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Editorial

Dear Reader,

On behalf of the European Union Crime Prevention Network, I have the honour to introduce to you the EUCPN Newsletter February 2016. First of all I would like to express my gratitude to the EUCPN secretariat for composing this newsletter and the active work of our national representatives to submit relevant information to be published for readers.



The Dutch Presidency, together with the incoming Presidency Trio (Slovakia and Malta), the Secretariat and EUCPN partners intends to continue the work initiated by the previous Presidencies, especially their efforts drafting the Multi Annual Strategy (MAS) 2016-2020. The new MAS gives an excellent overview of the strategy, the goals and the focus areas of the network for the years to come. The Netherlands intends to make a start with the implementation of the goals mentioned in the new MAS and the subsequent yearly Work Programmes.

The Presidency Trio will focus on Organised Crime during their Presidencies. This is one of the three topics (together with Cybercrime and Terrorism) the European Commission indicates as key priority in their European Agenda on Security 2015 – 2020. Within this topic, the Netherland will focus on the illegal trafficking of firearms. As the European Commission stated in the European Agenda on Security 2015 - 2020, recent terrorist attacks have focused attention on how organised criminals are able to access and trade illegal firearms. This is a cross-border problem, given that many illegal firearms in the EU have been imported from neighbouring countries. Therefore, cooperation between member states and a common

approach are of major importance in preventing illegal trafficking of firearms.

I hope you will enjoy reading the Newsletter!

Marieke Hendriks
EUCPN Chair

Survey

The EUCPN Secretariat is researching the impact of the EUCPN. Through this we hope to evaluate and improve the impact of the network. The same exercise was performed in 2012; we will compare the results of the current study with the one of 2012 in order to see if the impact of the EUCPN has improved. The EUCPN would like to ask you for 5 minutes of your time to fill in our online survey which should help to improve all future aspects of the network.



You can fill in the survey [here](#).

New products EUCPN

Multiannual strategy 2016-2020

During 2015 the EUCPN has worked hard to formulate a new Multiannual Strategy. The Multiannual strategy 2016-2020 describes the goals, the focus areas and the actions of the Network for the next five years. It is a very ambitious plan, which will hopefully put crime prevention more on the agenda.

The full Multiannual strategy can be read [here](#).

Final report Multiannual strategy 2011-2015

On the 16th of December the MAS 2011-2015 was terminated by the Board of the EUCPN. The Final report Multiannual strategy 2011-2015 evaluates the MAS 2011-2015 by first describing some general information about the concluded MAS 2011 - 2015 and furthermore, by pointing out some notable aspects which should not be forgotten in light of the future work of the EUCPN.

The Final report is fully available [here](#).

EUCPN Twitter

If you want to follow all the latest news and developments of the EUCPN more continuously you can also follow us on Twitter.

The EUCPN Twitter page can be found [here](#).

Work program 2016

This EUCPN Work Program succeeds that of March 2015. The Work Program 2016 is in accordance with Article 4 of the Council Decision 2009/902/JHA and Article 12 of the Rules of Procedures for the EUCPN. As foreseen in the Multiannual Strategy for the EUCPN, this document defines the activities of the Network to be completed in 2016 in order to promote the achievement of the strategic goals

The incoming EU Trio Presidency of the Netherlands, Slovakia and Malta have chosen the topic 'Organized Crime' as their overall theme.

Read their full work program [here](#).

Research and publications

THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM

The Effectiveness of an Intervention to Promote Awareness and Reduce Online Risk Behavior in Early Adolescence

The current study explored the effect of a school-based intervention on online risk awareness and behavior in order to shed light on a relatively unexplored field with high practical relevance. More than 800 Belgium primary school children (grade 4 and 6) were assessed at

two measurements before and after the intervention. Half of them received a 10 min classroom intervention indicating online risks. Children in the control group received a 10 min presentation concerning online applications without any emphasis on risks. Children in the intervention group were more likely to be aware of online risks directly after the intervention; this effect was still noticeable 4 months after. Reporting of online risk behavior in the intervention group was also higher compared to the control group who did not receive the intervention. Overall online risk awareness and online risk behavior were negatively associated and the awareness did not modulate the association between the intervention and online risk behavior. Furthermore, individual differences were assessed. Girls were more likely to be aware of online risks and asserted less online risk behavior than boys were. In line with the imperative in adolescence to become more risk taking, children in a higher grade were more likely to behave in a risky manner when online. The current study provides a valuable starting point for further research on how to decrease online risk behavior in early adolescence.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

DENMARK

Conceptions, concerns and behaviour of the Danish people in relation to criminality

A new survey from the Danish Crime Prevention Council shows that most Danes are not worried about being exposed to criminality, even though they overestimate the extent of crime in Denmark. The survey is an early attempt to estimate the Danish people's resilience regarding criminality, and it finds amongst other things that Danes do more to protect themselves against violence and cybercrime and are less tolerant towards ex-offenders if they believe that the criminality has been increasing during the last couple of years and/or have worries about being exposed to crime. More than 80 percent think that former criminals should have an opportunity to be reintegrated within society, but only 60 percent would hire a former thief and less than 50 percent would hire an applicant who is convicted of violence. The report emphasizes the need for dissemination of knowledge and information regarding the level of crime in society.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Security and Justice

The European Commission has published an infographic regarding transnational threats, such as terrorism and radicalization, more specific returning foreign fighters; organized crime and human trafficking and; cybercrime regarding online banking fraud.

To view the infographic, click [here](#).

Implementing the European Agenda on Security: EU action plan against illicit trafficking in and use of firearms and explosives.

The Commission adopted on 18 November 2015 a package of legislative measures to strengthen control of firearms in the European Union. The next step must be to improve operational cooperation at EU level among Member States and with third countries.

This Communication sets out specific actions necessary to implement the European Agenda on Security in the area of trafficking of firearms and explosives, also building upon the Operational Action Plan 2016 under the EU Policy Cycle.

To read the action plan, click [here](#).

EUROPOL

European Counter Terrorism Centre

ECTS is an information hub for counter terrorism, it fights terrorists and violent online content, offers operational support, coordination and expertise, has a strategic support capability and direct and immediate on-the-spot support.

For an infographic about ECTS and a case study regarding the Paris attacks on 13 November 2015, click [here](#).

The THB Financial Business Model

The Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) business model is oriented towards explaining the current crime situation, providing an overview of all relevant factors e.g. organised crime groups (OCG's), criminal markets, and geographical dimension.

The main key findings, detailed in the report, show how OCG's involved in THB tend to work independently from other groups and launder their own criminal proceeds with little use of experts. They are mainly small and based on family and ethnic ties with an increasing

exploitation of innovative technologies. Financial institutions, money service businesses and other types of financial providers are at most risk of being exploited by the money laundering activities of OCG's.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

CEPOL

New CEPOL Regulation Published on the Official Journal of the European Union

The Official Journal of the European Union has published the regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL). This new regulation will be implemented on 1 July 2016 and it will develop a wider target group, a number of new tasks and the establishment of an 18 months Chairmanship.

For more information about the impact that the decision will have on CEPOL and to read the regulation, click [here](#).

European Union Agency for fundamental rights (FRA)

Violence against children with disabilities: legislation, policies and programmes in the EU.

This report outlines relevant international and European standards and reviews national legislation and policies addressing violence against children with disabilities. The report also explores the extent and different causes, settings and forms of such violence, and presents measures and initiatives to prevent it.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

International centre for the prevention of crime (ICPC)

100 Promising Practices on Safer Cities

The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, in collaboration with The Global Network on Safer Cities (UN-Habitat) and EFUS, published 100 Promising Practices on Safer Cities.

To explore the practices, click [here](#).

International Comparative Study on Prevention of Radicalisation

This international study aims to gather information regarding both conceptualization and trends, and tools of prevention (legislative and practical), especially those linked to the social prevention of this issue.

To read the study, click [here](#).

INSAFE

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised by Insafe in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world.

This year's celebration took place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016 with a theme of 'Play your part for a better internet!'. This website showcases the many events and activities which took place across the globe to mark the day... find out what happened in your country, and find contacts and resources to help you to play your part for a better internet not just on SID, but all year through.

For more information on Safer Internet Day, click [here](#).

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Corruption Perceptions Index 2015

Based on expert opinions from around the world, the Corruption Perceptions Index measures the perceived levels of public sector corruption worldwide. Not one of the 168 countries assessed in the 2015 index gets a perfect score and two-thirds score below 50, on a scale from 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). More than 6 billion people live in a country with a serious corruption problem.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

Together Against Corruption: Transparency International Strategy 2020.

Together against Corruption provides the strategic framework for Transparency International's

collective ambition and actions for the years 2016-2020. The movement's strategy builds on the diversity of the movement, with its unique governance structure that includes independent national chapters, individual members and an international secretariat. This strategy focuses on the key areas in which they, as a movement, will move forward collectively.

To read the strategy, click [here](#).

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Sexting Among Young People: Perceptions and Practices

This study provides a valuable contribution to the evidence base of sexting. In a survey of over 2,000 respondents, almost half reported having sent a sexual picture or video of themselves to another party, while two-thirds had received a sexual image. Sexting was prevalent among all age groups, with 13 to 15 year olds particularly likely to receive sexual images.

The study found very little evidence of peer pressure or coercion to engage in sexting. Rather, young people reported engaging in the practice as a consensual and enjoyable part of their intimate relationships. The paper considers the implications of this for legal and policy responses to sexting.

To read the full study, click [here](#).

Member States' good practices

PHISHING INITIATIVE

EU-PI, a European Union anti-Phishing Initiative

EU-PI is a 2-year project launched in 2014 and involving 7 organisations from 3 countries: France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. It extends the Phishing Initiative concept started in 2011 by a not for profit association founded by LEXSI, Microsoft and PayPal Europe.

EU-PI enables any Dutch, Luxembourg or French Internet users to easily report Web addresses they suspect are part of a phishing attack, get feedback once the page is analyzed and follow the actions taken against the reported URL.

EU-PI is one concrete and innovative project dedicated to disrupting cybercriminals attack means, through actually involving the citizens.

Confidence from the Internet users in the online economy is a key topic for all European Union Member States. Don't let the phishing threat grow out of hand, contact us to join the fight

contact@phishing-initiative.eu

<https://phishing-initiative.eu>

Belgium

Peer 2 Peer: Challenging Extremism

University students from around the world develop and execute campaigns and social media strategies against extremism that are credible, authentic and believable to their peers and resonate within their communities.

To read the project, click [here](#).

FRANCE

Respect Zone

Respect Zone is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious NGO, which proposes a self-certifying ethical label. The label is easy to use and to display, and is offered to everyone abiding by the Respect Zone Charter (available on the Respect Zone website), and more broadly to the principle of respect over the Internet. Respect Zone is a positive label, aiming at cooling down social networks and at displaying respect online. Respect Zone endeavours to build a modern educational tool to fight against bullying, racism, antisemitism, sexism, homophobia, stigmatism of disabilities, and violent radicalization.

You can find more information on the NGO's [website](#) or through this brief [presentation](#).

SPAIN

Spain as model of "good practices" and "safer procedure" in process of distance selling sporting weapons by European institutions

The European Commission recognized that the Spanish system is "the safest and the most traceable" and it will be a replicable model among Member States that so wish. Moreover, it is taken into account in the framework of the elaboration of the forthcoming Directive on civil arms, the initial drafts of which raised the prohibition of distance transactions until they knew about the Spanish model by the National Hunting Office.

Indeed, this change of attitude of the European Commission is the result of the efforts

undertaken in the past weeks by the Directorate of the National Hunting Office through the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation, the European Parliament and the Council.

According to the National Hunting Office “the distance selling model in Spain, on the internet or by phone, is even safer than physical sales”, “the traceability is absolutely transparent... the intervention arms headquarters nearby seller and purchaser are involved throughout the process, from the sale until the effective transfer to the purchaser”.

Read the original article in Spanish [here](#).

Member States' policies

GREECE

The Protection of Whistleblowers in Greece

In April 2014, in compliance with various obligations undertaken by Greece (inter alia: art. 22 of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption of the Council of Europe 1999, art. 9 of the Civil Law Convention of the Council of Europe 1999, and art. 33 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption 2003), a new legislation (Law-Nr. 4254/2014) was voted in Greece, which, inter alia, aimed at taking more efficient measures against corruption.

Read the full report [here](#).

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Location
9-11 March 2016	Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and Suicide Terrorism Course	The Hague, Netherlands
21-22 March 2016	EU Conference on the administrative approach to prevent and tackle crime	Amsterdam, Netherlands
31 March - 01 April 2016	The 5th International Conference MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES IN THE QUASI-COERCIVE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS – Probation as a field of study and research: From person to society	Timisoara, Romania
5-6 April	Sofia Council of Europe Conference: Launching the New Children's Rights Strategy, 2016 - 2021	Sofia, Bulgaria
14 April 2016	Danish Crime Prevention Day 2016	Odense, Denmark
19-21 April 2016	10th CEP CONFERENCE ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN EUROPE “Back to the Future of Electronic Monitoring”	Riga, Latvia
18-20 May 2016	Cyber Security, Intelligence and Awareness Course	The Hague, Netherlands
25-26 May 2016	Victim Support Europe's Annual Conference 2016 "Taking victim support to the next level, connect and commit"	Utrecht, Netherlands
1-3 June 2016	Counterterrorism (CT) and Applied Intelligence Course	The Hague, Netherlands
6-7 June 2016	21st German Congress on Crime Prevention	Magdenburg, Germany
7-9 June 2016	7th NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016	Chania, Greece
14-16 June 2016	The Stockholm Criminology Symposium	Stockholm, Sweden
20-23 June 2016	Fundamental Rights Forum. Rights, Respect, Reality: the Europe of Values in Today's World	Vienna, Austria
22-24 June 2016	The Destruction of Nation States in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)	The Hague, Netherlands
22-24 June 2016	9th International Conference 2016 of the EFRJ - Realising Restorative Justice: Human Rights and Personal Realities	Leiden, Netherlands
26-30 September 2016	Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Course	The Hague, Netherlands
2-5 October	3rd International Conference on Law Enforcement and	Amsterdam.

2016	Public	Netherlands
26-28 October 2016	5th International Conference on Violence in the Health Sector	Dublin, Ireland
15-16 December 2016	The European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and Best Practice Conference (BPC)	Bratislava, Slovakia

For more information on one of these events, click [here](#).

Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in April 2016 will focus on the Prevention of illegal trafficking of firearms'. We kindly invite readers to share their news and information on European crime prevention issues with the EUCPN Secretariat by sending contributions (in English, 100-150 words abstract) to eucpn@ibz.eu.

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