



# European Crime Prevention Award and EUCPN Best Practices Annual Conference 2009 Project Entry Form

The theme for this year's European Crime Prevention Award and EUCPN's Best Practices Annual Conference is **“Preventing crime and victimisation among children and young people. Current and future challenges – school, cyberspace and recruitment to criminal groups”**.

The following are some areas that the projects may focus on:

- Crimes committed by and against young people in cyberspace. Online crime and how to prevent it.
- School as an arena for immediate and long-term prevention.
- Recruitment to criminal groups. How to turn young people away from a life of crime.

The list is not exhaustive. The projects may address any question relevant to this year's theme.

Please complete the attached form (the boxes are expandable). Note that the last point is for a one-page description of your project.

As we intend to compile a visual presentation of the entries, we kindly ask you to provide material for this (videos, photos, leaflets, etc)

Entries should be in English, but may be accompanied by a version of the entry in the national language if wished. Each country may enter one project as its ECPA entry and up to two other projects to be presented at the conference. Projects should be submitted only through the National Representatives. The full ECPA rules may be found at [www.eucpn.org](http://www.eucpn.org)

Deadline for entries is **October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**.

Send your entry or entries to: [bpc.ecpa2009@bra.se](mailto:bpc.ecpa2009@bra.se)

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## ECPA/BPC 2009

### Please answer the following questions in English.

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

This is an additional project, to be presented during the BPC plenary or a workshop. The Netherlands will not submit an ECPA entry.

2. What is the title of the project?  
Youth Prevention Program (YPP)

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

The program aims at an early identification of behavioural problems of youngsters and offers early help and assistance so as to prevent youngsters to come into contact with the judicial system. The general procedure is that a youngster will be offered voluntary help by the YPP based on the perception and evaluation of a police officer. Within 48 hours following the evaluation, a social worker contacts the youngster and his family and an aid programme is initiated (for a maximum of three months). The aim is that aid is given in the local community in cooperation with the institutions in the area.

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

The YPP has two objectives:

1. Early identification of behavioural problems of youngsters;
2. Offering early help by the institutions for youth aid so as to prevent youngsters of getting into contact with the judicial system. After a short intensive help (maximum of three months), the youngster and/ or his family will be able to function in his own environment or otherwise be referred to the most suitable institution for youth aid.

5. How was the project implemented?

The police and institutions for youth-aid of the city of Eindhoven (Brabant South East) have been working together since 1986. However, as delinquent behaviour is often preceded by bad or problematic behaviour, the District Police Brabant South-East and the local youth aid support organisations developed the YPP in 1992.

The YPP is carried out within the framework of crime prevention and social renewal.

Today, the YPP is operational in the 18 police departments in the region Brabant South East. The YPP also cooperates with Bureau HALT (an organisation with a national network of offices which aims to prevent and combat juvenile crime).

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?

Yes. The project is a cooperation between the District Police Brabant South-East and three institutions for youth aid of the city of Eindhoven.

The police is an organisation that is able to perceive and assess problem behaviour. This function is carried out by the basic police officers. They are responsible for referring clients to the social workers of the program.

The youth aid organisations are responsible for the implementation of the aid. It involves a voluntary, short and intensive intervention/help-offer. This intervention aims to improve the independent functioning of the youngster and/or family as soon as possible. The aid takes place in the home and social environment.

The youngster will be offered voluntary help by the Y.P.P. based on the perception and evaluation of the police officer. Within 48 hours following the evaluation, the social worker contacts the youngster and his family, and an aid program is initiated.

The intention is that aid is given in the local community in cooperation with the institutions in the area.

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

The project was evaluated in 1994 by an external agency.

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

The YPP initially started in 1992 for a period of three years. However, the results of the YPP, as followed from the external evaluation, were very positive and it was decided to continue the program. It is still operational today.

9. Are there reports or documents available on the project? In print or on the Web? Please, give references to the most relevant ones.

A general document of the project is available in print and is enclosed to this form.

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

The Youth Prevention Program (YPP) is a joint program of the District Police Brabant South-East and three local institutions of the city of Eindhoven for youth aid. The program aims at an early identification of behavioural problems of youngsters and offers early help and assistance so as to prevent youngsters to come into contact with the judicial system. It means that a suitable intervention is offered for the individual youngster who has come into contact with the police (from minor to serious criminal behaviour).

The general procedure is that a youngster will be offered voluntary help by the YPP based on the perception and evaluation of a police officer. Within 48 hours following the evaluation, a social worker contacts the youngster and his family, and an aid programme is initiated (for a maximum of three months). The aim is that aid is given in the local community in cooperation with the institutions in the area.

The program distinguishes the following roles:

- Perception and assessment:

The police is an organisation that is able to perceive and assess problem behaviour. This function is carried out by the basic police officers. They are responsible for referring clients to the social workers of the program.

-Aid / intervention:

The youth aid organisations are responsible for the implementation of the aid. It involves a voluntary, short and intensive intervention/help-offer. This intervention aims to improve the independent functioning of the youngster and/or family as soon as possible. The aid takes place in the home and social environment.

-General procedure:

The youngster will be offered voluntary help by the Y.P.P. based on the perception and evaluation of the police officer. Within 48 hours following the evaluation, the social worker contacts the youngster and his family and an aid program is initiated. The intention is that aid is given in the local community in cooperation with the institutions in the area.

The programme initially started in 1992 for a period of three years, but is still carried out successfully.