Dear Reader,

As a representative of EU presidency and EUCPN chair, I am delighted and honored to present to you the latest EUCPN Newsletter.

One of the challenges today is drug-related crime and harms caused by drug abuse among young people. Youth criminality has been reducing in many European countries and few youngsters commit serious crimes repeatedly. However, a group of youngster with various social and mental health problems, substance abuse, school drop-outs, unemployment, lacking life-skills, experiences of victimization and risk of social exclusion has been recognized as a target group of crime prevention activities. These various symptoms of persistent offending and deviant behaviour have driven them to marginal positions and social exclusion.

For this reason, the Finnish Presidency focuses on the prevention and reduction of drug-related crime and harms caused by drug abuse among young people for the second half of 2019 – and also for this year’s European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA). We are hoping to see projects with various crime different methods from all over the EU taking part the ECPA.

Tackling and reducing drug use among adolescents needs cooperation in a national level. Crime prevention is a very important issue and partnership is the key at the national and European level. In Finland we have noticed the important role of EUCPN facilitating the meetings. The EUCPN Secretariat, my team and I hope that you
enjoy reading this EUCPN Newsletter, and we are looking forward to exchange of ideas and fruitful discussions. Let’s continue sharing our knowledge and evaluations.

You are warmly welcome to Finland.

Minna Piispa
Chair EUCPN

EUCPN OUTPUT

Our toolbox on preventing phone scams in 48 seconds
Submit your best crime prevention project to the #ECPA2019 competition

The European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and Best Practice Conference (BPC) will take place on 12 December 2019 in Helsinki, Finland. The theme is 'the reduction and prevention of drug-related crime and harm caused by drug abuse among young people'.

Entries for the ECPA should be submitted through the National Representative of each Member State to the EUCPN Secretariat, the deadline is 27th of September 2019.

How to submit your project

Questionnaire: Were you involved in a crime prevention initiative?

We, in association with the Mid Sweden University (MIUN), are conducting a research to assess the experiences of the European Member States performing evaluations in activities aimed at crime prevention. Therefore the university is now recruiting participants in EU countries who were responsible for or part of the team that designed, executed or evaluated a crime prevention initiative. Participants are invited to answer an online questionnaire, available in 22 languages.

Fill in the questionnaire

GOOD PRACTICES

Poland "Drugs and designer drugs kill"

This campaign, of an educational and preventive nature, concerns on the subject of counteraction to and prevention of addiction to drugs and designer drugs and is addressed to children and adolescents. One of the
elements of the campaign is a preventive media spot (film).

More info

Poland "Let's talk about health and new threats"

The program is mainly focused on social education in the area of security. The program is not a program about psychoactive substances but a program to prevent their use. Students registered for the project participate in a series of 6 thematic meetings.

More info

Poland "You have one life - don't waste the opportunity!"

This project aims to minimize the situation of violation of law by secondary school students. This goal is achieved by improving students' knowledge of social norms, threats related to demoralization, as well as increasing the awareness of recipients regarding the harmfulness of health and social problems related to the use of psychoactive and psychotropic agents.

More info

Consultation notice

The Government of New Caledonia is launching a consultation aimed at awarding a service contract for: “A Sociological and Pluridisciplinary Study on a Targeted Population to Understand the Causes leading Young New
Caledonians to Delinquency and Addictions.” The deadline is Wednesday 2 October 2019.

More info

**Best practice portal of EMCDDA**

The Best practice portal is designed to help you find practical and reliable information on what works (and what doesn’t) in the areas of prevention, treatment, harm reduction and social reintegration. It will help you identify tried and tested interventions quickly, allocate resources to what’s effective, and improve interventions applying tools, standards and guidelines.

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