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This Newsletter is a platform for policymakers, practitioners and everyone who is interested in crime prevention. We are interested in your news, research, good practices and experiences on crime prevention in the Member States and in Europe. Please send your documents in English accompanied by an abstract of 100-150 words to eucpn@ibz.eu.

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Introduction to the theme of the present issue

Message from Doncha O'Sullivan, Chair of EUCPN

On behalf of the Irish Presidency I am very pleased to be chairing the Network during this important period of its development.

As many readers of this Newsletter will know, last year an independent, external evaluation of the EUCPN was carried out and the Commission submitted a [report](#) to the EU Council which set out the results of the evaluation and its recommendations. The evaluation concluded that, overall, the EUCPN is functioning relatively well and has made good progress, but weaknesses do exist and a number of recommendations were made for addressing these. One of the Irish Presidency priorities is to co-ordinate an agreed response and action plan to address these recommendations.

Another priority is the development of an **EUCPN Toolbox on Evaluation Methods for Crime Prevention Projects**, in partnership with the EUCPN Secretariat. We recently hosted an expert workshop as part of the Board meeting in Dublin on 25/26 March to advance this project. We hope the Toolbox will be of practical benefit to all working in crime prevention.

The shared theme for the 18 months beginning with our Presidency is "**Collaboration in Crime Prevention**". While our meetings will have a particular focus on **youth crime** and **cyber-crime**, we will be encouraging discussion and activity in the Network on all crime prevention concerns and activities.

If you would like to get in touch with us on any issue, including, of course, how the Network should develop in response to the recent evaluation, please feel free to contact us at eucpn@justice.ie.

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Research and publications

EUCPN SECRETARIAT

European Crime Prevention Monitor 2012/2 - Public opinion and policy on crime prevention in Europe

In this second monitor report the focus is put on people's perceptions and attitudes on the one hand, and on priorities in crime prevention policies across Europe on the other hand. What does the general public think about the police: their relationship with the communities, their effectiveness in preventing crime, their fairness with which they exercises their authority, their integrity? What do Europeans think of the effectiveness of policies on the different levels (national vs. European)? What do they believe to be the challenges to the security in the prevention and fight against crime? These are some questions approached in this report. The information and data used to answer these questions come from the Trust in the Police & Courts Module of the European Social Survey and from the Eurobarometer surveys conducted by the European Commission. Additionally, some data was collected from the EUCPN Members on the priorities in the crime prevention policies in their countries.

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

EUCPN Toolbox Series No. 2 - Community (oriented) policing in Europe: Concepts, theory and practice

This second toolbox in the series published by the EUCPN Secretariat focuses on the main theme under the Cyprus Presidency, namely community policing. The theme is explored and elaborated in four different ways, through: a theoretical paper (EUCPN Thematic Paper No. 3); a survey among the European Member States on the organisation of community policing in their country, followed by an in-depth discussion during two round table sessions; a workshop with various experts and a particular focus on radicalisation or what role community policing can play in the prevention of radicalisation which is an important European issue and priority; and finally, a bundling of this year's European Crime Prevention Awards (ECPA) entries as a list of examples of good practices across Europe.

To read more, click [here](#).

EUCPN Thematic Paper No. 3 - Community policing as a police strategy: effects and future outlook

Community Oriented Policing (COP) as a police strategy has been widely discussed and commented, both in theory and in practice. Police research has indeed devoted a considerable amount of time in discussing the roots of this police strategy and in contemplating its effects. This article aims to give the reader an overview of these discussions, focusing on the research into the effects of COP. After an introduction on COP as a police strategy and its backgrounds, it also looks at studies that have reviewed the impacts of this strategy on a number of levels: the impact on crime, on public opinion and on incivilities and fear of crime. These studies show that the research focus remains very narrow, looking at specific types of interventions, but often without taking the broader context into account. The paper concludes by referring to a number of positive results of community oriented policing and plead for more and specifically more long-term research into effects of police strategies and tactics.

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

BELGIUM

Kick-off event research group Crime and Society (CRiS)

On 14-15 February the criminology department of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium) organised the kick-off of their new research group CRiS. As partners in the ISEC-project 'owards a European Centre of Expertise on Crime Prevention' the EUCPN Secretariat was invited to participate in the poster session to present the working and activities of the UCPN.

Pains of doing Criminological research - Kristel Beyens, Jenneke Christiaens, Bart Claes, Steven De Ridder, Hanne Tournel and Hilde Tubex (Eds.)

Handbooks of research mainly focus on research methods and techniques and leave the person of the researcher out of focus. This book explicitly starts from the experience of criminology researchers and tells about the 'pains' they encounter when doing research. By giving a voice to the researchers themselves, this book fills a gap that is rarely touched upon in classical textbooks. These tales of the field bear witness to the often hidden difficulties and pitfalls of doing research and focus on often-neglected questions. What does it mean to do research in a hyper masculine environment such as a prison? What are the challenges to get access to a police organisation or to private intelligence organisations and private security companies? How does a researcher cope with her/his own emotions during fieldwork? How does an ex-convict experience the process of

becoming a researcher? What are the hidden or unexpected problems of publishing? What are the challenges of doing comparative research? These are only a few questions that are dealt with in this book, which is written by researchers for researchers and students. Although it starts from a criminological perspective, researchers from other disciplines will also benefit from the sharing and comparing of similar experiences. To read more, click [here](#).

DENMARK

CARE - New Danish Centre for the Applied Research into effective programs for children and youth

The Tryg-foundation has funded a large-scale Danish research centre, which, over the course of the next six years is meant to look into the effect of programs and initiatives directed at children and youth. The centre is anchored at the University of Aarhus and headed by Professor Michael Rosholm. The centre aims to build knowledge and understanding of effective programs, to pursue this knowledge in an interdisciplinary way, to exercise scientific rigour and finally hopes to translate research into policy. So far the following ten projects are being carried out in the centre:

- Economic Evaluations and Cross-Study Comparability
- School Readiness in Young Danish Children: Does an Intervention in Nurseries Improve Short- and Long-Term Outcomes?
- The Incredible Years. Developing socioeconomically disadvantaged children at key developmental stages
- Follow-Up on Early Childhood Intervention: A Double-Randomized Field. Trial of a Two-Stage Investment in Parental Childcare
- School-Wide Positive Behavior Support
- School Absenteeism. Risk factors and Intervention
- Spare Time Jobs for Socially Disadvantaged Youth
- Dropout and Self-Control Problems in Youth
- Improving Outcomes for Children in Disadvantaged Families by More Intensive Counseling
- Mentoring Disadvantaged Youth

For further information, click [here](#) or contact Merete Konnerup, senior advisor of the Tryg-foundation at mek@trygfonden.dk or Michael Rosholm, Professor at the University of Aarhus, School of Business and Social Sciences at rom@asb.dk.

The Danes' attitude to police, punishment according to the European Social Survey (ESS)

The Danish Ministry of Justice has published the Danish part of the ESS, with data covering 2010. A few headlights from the survey are these: Danes are less concerned than the European average with being subject to burglary or violence. On the other hand Danes are relatively often subject to burglary or violence. Danes rate police and courts very high, both in terms of the quality of the work they do and their ability to explain what they do, and in terms of trust in both institutions. Finally, Danes are very trusting in other people in general and happy, compared to the European average.

For more information, click [here](#).

New research to measure the effect of training for parents of ADHD-children

The Danish National Centre for Social research has just initiated a large research project intended to measure the effect of a programme targeted at parents of children with ADHD. The programme gives the parents pedagogical tools to help tackle everyday life with an ADHD-child. It is called 'Love in Chaos' and has been warmly received by the participants so far. The evaluation of the program is expected to be finished in December 2014.

For more information, click [here](#).

Good practices in Member States

IRELAND

Ireland – Metal Theft Crime Prevention and Reduction

On 6 February 2013, An Garda Síochána, Ireland's police force, published a Metal Theft Crime Prevention and Reduction Plan. The Plan was drawn up in conjunction with a range of stakeholders who participated in a Metal Theft Forum initiated by An Garda Síochána. The aim of the Forum was to support effective multi-agency responses to

metal theft, which has become a global problem.

For more information, click [here](#).

ITALY

Observatory for Security against Discriminatory Acts (OSCAD)

OSCAD (established in September 2010) is chaired by the Director General of Criminal Police and is made up of representatives of the National Police Forces and the relevant units of the Public Security Department. More specifically, OSCAD:

- receives reports of discriminatory acts (oscad@dcpc.interno.it) and initiates targeted interventions at local level to be carried out by the Police Forces;
- monitors the progress of complaints on acts of discrimination;
- puts forward suitable measures to prevent and fight discrimination;
- organises relevant training modules intended for police officers.

Since its establishment, Oscad received 325 reports (subdivided in racial or ethnic motivation, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability). The investigations have resulted in 64 individuals being arrested and 133 reported to judicial authorities without arrest.

To combat discrimination at sports events, a programme of actions against all forms of discrimination in stadiums has been adopted in agreement with the National Monitoring Centre on Sports Events.

For more information, click [here](#).

Prevention of and fight against crime: a new initiative to identify best practices in the alternative measures & treatment programs and to organize a European prevention campaign for youth - SPRING

SPRING aims to contribute to the prevention of drug-related crimes, in order to guarantee security and public order, and to reduce its social costs. In order to do so, SPRING has a number of objectives, which they intend to achieve by realizing activities of analysis and research (to identify the best practices to exchange). The results of the research will be applied into a pilot action to validate the best practices identified in the use of music therapy and a European prevention campaign on information and awareness on drug risks addressed to young people. The project activities will last 36 months and will directly involve youngest adults (15-24 years old) drug law offenders under alternative measures & treatment programs, youngest adults in urban contexts to prevent them to drug use, national authorities and NGOs operating directly with drug law offenders.

For more information, click [here](#).

Identification and dissemination of European best practices about Restorative Justice and evaluation of the role and application of meditation and alternative measures in the EU member states - FREEDOM WINGS

The overall objective of the project was the collection, dissemination, promotion of good practices at transnational level on programs of restorative justice and mediation and the non-custodial treatment measures. It should also highlight the aim of contributing to the adaptation of participating countries legal system as promised, in particular, the application programs of restorative justice and mediation.

For more information, click [here](#).

THE NETHERLANDS

Live View

'Live View' is a new Dutch operational network of cameras and detection technology that can be used in shops, banks and other businesses to prevent crimes like robberies and the blowing up of ATM's (cash machines). Video images from surveillance cameras are connected via an independent and affordable broadband connection to the protected network of a security company. The network of the security company is connected to the network of the police. In case of a robbery the images can be directly put through to the appropriate police control room.

In January 2013 the first ATM's of ABN AMRO (a European private bank) were connected to LiveView. ABN AMRO intends to connect at least a 100 more ATM's in 2013. Talks with other banks are ongoing.

For more information, contact the project manager Mr. Maarten Van Poppel at Maarten.van.Poppel@mw-brabant.politie.nl.

UNITED KINGDOM

Reducing Reoffending and Young People in Custody

The principal aim of this project run by Bradford Metropolitan District Council in partnership with the Youth Offending Team and Bradford Council was to reduce youth crime and antisocial behaviour through the delivery of the following objectives:

- a reduction in breaches through better compliance with court orders
- a reduction in prolific offenders
- support to local social enterprises activities that tackle crime and antisocial activity
- improvement of prevention activity, by understanding how targeted activities work best for different groups
- profiling of offenders and antisocial behaviour order information
- mapping the frequency of reoffending of young people in custody and patterns to help prevent reoffending
- mapping the impact of breaches of orders
- increasing levels of cohesion between youths and the wider community

Bradford has a young population, with 28 % of the population under 20 years of age, compared to 24 % nationally. It also has relatively high levels of both youth offending and of youths breaching community sentences so that they end up in custody. A number of issues were addressed to tackle the identified problems which are highlighted in the attached.

To read more, click [here](#).

SPAIN

The tablet with the 10 Commandments for a safe use of Christmas gadgets by kids.

Spain, with over 20 million smartphones and 2.2 million tablets, is the European leader in the use of these devices. Police experts have elaborated a handbook for parents and children to make good use of technology, a document containing ten basic guidelines to be followed by parents and children to wisely use the gadgets given at Christmas. IT (Information Technology) police experts and those responsible for the Master Plan (an NPF awareness-raising programme of security and information targeted at young people) have prepared these recommendations for Christmas, a period of sky-high sales of these devices. The child should be well aware of where, how and when (s)he can - or should - use his/her new equipment and protect it from possible loss and unwanted access. The parents can install programs to filter access to websites as well as to inappropriate or dangerous content so as to facilitate parental control. It is very important to bear in mind and teach the minor some rational and respectful rules related to snap-taking and video-filming, sharing pictures with other people and, of course, the non-distribution of other people's images without their permission or which could irreversibly damage them.

To read more, click [here](#).

The National Police Force is leading an international campaign against cyberbullying, which is being widely-followed on Twitter.

The four police forces with the strongest presence and activity on Twitter are: the American FBI or @FBIPressOffice, 520,000 followers; the Spanish National Police, 350,000; the Colombian Police, @policiacolombia, with 243,000; and the Chilean @PDChile, with 150,000 followers. As the second most followed police force on Twitter in the world, the Spanish National Police Force is leading a campaign through this social medium against cyberbullying to mark the international day of Internet security. This is being done by spreading various messages of information and awareness raising against cyberbullying and in favour of respect on the Internet.

Over the past two years, IT police experts have been detected an exponential increase in unsafe practices on the Internet, offences related to cyberbullying through social networks and requests for help.

The Spanish National Police Force has opened up an online account in English @SpanishPolice, providing information to other police forces in the world, journalists and foreign citizens in the country.

To read more, click [here](#).

BELGIUM

Safety and prevention functions in the public area (e.g. Community Wardens)

This project was included in the EUCPN Work Programme and aimed to collect good practices existing in the different Member States. It provides an overview of the different types of public safety and prevention functions in the public area in Europe. To read the overview, click [here](#).

Communication: THE key to breaking... through to the citizen

Since early 2012, the Belgian Federal Public Service Home Affairs, more specifically the Directorate General for Security and Prevention, has been investing in a communication campaign to make the function of a theft prevention advisor more well-known. A theft prevention advisor is a specially trained police officer or municipal official who, at your request, provides advice – in a personal and practical way as well as free of charge and confidentially – with regard to securing your home against burglaries or regarding protection of your business premises against thefts/attacks.

The theft prevention advisors have already been issued with folders, posters, visiting cards and PowerPoint presentations to further inform their colleagues about the importance of theft prevention. In the framework of this campaign, also a new guide has been developed (in Dutch and in French): “Communication: THE key to breaking...through to the citizen”.

This guide helps the theft prevention advisor to draw the maximum from his/her communication efforts without too much trouble.

This publication answers four questions:

1. How do you make it clear who you are?
2. How do you reach your target group?
3. Which communication means and techniques will help you further?
4. How does the puzzle consisting of target group, timing and means come together?

For more information, contact Ailien Stove at ailien.stove@ibz.fgov.be.

CYPRUS

Overcoming Attrition in Domestic Violence Cases: European Union handbook of best police practices on overcoming attrition in domestic violence cases.

The Handbook is a major outcome of an initiative of Cyprus Police in the context of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union (2012), which aimed at tackling attrition in domestic violence cases. It was agreed by the Law Enforcement Working Party.

It reviews system and/or person-related factors that contribute to attrition, it highlights main strategies and approaches that have been applied in overcoming attrition and it identifies common features, underlying principles and elements of success in intervention programmes. It ends with recommendations in tackling attrition.

An extensive Annex to the Handbook consists of a compilation of best national practices in relation to the issue, covering twenty-two EU Member States. A country and a theme index are available to facilitate targeted approaches to the Annex.

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

Member States' policies

SPAIN

The Strategic Plan of the national police is transforming the force into a police corps 3.0

Fighting cybercrime as well as intensifying capacity building in the fight against cyberterrorism stand out as two strategic objectives. The achievement of these two goals will be carried out through the development of a kind of digital surveillance that will ensure the cyberspace security. A computer emergency response team composed of security experts whose main task will be the prevention and response to cyber attacks will be set up with the aim of enhancing citizenship cooperation. The Police Directorate is designing a new system of intelligent patrolling in order to double its current capacity in the fight against cybercrime with the set-up of a CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team). It will mean a strong specialization on the part of the operational units fighting against transnational criminal networks, mainly in three areas: drug trafficking - focusing on the use of containers for drug transportation, crimes against the property and networks of illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings. The National Police

Force aims at contributing to overcome the deep economic recession the country is living in and to the development and growth of the economy in a secure environment.

To read more, click [here](#).

Upcoming events

International Conference Sharing best practices in Harmonized Data Collection on Trafficking in Human Beings

26-27 March 2013, Bratislava, Slovakia

This is the final conference of the project implemented by the Ministry of Interior and financed by the EU programme Prevention of and Fight against Crime (Home/2010/ISEC/AG/THB/024) Prevention and Harmonized Data Collection System of Trafficking in Human Beings. The partner of the project is ICMPD. This conference, which is organised by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, is an excellent opportunity to bring together experts from all EU MS and several countries outside the EU to discuss data collection on THB, as well as look into available technical solutions. Invited are also representatives of the European Commission, international organizations as Council of Europe, EUROSTAT, UNODC, EUROPOL, IOM.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact Ms. Daniela Stabova at daniela.stabova@minv.sk.

Conference Putting Rantsev into Practice - Strengthening multidisciplinary operational cooperation to fight THB

16-18 April 2013, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

'Putting Rantsev into practice' is a two-day working conference aimed at developing and strengthening (cross-border) multidisciplinary operational cooperation against trafficking in human beings.

[Programme](#) (305KB)

The Danish Crime Prevention Day 2013

16 April 2013, Vingsted hotel and conference center close to the city of Vejle in Jutland, Denmark

The theme of this year's Danish Crime Prevention Day is Roads to safety focusing on situational crime prevention and the attempts to bridge situational crime prevention and social focused crime prevention. For English speaking visitors it is possible to attend this event experiencing three keynote speakers: Professor Dr. Ronald Clarke, Rutgers University, Newark, Professor Per-Olof Wikström, University of Cambridge and Professor David Weisburd, George Mason University. The rest of the program of the Danish Crime Prevention Day is in Danish without interpretation. The Danish Minister of Justice will, as part of the program, present nominees for and the winner of the Danish Crime Prevention Award 2013. Up to 700 participants are expected to attend this event.

For participation and questions, contact the Danish Crime Prevention Secretariat at dkr@dkr.dk (telephone: +45 4515 3650)

7th Annual International Forum within the 18th German Congress on Crime Prevention (AIF)

22 April 2013, Bielefeld, Germany. The EUCPN Secretariat has been invited to give a lecture on the activities of the EUCPN.

For more information, click [here](#).

The Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2013

10-12 June 2013, Stockholm, Sweden. The Symposium is organised annually by the Swedish National Council of Crime Prevention and aims to create an environment where international criminologists, policy makers, practitioners and others engaged in criminal policy matters can take part in the latest research findings of importance for crime policy. This year's themes are: (i) Saved from a life of crime. Evidence-based crime prevention; and (ii) Contemporary criminology.

The EUCPN Secretariat will be organising a panel session with the title 'Evidence-based crime prevention: bridging the gap between research, policy and practice'. Four speakers representing the various perspectives will give a presentation: Adam Edwards, Cardiff University, UK of the URBIS-project on 'Urban Security in Europe: implications for crime prevention problems, responsibilities and expertise'; Peter Kruize, University of Copenhagen, Denmark 'On the use of comparative international research'; Barra O'Duill, Department of Justice and Equality, Ireland on 'Evaluating crime prevention initiatives'; and Lars Bræmhøj, Southern Jutland Police, Denmark on 'Is there a gap between

research and policy, and provided there is, how do we bridge it?'
For more information, click [here](#).

International Human Rights Network Training programmes 2013 - Justice Sector Reform: Applying Human Rights Based Approaches

10-14 June 2013, Maynooth, Ireland

This annual IHRN training programme aims at enhancing the skills of justice sector personnel, consultants, managers etc, in applying Human Rights Based Approaches to Justice Sector Reform.

To read more, click [here](#).

International Human Rights Network Training programmes 2013 - Monitoring and Evaluation: Applying Human Rights Based Approaches

15-19 July 2013, Maynooth, Ireland

This programme aims to enhance the substantive knowledge and practical skills for applying Human Rights Based Approaches to monitoring and evaluation.

To read more, click [here](#).

European Society of Criminology

4-7 September 2013, Budapest, Hungary

For more information, click [here](#).

The First World Congress on Probation (WCP) - A World of Probation: Perspectives on Community Justice

8-10 October 2013, London, United Kingdom

This Congress, organised by the European Organisation for Probation (CEP), is a new initiative to bring together practitioners and those with an interest in probation and community justice from across the globe to share their knowledge and experience. The Congress will provide participants with the opportunity to examine and discuss new and changing probation practices, with the overarching principle of changing lives and behaviours.

For more information, click [here](#).

69th Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology 2013

20-23 novembre 2013, Atlanta, U.S.A.

For more information, click [here](#).

Preview

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in June 2013 will focus on two particular areas of crime: youth offending and internet crime. 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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