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Editorial

Dear Reader

As part of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and in my capacity as incumbent EUCPN Chair, I am delighted and honored to introduce to you the EUCPN Newsletter of February 2019.



As you already know, in the first half of 2019, Romania holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, opening the Trio that includes Finland and Croatia. Maintaining this mandate for the first time is both an unprecedented challenge and a significant opportunity. In this framework, we hope that the EUCPN Meetings organized by the Romanian Presidency in March and June 2019, will be useful and fruitful.

In the area of crime prevention, Romania will focus on preventing the victimization of minors – online and offline. Preventing the victimization of minors has been, for the last years, one of the priority areas of the Romanian Police. Minors represent a category of beneficiaries with a high risk of vulnerability, both in virtual and in real life, regardless of the type of crimes which might target them. In this context, we propose the theme: "Using the Internet to prevent online and offline victimization of minors".

I would like to thank the EUCPN Secretariat for preparing this Newsletter, for their active work and also to thank the National Representatives for submitting interesting information on crime prevention. The EUCPN Newsletter is one of the tools to communicate about our work and spread our best practice experiences all over Europe.

If you would like to get in touch with us on any issue, please feel free to contact us at EUCPN-ChairRo@politiaromana.ro.

Enjoy reading the Newsletter!

Ramona DABUJA,
EUCPN Chair

EUCPN output

Toolbox 13 - Preventing Individual fraud

The 13th toolbox in the series published by the EUCPN Secretariat focusses on the main theme of the Bulgarian Presidency: fraud with a special focus on phone scams. As fraud covers a whole range of topics, we decided to narrow down our focus to individual fraud. This entails frauds committed against individuals by individuals or criminal organisations. Increasingly, this type of fraud has become profitable and cross-border enterprise, some scholars even call these offenders 'scampreneurs'. Consequently, this type of crime deserves an EU-wide approach. This is also made apparent in the policy paper which is written in tandem with this toolbox. This toolbox consists of three parts. The first tries to lay out the current intelligence picture on individual fraud. We discuss interesting good practices in the second part and also posit some recommendations on how to prevent phone scams. These good practices are listed in the third part. An executive summary is also provided to the reader.

[Read the toolbox](#)

Policy paper on Individual Fraud

This policy paper was written in tandem with the toolbox 'preventing individual fraud' and focusses on the main theme of the Bulgarian Presidency: fraud with a special focus on phone scams. As fraud covers a whole range of topics, we decided to narrow down our focus to individual fraud. This entails frauds committed against individuals by individuals or criminal organisations. Increasingly, this type of fraud has become profitable and a cross-border enterprise, some scholars even call these offenders 'scampreneurs'. Consequently, this type of crime deserves an EU-wide approach. This policy paper first looks at the existing EU policy on fraud. In this chapter, we argue that there is an evolution to be detected, nevertheless there is still room for improvement. In the second chapter, we formulate recommendations for the EU policy on individual fraud.

[Read the paper](#)

Policy, publications and research

EUROPOL

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Member States' good practices

ESTONIA

On the occasion of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation (18.11)

From 16th November till 2nd of December 2018 the "Start to Talk" video was screened in cinemas in Estonia during the Black Nights Film Festival's children and youth film festival Just Film and before the screening the films of the child rights' programme. Just Film and Child Rights' programme has been our partner for many years and they have screened the previous videos also ("Tell Someone You trust" and "Say No!"). The films in the programme also tell stories related to child's rights, violence, relationships with the parents, sexual abuse, social media and digital world etc. The video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K62UGYF0u0I> was shown on all screens of all service bureaus of the Police and Border Guard Yard in Estonia (the "Say No!" video was shown for the whole year) and will also be shown throughout the year 2019.

Estonia is pointed out as one of the good practices in preventing sexual abuse of children in WHO compendium: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/Life-stages/child-and-adolescent-health/news/news/2018/11/celebrating-success-and-inspiring-progress-on-world-day-for-the-prevention-of-child-abuse>.

Over the recent years a lot of the activities are carried out under the auspice of the project Safer Internet (<https://www.largallinternets.ee/en/>) and one of the good examples from the PPP cooperation is the campaign and movement Greatest Courage: <https://greatestcourage.eu/>, which educates different target groups about cyberbullying and uses different role models and celebrities for spreading the messages.

GERMANY

Protection of refugee and migrant children and women in Germany (UNICEF - DFK)

Over one third of the 1.48 million people who applied for asylum in Germany since 2015 are children and adolescents. In 2016, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) and UNICEF formally launched an "Initiative for the protection of refugee and migrant children and women in accommodation centres" in cooperation with over 30 key actors such as welfare organizations, NGOs and others like Stiftung Deutsches Forum für Kriminalprävention (DFK). A nationwide uniform "Minimum standards for the protection of refugees and migrants in refugee accommodation centres" are developed jointly. These Minimum Standards are the framework for the development, implementation and monitoring of centre-specific protection plans (based on detailed risk analysis) to prevent the victimization of the most vulnerable groups, mainly the children. Soon a practical guide will be published by UNICEF that defines early signalization methods as well as roles and responsibilities for handling violence cases.

For more information see:

www.gewaltschutz-qu.de/

<https://www.gewaltschutz-qu.de/toolbox>

https://www.gewaltschutz-qu.de/unicef_trainingshandbuch

https://www.kriminalpraevention.de/schutz_gelfuehndete_menschen.html

<https://beauftragter-missbrauch.de>

ISF Project THB LIBERI:

Since July 2018 the Bundeskriminalamt has been carrying out the project "THB LIBERI - Combating human trafficking and exploitation to the detriment of children, young people and adolescents in Germany and Europe", which is funded by the EU's Internal Security Fund (ISF). The focus is laid on combatting organized crime structures across the whole phenomena of THB. Therefore, investigative procedures should be initiated and/or supported, investigative concepts developed and preventive measures adopted from the outcome. One priority area of the project is the "Exploitation of Minors and Adolescents via the Internet". The required preventive measures in this area of the phenomenon could take place, appropriate to the target group, e.g. in schools but also in the social networks themselves. Many different actors are already dealing with this topic. There is a need to win these actors for the project in order to implement the ideas for appropriate measures. The project has a duration of three years and is expected to end in June 2021.

ISF Project AusMin:

The Research and advisory unit for organized crime, economic crime and crime prevention at the Bundeskriminalamt (Federal Criminal Police Office) is currently running a project cofinanced by the Internal Security Fund of the European Commission "Exploitation of minors in Germany as well as in Romania and Bulgaria". Within the framework of the project, the following forms of exploitation of minors will be examined in Germany, Romania and Bulgaria: Sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, including begging, exploitation of criminal acts and organ removal. These phenomena will be studied, i.a. on the basis of unreported and unrecorded cases. The current situation concerning the suppression of this type of crime in Germany and future developments will be addressed as well. The results of the project will be included in the recommendations for action aimed at improving crime suppression. The project has a duration of two years and is expected to end in April 2019.

LUXEMBOURG

Best practice

Concerning the issue of preventing victimization of minors online, the Luxembourg Police, in collaboration with Bee Secure (responsible for prevention of cybercrime), have developed a guide to encourage teens to report an event of cyberbullying. It contains advices for minors how to analyse the situation and the legal procedure, in order to press charges. The main idea was to develop a three steps guideline. By clicking on this link ([Flyer BEE SECURE](#)) you will be able to consult a flyer about this topic. It only exists in German and French language.

Research

Regarding the problem of cybermobbing you can find a study of the University of Luxembourg concerning that phenomenon in the BENELUX countries by clicking on this link: [University of Luxembourg_Benelux cybermobbing](#).

POLAND

Good practices

Following good practices are mentioned in the EUCPN Work Programme for 2019:

in the context of internet related safety for minors

- Project 11 - "Conscious and Safe in the Network"

- Project 15 - "Without hate in real life and online"

- Project 33 - "Cyber Jungle"

for general safety and prevention of victimisation of youth

- project 17 - "Prescription youth"

- project 18 - "Holiday / Emergency Ambulance Safety"

- project 31 - "Program aimed at overcoming the stress of minors affected by domestic violence and breaking down barriers in the environment associated with the phenomenon, it aims to extend and broaden the desire to talk about violence"

[Read the work programme](#)

ROMANIA

Online child safety study

The purpose of the study was to describe online aggressions that children fall victims to and to analyze the influence of factors such as: family climate, pupils' values and concerns, their degree of social integration into everyday life on online victimization.

The study has approached child pornography on the internet as a particularly harmful and increasing crime that requires more efforts to tackle.

[Read the article](#)

Tedi school of safety project

The general objective of the project is raising awareness amongst first grade school children of specific safety risks, according to their age, and providing solutions for risk management, also adapted to their age.

Every week, the little students learn, in a creative way, how to recognize the dangers and avoid them.

[Read the article](#)

SPAIN

First Spanish guidelines for gamers security

Spanish National Police and the e-sport club MAD Lions E.C. drew up the first guidelines for gamers security in order to strengthen the security of videogames enthusiasts and to prevent crimes such as cyberbullying or frauds.

This document was presented during the Roquetas Gaming Show, which took place from 1st to 3rd February in the Conference and Sport Centre in Aguadulce (Almería). During that weekend, around 20.000 gamers attended the event. Spanish National Police, world leader in social media with more than 4.200.000 followers, and MAD Lions, which is one of the main Spanish e-sport club, presented, in addition to the guidelines, a video which aims at 16 millions of videogamers, besides educators and parents of minors.

The guidelines consist of a decalogue with advices on, among others, privacy, grooming, healthy and balanced life, phising, machismo and separation between real and virtual world.

The Santander Chair of Children's Rights (Comillas University) has coordinated the drafting of the Draft Organic Law on the protection of children against violence, currently open to public hearing (<https://www.mscbs.gob.es/normativa/audiencia/home.htm>). These works began with the writing of a document published by Save the Children in March 2015 entitled "Violence against children. Towards a comprehensive strategy" (<https://www.comillas.edu/es/catedra-santander-derecho-menores-publicaciones/reformeviolencia-contra-la-infancia-hacia-a-estrategia-integral>) and continued with the Contributions from professors Myriam Cabrera in relation to criminal law, Sara Díez Riaza and Marta Gisbert Pomata for procedural law (judicial) and Clara Martínez García aspects for administrative principles and actions mainly for prevention. This text intends to comply with the recommendation made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child to Spain in its 2010 country review and which it has reiterated in 2018 and has been drafted following the main normative and reference documents at the international level, mainly those of United Nations and the Council of Europe.

In October 2018, the **First Ibero-American Conference on "Determination and Judicial review of adolescent sanctions. Towards a regulation model in Ibero-America"** was held in Santiago de Chile. It was constituted as a forum for debate among international experts to seek for a model of juvenile justice that allows the countries of Latin America to have fair systems, focused on the reinsertion of adolescents in the social life of their communities (Myriam Cabrera Martín, Comillas University of Madrid), Mexico (Sofía Cobo, National Institute of Penal Sciences, INACIPE of Mexico), Costa Rica (Carlos Tiffer, University of Costa Rica), Brazil (Ana Paula Motta Costa, University Federal of Rio Grande do Sul) and Karyna Sposato, Federal University of Sergipe, Brazil), Peru (Iván Meini, Catholic University of Peru) and Chile (Jaime Couso and Miguel Cillero of the Ibero-American Center for Children's Rights). The Meeting of Experts has been organized by the Santander Chair of the Rights of the Child and by CiDENI and will be held in Madrid, Spain, this February 19, 2019.

Upcoming events

10 April 2019	Rescaled - International conference	Brussels, Belgium
20-21 May 2019	The 24th German Congress on Crime Prevention	Berlin, Germany
10-12 June 2019	Stockholm Criminology Symposium	Stockholm, Sweden

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

Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in April 2019 will focus on preventing victimization of minors – online and offline. 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@bz.eu

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