



EUCPN
EUROPEAN CRIME PREVENTION NETWORK

1. Project title

A developed best way of working, in Swedish Ett Utvecklat Bästa Arbetssätt (EUBA)

2. Main theme

To raise awareness and the use of good practises investigations in IPV-cases.

3. Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences)

The overall aim with the project is to increase the methodical support to awareness early proof of evidence, level and quality of actions issued in IPV-investigations, with the ultimate goal to increase the success rate in terms of prosecution in these cases.

4. Project submitter (Member State), project leader(s) and project partner(s)

- Sweden, The Swedish Police Authority, Department of National Operations, Regional Police Development Center West.
- Project leader: Anna Lindström, Superintendent/Business developers sexual violence
- Project partner: Erika Gyllenswärd, Police Inspector, Business developers domestic violence.

5. Links to the project's website or online reports/publications (preferably in English)

No english documentation yet to be announced. The project has only been announced in the internal web resource of the Swedish police authority.

6. Short summary of the project (**max. 100 words**)

IPV is a global public health issue and societal problem affecting thousands of people every day in Sweden. According to official criminal data, some 500 reports on IPV are filed every week in Sweden. However, IPV is associated with a high dark figure and the true rate of victimization is believed to be much higher, perhaps three times according to a previous Swedish report.

IPV- investigations are surrounded by various challenges such as lack of potential witnesses, a non compliant victim and "he said, she said"-situations. By optimizing these cases and increase the methodical support to awareness early proof of evidence, level and quality of actions issued in IPV-investigations the chance of later prosecution may increase. In addition, the cycle of violence may be interrupted prior to more violent, sometimes lethal (homicide) actions by the perpetrator.

7. Project description

The project involved a working group consisting of various key functions together with the organisation for prosecutor. To increase the methodical support and checklists to awareness early proof of evidence, level and quality of actions issued in IPV-investigations. The ultimate goal is to increase the success rate in terms of prosecution in these cases. The methodical support and checklists focus on the nature (the cycle of violence and risk periods of IPV, type of violence, polyvictimization, injury types and distribution etc) and forensic possibilities (Locard's exchange principle, associated types of trace and physical evidence in IPV, documentation and visualisation of injuries etc). The proposed actions has been conceptualized and implemented (i.e the present investigation routine revised, written methodological documents revised, special training offered to key functions such as patrol officers, investigational leaders etc). Finally, the project are continuously evaluated and communicated.

8. Project objectives

To increase the overall knowledge of IPV and importance of using early proof in IPV-investigations

To increase the quality of IPV-investigational actions

To increase the number of offences being prosecuted in court

9. Project outcome

Increased clearance rate and prosecution rate.

10. Start and end project, timescales and key milestone dates

The project started 2016, and has been implemented as a part of good practices in the Swedish Police Authority

11. Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...))

The project is funded by the Swedish Police Authority.

12. Evaluation

The outcome of the project is being continuously evaluated both quantitative and qualitative manner.

13. Contact details project

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