
Main theme: crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), community

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences): The SAFECITY project is the first comprehensive initiative in Hungary with a goal of promoting crime prevention tools supported by environmental design. How can we establish safe areas, and can we improve the sense of safety of the residents with the help of crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)? The SAFECITY project processed these matters from various aspects, such as architecture and urban planning, education and child protection, sociology and crime prevention.

Project submitter (Member State): Hungary
Project leader(s): KultúrAktív Association
Project partner(s): National Crime Prevention Council of Hungary and Lechner Knowledge Centre

Project description (max. 150 words): In the frame of the project the basis and tools/methods of crime prevention through environmental design are introduced by presenting practical examples, furthermore the international best practices are also presented. The project consists of several sub-projects. The goal of the sub-projects is to establish widely adaptable models and professional forums.

Objectives project (max. 150 words): During the project period schools, universities, local governments, experts, young adults and elderly people, laymen and experts were both addressed. The goal of the project was that with the help of every possible tool we enable people to get acquainted with this special branch of crime prevention and at the same time urge the possible participants to act and to apply these tools.

Project outcome (max. 150 words):

URBAN PILOT PROJECT – collaboration for a liveable and safe city/town

We believe that the possibility of participating in shaping the cities and towns should be provided to all residents. In the frame of the first urban pilot project of Hungary dealing with crime prevention, the goal was to make the streets and communal areas of the town of Törökbálint safer. During the pilot project we were cooperating with decision-makers,
institutional leaders, experts of crime prevention and urban design, university partners and civil organizations. The final result: livable public areas in Törökbálint with the sense of security, furthermore a flexible model, which can be adapted to another cities/towns.

SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL PILOT PROJECT – young people for a safer school environment

We believe that young people have the right to live in a safe and livable urban environment. We also believe that they are also able to support environmental design with their ideas. During the pilot project, we elaborated information materials and methodology for secondary school students with the help of the students. The sub-project was accomplished at the Óbuda-based, János Vécsey Girls’s Dormitory (Óbudai Vécsey János Lánykollégium), where the students together with a professional team assessed various areas and environment of the dormitory and they made recommendations for any required changes.

HIGHER EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT– issue-orientated education involving various areas

Adequate designer approach is a key element to environment-sensitive crime prevention. Proactive design plays a crucial role in establishing safer cities and towns. Therefore, it is extremely important to be present during the education/training of the experts involved, by ensuring an issue-orientated education. In cooperation with Hungarian universities (BME, SZIE, ELTE) we have launched a pilot training program, whereby the university students – architects, landscape architects and environment psychologists – get acquainted with the fundamentals and toolkits of crime prevention through environmental design.

SAFECITY CONFERENCE SERIES – cooperation and exchange of experience/information

Organization of conferences is one of the priorities of the project. Crime prevention through environmental design is a complex task and its fundamental prerequisite includes inter-professional cooperation. In the frame of the conference series international and Hungarian lecturers presented the applied methods. These events provided opportunity for exchange of experience/knowledge between the experts and for networking and establishing additional contacts.

Start and end project: May 2018 – August 2019

Timescales and key milestone dates:
- June 2018 – Opening conference
- From September to November 2018 – Formulate the proposals in the Urban pilot project
From January to June 2019 – Refining and implementing suggestions in the Urban pilot project
From November 2018 to January 2019 – Development and reconciliation in the Secondary School Level Pilot Project
From February to May 2019 – Testing and community planning in the Secondary School Level Pilot Project
From June to August 2019 - Development of methodology in the Secondary School Level Pilot Project
From October to December 2018 - Consultations and preparation in the Higher Education Pilot Project
From February to May 2019 - Intensive workshop weeks and education in the Higher Education Pilot Project
June 2019 - Exhibition of student works
June 2019 – Closing conference

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)): The total budget was **36.000.000 HUF, approx. 108.500 EUR** (100% from the national budget)

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