

Evaluation of crime prevention projects

Good practice template

Currently, Ireland and the EUCPN Secretariat are collaborating on the development of a toolbox for local practitioners on the evaluation of crime prevention projects. The toolbox will include a manual, a literature review and an overview of good practices from Member States. In order to facilitate the collection of good practices, we have created this template which we kindly ask you to complete and return to the EUCPN Secretariat. Regardless of the focus area of the project, we are interested in crime prevention projects which have a well-documented and transparent evaluation methodology and which could be added to the toolbox as an example of good practice.

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation!

Please complete the template in English and return to the EUCPN Secretariat before 3 May 2013.

1. Please specify the city, region and country of implementation of the project.

Csongrád County is situated in the middle of the South Great Plain region in Hungary. According to the 2011's population census the number of its inhabitants is 418.000 within 60 settlements and 9 cities. 130 km long part of its border is a state, and at the same time Schengen border.

Crime prevention and the related activities are in the responsibility of the Csongrád County Police Headquarters.

2. What is the focus area of the project (e.g. burglary, domestic violence, youth crime,...)?

The main goal was to develop and operate a preventive program which is based on a comprehensive and efficient public-private cooperation according to the conditions and possibilities of the county. The focus aim was the enhancement of the general safety of the outer area's inhabitants, with increasing also the subjective sense of security.

3. What is the title of the project?

Outer Area's Safety (Multi- level community network)

4. Who is leading the project? Contact details.

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5. What was the start date of the project? Is the project still running?

The project has started in 1997 and it is still ongoing.

6. How and by whom is the project funded?

The project was founded by the Crime Prevention Department of the Csongrád County Police Headquarters in 1997.

7. Please give a short general description of the project (**Abstract max. 150 words**).

In Csongrád County tenth of the inhabitants live in outer areas, kind of farms, called „tanya” in Hungarian. „Tanya” is a form of scattered and isolated settlement far from the towns and far from each other. The isolated world of these settlements is a unique phenomenon in Hungary, which needs lots of attention. The other big part of the crime prevention work is determined by the several students who study and live in the area.

The inhabitant’s sense of security changed a lot in the last 15 years. The leadership of the Csongrád County Headquarters 15 years ago, according to the crime statistics and the needs of the citizens, determined the development of a special preventive program for outer areas. The project has been growing continuously during the last 15 years.

Considering these facts a complex, basically interpersonal system (consists of private and public organizations as well) was built up with the coordination of the police. The long term operation is based on the growing public need for crime prevention activities and it seems to be materialized by the training of the juvenile contemporary helpers and their active involvement to the program.

Main pillars of our project:

1) Public safety network:

- a) „Pusztázó” – safety program for the outer areas (Civilian Network’s signalling system – domestic violence, preventing crimes against property; outer area patrol service, „Tanya” cabinet; crisis intervention team; brochures; films; etc.)
- b) Programs for the security of the settlement (e-learning)

2) „Safety of our children is the seal of our future” – programs for youth prevention (training for juvenile contemporary helpers)

8. What were the objective(s) of the project? Please, if applicable, distinguish between main and secondary objectives.

During the development of the project elements, the innovative parts, the efficiency, the monitoring, the sustainability and the dissemination were emphasized.

The „tanya” is the most backward living place in Hungary. In terms of commission of crimes the outer area is a place where neighbourhood is far away, it is hard to be reached fast, there is lack of value protection and it is an ideal place for escaping because the border is close. Considering these facts special crime prevention activity, unique preventive solution is needed. Therefore the Csongrád County Police Headquarters has started to organize the „Tanya” program in 1997. The program adjusts to the changing world and it broadens with new, innovative elements continuously.

The main part of the project was created for the inhabitants of the outer areas. We would like to give them help in connection with their safety and with their perception of safety because they thought that there wouldn't be help on the isolated „tanya” if there is any trouble.

The community policing system was claimed to put into proximity, which was a proper solution for them: they know the person, who can help, where they can ask for help, and who should be informed if there is any trouble. To be able to reach this aim, we made a questionnaire for measuring the actual situation, asked the people living in these settlements and made a crisis map before the development of the „tanya” assignee service, the Public Safety Network and the crime prevention short film collection as a safety network.

In the other part of the project the training of the juveniles were emphasized. It was also important to improve their self-defence ability. Youth who live in the outer areas and then go to an urban school means a lot of difference for them even regarding safety factors. This was the reason that we trained 26 voluntary youth from 14 different schools for juvenile contemporary helper. It was the beginning of the education of the Civilian Network's future members who have problem oriented crime prevention knowledge.

9. Which other (local or national) partners were involved in the planning, development and/or implementation of the project? Who were they and what were their roles?

Municipality of Csongrád County	financial support, professional support	
National Crime Prevention Committee	financial support, professional support	
Police Department of Szeged	professional support	
Police Department of Makó		
Police Department of Kistelek		
Police Department of Szentes		
Police Department of Csongrád		

Police Department of Hódmezővásárhely		
Association of Civil Guards of Csongrád County	members of the Public Safety Network, members of the suburban patrolling	
Elementary schools of Metropolitan Municipality of the City of Hódmezővásárhely	professional supporter	
„Tanya” assignee service	members of the Public Safety Network	
Public Premises Surveillance	members of the Public Safety Network	
Nature Protection Authority	members of the Public Safety Network	
representatives of the Church	members of the Public Safety Network	
Social and health boards of local municipalities	members of the Public Safety Network	
Family Support Service	members of the Public Safety Network	
River-watchers, rangers, rural constable	members of the suburban patrolling	
Délmagyarország (news) Szeged Tv Szeged Ma (news) Promenád (news) MR6 Rádió7 Rádió88	media partner	

10. Please, explain the evaluation process of the project as detailed as possible: Internal and/or external evaluation? Process and/or impact evaluation? How, when and by whom? Which data and (statistical) techniques were used?

Measurement components were the followings:

- Preliminary situation analysis and background study.
- Plan of research.
- Defining the fields of intervention and preparing the map of hot spot zones.
- Carrying out a questionnaire survey.
- Evaluation of the results.
- Criminal and municipal statistics of the project-results gathered by the signalling system.

General description of the measurement:

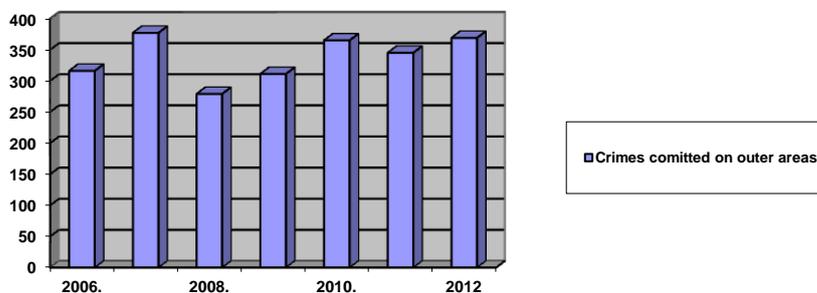
- Evaluation was made by sociologists and experts, a final study was prepared.
- There was closing evaluation for the project with the help of the involved institutions, organizations.
- Measurement about the citizens' satisfaction.

The measurement was made by the University of Szeged and by a further individual expert. There was a pre-measurement before the „Pusztázó” and this was the base for the complex project which implementation was preceded by a preliminary survey.

The complex programme was completed by the professional training program for the members of the safety network. Different parts of the project were measured one by one.

11. Does the project provide any (qualitative and/or quantitative) evidence of its impact? Does it provide evidence that its success was attributable to the intervention? Does it provide detailed information on what works for whom in what circumstances? On unexpected side-effects? On lessons learned for the future?

The measurement of the efficiency of the „Pusztázó” project’s is continuous. On the one hand it was based on the crime statistics of the county, which gives an accurate picture of the evolution of the number of crimes committed in the outskirts.



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On the other hand, continuous feedback come from the outer patrols who fill a survey occasionally- a kind of sense of security testing questionnaire- which is continuously analyzed by the Crime Prevention Department.

12. Are there any reports or documents available on the project and/or the evaluation of the project? Please, add references to the most relevant ones.

- Introduction of the “Pusztázó” program: www.police.hu/data/cms976004/Tanyaprogram.doc
- Electronic and written news by the media partners;
- Webpage of the Preventive Short film Collection: www.mediatar-szeged.hu
- Annual report (2010) of the Crime Prevention Department of Csongrád County Police Headquarters and professional report of the first half part of 2011 on www.police.hu/csongrad webpage,
- Main elements of our activity can be found on www.delmagyar.hu ,
- Printed materials: brochures, public safety cards, stickers, property protection poster.
- Introduction of the project can be read in Police Mail, which is a crime prevention news for the majors of the 60 settlements.
- Introduction of the „Student-Cop” program on www.bulisbiztonsag.hu webpage;
- E-learning: www.ilias.mediatar-szeged.hu



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