

The main objectives of the project were to raise professional education and knowledge and development of existing urban design, planning and crime prevention methods and introduction of new ones to improve living environment safety (incl. on streets and roads) through capacity building of involved officials from EE, FI, LV and LT and creation of systematic approach. During the project, 60 persons from EE, LV, LT and FI were thoroughly trained about CPTED (passed VI training modules). Additionally 53 persons from EE, 56 from LT and 124 from LV were trained about CPTED in shorter national CPTED trainings. So totally 293 persons were trained during the project. Additionally 125 persons from EE, LV, LT, FI, NL from project partner organisations, different relevant national, regional, local level institutions, professional associations, NGO-s etc. participated in the project opening and final conferences and received knowledge and materials about CPTED and project results and encouragement to implement those methods in their everyday activities. Publication of CPTED Course was drafted, translated (ET, EN, LV, LT and FI), printed (ET (60), EN (15), LV (30), LT (30) and FI (30)) and disseminated according to the dissemination strategy. Electronic versions can be downloaded from here: [EN](#) [ET](#) [FIN](#) [LT](#) [LV](#). Also CPTED Manual for Police Officers was drafted, translated (ET, EN, LV, LT and FI), printed (ET (150), EN (150), LV (30), LT (30) and FI (30)) and disseminated according to the dissemination strategy. Manual can be downloaded from here: <http://www.kriminaalpoliitika.ee/et/seminaride-materjalid/cpted-juhendamaterjalid>. 160 USB memory sticks were purchased and all publications were copied to them and disseminated according to the dissemination strategy. Special CPTED E-Course for training participants was established in the e-study platform Moodle, administrated by the Academy of Security

Sciences (AoSS) and used during the project. All training materials prepared by the experts and lecturers, homework's etc. were distributed to the training participants and uploaded there. CPTED topic was included permanently into AoSS teaching programme (8 academic hours). During 2014-2015 already 75 police cadets received this topic. Special CPTED scientific study group was established in AoSS, which regularly gathered for seminars and round tables on this topic. Also Estonian Safe House Label Concept was drafted, discussed among possible stakeholders and 1 pilot area was selected to use the Concept methods. Estonian Safe House Label will be launched in 2016/2017. Through press releases, TV and radio news, information on partners web-sites and intranets, information during opening and final conferences, disseminated Publication of CPTED Course and the CPTED Manual for Police Officers information about the project and its results were disseminated all over EU and international organisations (UNDP, OSCE, Council of Europe, etc.) according to the dissemination strategy. Publications are placed also to all partner organizations web-sites and can be freely downloaded from there by anyone.

All project initial objectives were achieved. Through trainings, study visits and prepared publications and training materials knowledge and capacity of all project partners raised and their approach to the usage of CPTED methods became more systematic and professional. Training materials and different publications were drafted, translated and disseminated among all project partners and more widely all over EU. Involved organisations in EE and other partner countries are better prepared and ready to cooperate nationally and internationally in implementation of CPTED principles and participate in the planning process from the early stages. Chosen topic (development of CPTED) was important for all partner countries and all partners were very interested to participate and contribute.

Police organisations of EE, FI, LV and LT benefited from the project as the project stimulated, promoted and developed horizontal methods and tools necessary for strategically preventing crimes, public-private partnerships, best practices in crime prevention, cooperation and mutual understanding among law enforcement agencies and other national authorities. The project also contributed to the exchange, dissemination and use of information, knowledge, experience and best practices about CPTED between Member States, development of cooperation between relevant security stakeholders and provided them with new strategies, techniques and instruments to improve their performance in preventing crime, to improve training and ability to apply them, including the exploration of the use of new technologies for law enforcement and crime prevention purposes. Lecturers of AoSS and police in-service trainers are better prepared and have necessary training materials/manual/examples on CPTED. Training of cadets/police officers on principles of CPTED is being more concrete and they are aware and can use those principles during everyday work. Also other project partner organisations benefited similarly to police. Among direct and indirect beneficiaries are also people of all partner countries who will benefit from safer neighbourhoods in the long term. Through long term impact and results it also supported individual rights, freedoms and remedies of the involved community members. Conceptual changes to the design of residential and commercial development will decrease the level of crimes. Also other EU States and international organisations benefited from the project through received materials. Results of the project and used methods can be used in their everyday activities or possible follow-up projects by participants of this project, other relevant organisations or other interested EU states. Drafted materials can be used by national, regional or local authorities, relevant NGO-s and professional associations/unions or companies (architects, planners, developers, real estate companies etc.).