



EUCPN
EUROPEAN CRIME PREVENTION NETWORK

1. Project title

School Bullying as a determinant of drug use: A longitudinal study of risk and protective factors

2. Main theme

School Bullying and cyberbullying as a determinant of drug use

3. Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences)

- to know protective factors, which may interrupt the continuity between bullying, cyberbullying and subsequent drug consumption.
- to discover whether involvement in bullying and cyberbullying is a risk factor for subsequent drug use

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

- Spain, Ministry of Health, Consumer Affairs and Social Welfare
- Cordoba University
- Government Delegation for the National Drug Plan

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

<http://www.pnsd.mscbs.gob.es/profesionales/investigacion/proyectos/investigacion/proyectosInvestigacion/proyectos2019.htm>

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

Bullying and cyberbullying are present all over the world and have serious consequences for individuals and societies. The number of research studies on the topic has increased exponentially throughout the history, but many questions related to the phenomena remain unanswered. Recent studies have found that drug use is articulated within patterns of antisocial behaviour. As part of these patterns, it has been found that bullying and cyberbullying, which are present in approximately one third of the student body, are related to substance use, posing a possible risk factor for addictions. However, almost all previous studies have been transversal, making it impossible to establish causal relationships.

Furthermore, there are hardly any known protective factors, including social, emotional and moral competences, that could interrupt the continuity between bullying, cyberbullying and subsequent drug consumption. Therefore, in this project a longitudinal study will be carried out in which approximately 1000 adolescents will be followed for three years.

7. Project description

No details

8. Project objectives

It will be discovered whether the involvement in bullying and cyberbullying, including the roles of victim, aggressor and victimized aggressor, is a risk factor for the subsequent consumption of substances such as alcohol, tobacco, cannabis and synthetic drugs. Likewise, the social and emotional competencies that can interrupt this continuity will be discovered.

9. Project outcome

New knowledge will be generated, which is fundamental for the prevention of substance consumption in vulnerable people such as victims and aggressors of bullying and cyberbullying.

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

2019 - 2022

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

TOTAL BUDGET 57,452

12. Evaluation

This project a longitudinal study will be carried out in which approximately 1000 adolescents will be followed for three years.

13. Contact details project

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