EUCPN Newsletter April 2016

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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 April 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 and contact points to submit relevant information to be published for the readers.

In April the EUCPN Board meeting under the Netherlands presidency took place at the Europe Building in Amsterdam. On April 12th the Board had a constructive meeting where the implementation of the new Multi Annual Strategy 2016-2020 was discussed. On April 13th the Board members participated in a conference. The conference focused in the morning on the illegal trafficking of firearms, the topic during the Dutch EUCPN presidency. In the afternoon the Dutch Centre for Crime Prevention and Safety presented itself and gave some interesting workshops on mobile banditry, house burglary and perceptions of safety.

One of the major goals in the new MAS 2016-2020 is to be a point of reference for target groups of the network. For this reason, I am very pleased to announce that on April 21st a stakeholder meeting of the EUCPN took place in Brussels. During this fruitful meeting, EUCPN members and several partners discussed how to strengthen cooperation and contribute to each other’s organisations and goals. This is an important step to raise more awareness for the importance of crime prevention and to reinforce the impact of the EUCPN as a centre of expertise on crime prevention.
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

EUCPN Annual Report 2015
On the 12th of April, 2016, the Board adopted the EUCPN annual report about the year 2015. The EU Presidency Trio of Italy, Latvia and Luxembourg undertook the multiple tasks and actions during their respective presidencies; these are explained in the Annual Report 2015.

To read the EUCPN Annual Report 2015, click here.

Dutch EUCPN Conference on Trafficking of Illegal Firearms
On the 13th of April the Dutch Presidency organized a conference on the topic ‘Trafficking of Illegal Firearms’ in Amsterdam. On the EUCPN website you can find three workshops: House Burglary; Mobile (itinerant) Criminal Groups and; Burglary.
Alongside with these workshops there were presentations on several topics, such as: The EU legal framework as preventive tool: the case of Firearms; Introduction to the Barrier Model; Mobile Organized Criminal Groups; Introduction to the CCV and; Illegal Firearms - The Approach of the Dutch National Police.

To read the workshops and presentations, click here.

Research and publications

THE NETHERLANDS
Crime Drop Netherlands
Jaap De Waard recently published a memorandum concerning the crime drop in the Netherlands and other industrialized countries in which he describes trends and possible explanations. He describes if crime has decreased and what the explanations are for this decrease. Special attention is given to the security hypotheses, which is the most probable cause of the crime drop.

To read the memorandum, please click here.

ESTONIA
CPTED Manual for Police Officers
Estonia published a manual for police officers regarding Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Key subjects that are discussed are for example: How to understand CPTED and its key principles; how to analyse the built environment in connection with crime, public order, traffic safety and fear of crime. The manual is being supported with 4 case-study’s.

You can read the manual here.
European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)

Police-population relations: Challenges, Local Practices and Recommendations

Good relations between citizens and their police are a decisive factor in the population’s feeling of security; they are also key in enabling the police to work efficiently and with serenity. Because cities play a central role in local life, they can contribute to bridging the gap between the police and the population by acting as intermediaries. This publication presents an overview of the major challenges linked to this subject, as well as a series of good practices and recommendations to reinforce relations between the police and the population.

For a full read of the publication, click here.

EUROPOL

Work Programme 2016

The Work Programme (WP) is Europol’s annual business plan. Its purpose is to translate the organisation’s five-year Strategy into annual objectives and to provide the basis for budgetary planning. It is used to communicate the organisation’s objectives to Europol’s stakeholders in a transparent and structured manner. The WP objectives are also the basis for setting individual objectives in Europol’s staff development plans.

To read Europol’s Work Programme of 2016, click here.

2016 EU Drug Markets Report

The 2016 EU Drug Markets Report, published by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and Europol, estimates that Europeans spend at least €24 billion on illicit drugs each year, making it one of the main profit-generating activities for organised criminals in Europe. The report provides a state-of-the-art analysis of the EU illicit drug market, covering the trends along the supply chain from production and trafficking to marketing, distribution and consumption. It also analyses the considerable costs of these markets for society including their impact on businesses, government institutions, neighbourhoods, families, individuals and the environment.

For a full read of the report, click here.

The EMCDDA also translated this report into a strategic overview. To read the in-depth analysis of the 2016 Drugs Markets Report, click here.

UNICEF

Genital Mutilation/Cutting

Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) is a human rights issue that affects girls and women worldwide. Unicef published an infographic where more information can be found about prevalence and data.

To watch the infographic, click here.

European Union Agency For Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Professionally speaking: challenges to achieving equality for LGBT people.

This report examines the drivers and barriers encountered by frontline officers when doing their work. Drawing on extensive interviews with public officials, teachers, doctors, nurses and law enforcement officers in 19 EU Member States, it analyses their views and experiences, identifying persisting hurdles – such as perceptions of homosexuality as a pathological condition – and encouraging trends – including considerable commitment to improve the situation.

To read the full report, click here.
Severe labour exploitation: workers moving within or into the European Union
The extensive fieldwork and desk research carried out by FRA is the first to look comprehensively into various criminal forms of severe labour exploitation of workers who move from one EU Member State to another or from a third country. It aims to fill the knowledge gap, thus challenging the current climate of implicit acceptance of severe labour exploitation. This research aims to support EU institutions and Member States in preventing severe labour exploitation, monitoring situations where severe labour exploitation occurs and making victims’ right to have access to justice a reality.

To read a summary of the research, click here.

Transparency International
Open data to fight corruption – Case study: The EU and lobbying
This case study focuses on lobbying in the European Union and aims to provide guidance to policy-makers and activists in a diverse range of countries for how specific data sets can used to prevent, detect and investigate corruption

To read this case study, click here.

European Parliament
The Future of EU Defence Research
There is an increasing demand for the EU to become a ‘Security Provider’. This demand comes from Europe’s ally, the U.S., but also from Member States themselves. Several steps have already been initiated to answer the call for more defence in Europe. A natural underpinning of those efforts should be the undertaking of a full-fledged Union programme in defence research. The size, the shape and the steps to be taken towards setting it up are the subject of the present report.

To read the report, click here.

The Proposal for a European Border and Coast Guard: Evolution or Revolution in External Boarder Management?
The Commission proposal for a European Border and Coast Guard Authority brings together a reinforced (and renamed) Frontex – the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (EBCGA) – and the Member States’ border guard authorities under the umbrella of a European Border and Coast Guard (EBCG), making them jointly responsible for the management of the external borders. The proposal defines for the first time the notion of European integrated border management. It significantly broadens the scope of the new Agency to include internal security and measures within the area of free movement. The proposal reinforces both Frontex’s regulatory and operational role. In addition, it gives the Agency a supervisory role, placing it in charge of Vulnerability Assessments.

To read the study about the proposal, click here.

European Commission
The 2016 EU Justice Scoreboard
The EU Justice Scoreboard is an information tool aiming at assisting the EU and Member States to achieve more effective justice by providing objective, reliable and comparable data on the quality, independence and efficiency of justice systems in all Member States. The Scoreboard contributes to identifying potential shortcomings, improvements and good practices. It shows trends in the functioning of national justice systems over time. It does not present an overall single ranking but an overview of how all the justice systems function, based on various indicators that are of common interest for all Member States.

To read the 2016 EU Justice Scoreboard, click here.
Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC)

Non-Offending Parents as Secondary Victims of Child Sexual Assault

This research explores the impact of child sexual assault on a sample of 26 non-offending parents, with a particular focus on examining the link between a parent’s thoughts and feelings about the assault and their subsequent support of, and assistance to, the primary victim. The results of the qualitative analysis show parents experienced a wide range of negative emotional responses to their child’s victimization, and these reactions may have influenced what support the parent was able to provide.

To read the full research, click here.

Member States’ good practices

FRANCE
Simplon
Simplon.co is an approved social company, created in 2013 based on the belief that integration through digital skills is a significant driver toward a social transformation. Focusing on free trainings in technical jobs experiencing shortages/high-demand jobs, Simplon.co has also developed a number of activities to improve digital acculturation. Founded in Montreuil (Paris Area), Simplon.co is now present all over France and is also expanding abroad. They work with unemployed men, women and people who dropped out of high school.

Visit their website for a closer look, or look at this infographic.

CORDIS
A closer look at how European cities integrate immigrants

The integration of immigrants has been a contentious issue in the EU, and efforts to improve this pivotal process in creating harmonious societies are needed now more than ever. Policymakers and experts generally agree that the issue of integration must be addressed through a bottom-up approach, with cities espousing a more active role and ensuring integration at local level. In this context, the EU-funded LOCAL TURN project examined how European cities design integration policies and evaluate their effectiveness.

To read the full project, click here.

SPAIN
Firearms Empact Strategic Meeting

The Strategic Meeting regarding the Firearms EMPACT (European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats) was held from 7th to 8th April 2016 in the National Police Headquarters in Madrid.

Among the participants were representatives from EUROPOL, European Commission, FRONTEX, CEPOL, EUROJUST, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, a representative of the French Embassy in Spain, as well as members who collaborate in Interpol, EFE (European Firearms Experts), US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (USATF), Customs Cooperation Working Party (CCWP), the International Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) and the UK National Crime Agency (NCA).

The meeting was conducted in order to share with other international actors involved in the EMPACT project the abilities of the Spanish National Police within this scope of action. In addition, the representative from NCA delivered a presentation about the functioning and results of the NABIS System. Finally, an Inspector who works in the Counter-terrorist Department outlined the details of the last Operation called Mac Gyver that ended with an arrest for manufacturing, storage and possession of prohibited and war weapons and illegal arms possession.
THE NETHERLANDS

Barrier model for illegal trafficking of firearms

On the EUCPN Board meeting (12-13 April) the Dutch Centre for Crime Prevention and Safety (CCV) presented the barrier model for prevention of illegal trafficking of firearms.

If the form of crime you are tackling comprises a variety of steps, it can be mapped out in a barrier model. The barrier model can help you to understand how a specific type of organized crime works.

When you make a barrier model you trace the route that criminals have taken. During that route, the focus is not on the perpetrator. The focus is on the structures that make organized crime possible.

In the case of illegal trafficking of firearms it describes which parties facilitate this form of crime, what opportunities there are for the criminals, and what signals there are to be picked up to detect something is wrong. It also describes which parties can tackle the illegal trafficking and what barriers they can put up. By barriers we mean interventions.

In 2015 the CCV launched a website (www.maakeenbarrieremodel.nl) on which you can make a digital barrier model yourself. The model for the illegal trafficking on firearms (in English) is published at that site. If you want access and for more information, please contact: luuk.olsthoorn@hetccv.nl.

HUNGARY

Don’t only teach, but entertain!

The National Crime Prevention Council of Hungary (NBT) started intensive internet communication in 2015. The Council tries to find those channels on the internet which lead them to their target groups directly and make the Council be able to involve masses into their conversations about crime prevention. As a first attempt NBT initiated a blog on the biggest Hungarian internet content provider’s surface (www.index.hu).

The blog deals with crime prevention topics relying on the interest of the public, and NBT tries to serve them imperceptibly among the entertaining contents. For this, the Council had to give up the usual practice and convert the crime prevention news into the language of nowadays press.

The entries of the blog are understandable, clear, interesting and useful; hereby they may turn from boring police information into a valuable, saleable material for the on-line media. The portal receives exciting contents from the Council, and NBT’s blog gains a surface on the most visited Hungarian site.

Thanks to this, the NBT blog’s notes appear on several other websites by the shares of the different social groups who are active internet users, and the themes and suggestions can get deeper in the layers of the internet. The articles are spread on forums, special websites, even in printed forms, because they have already appeared as a kind of poster. Probably „the good cause”, the public affairs, the collective interest motivate those people who share the articles. This social activity is very important in the dissemination of useful messages.

The aim of the Crime Prevention Council is to develop an exciting, interesting and informative knowledge, the details of which can be successfully spread by the internet readers’ shares. The blog started in July 2015 and until December 2015 it was read approximately 130.000 times. For more information, click here.

Upcoming events

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

**Preview**

The next edition of the EUCPN Newsletter in June 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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