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### European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)



- The EUCPN was set up by Council Decision 2001/427/JHA in May 2001 to promote crime prevention activity in EU Member States.
- Its principal activity is information sharing.



### About EUCPN in general



- Purpose of EUCPN is to provide a means through which valuable good practice in preventing crime, mainly volume crime, can be shared.
- The EUCPN focuses particularly on three areas of crime: juvenile, urban and drugrelated crime.



#### **EUCPN Best Practice Conferences**



- Much of the information exchange is done by way of seminars and conferences, such as the Best Practice Conferences.
- Once a year, a Best Practice Conference is held where each country has the opportunity to present successful or promising crime prevention projects in a certain field of delinquency.
- All these projects compete to win the annual European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA).

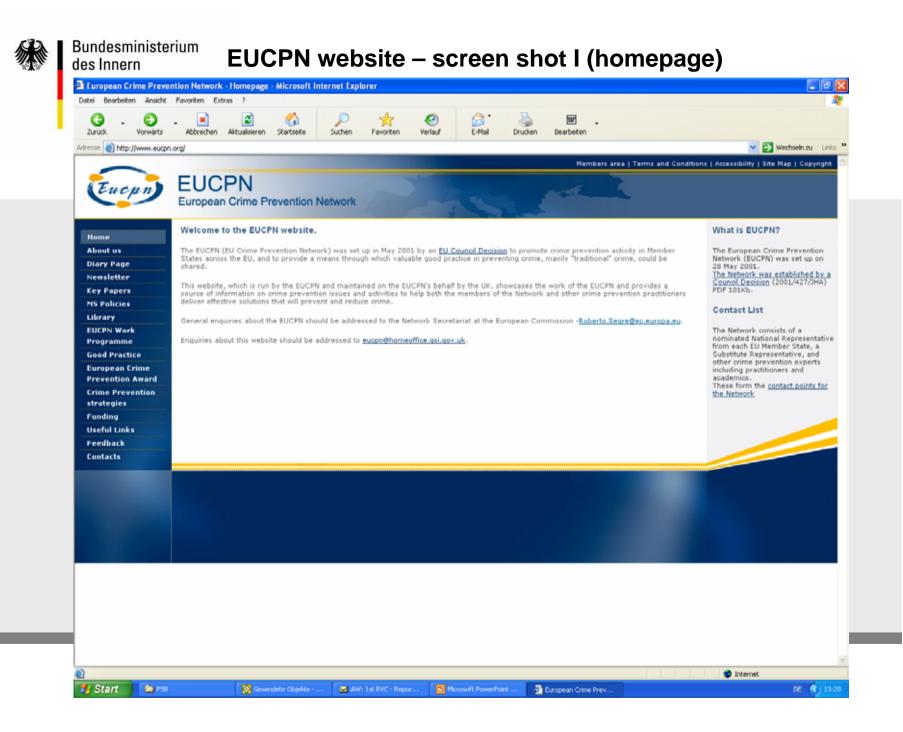


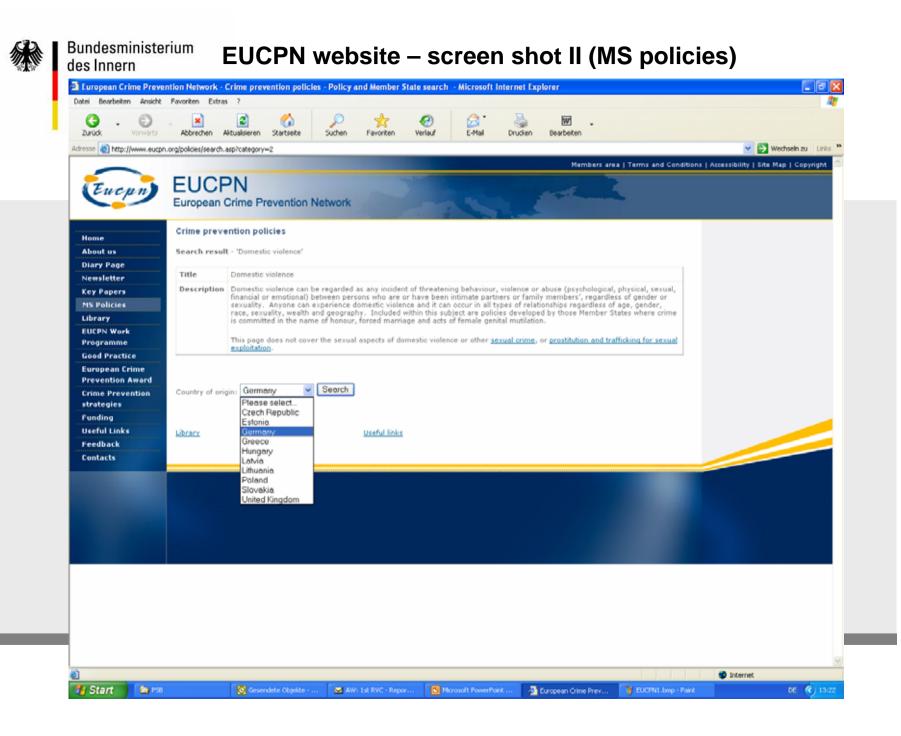
#### **EUCPN Website**

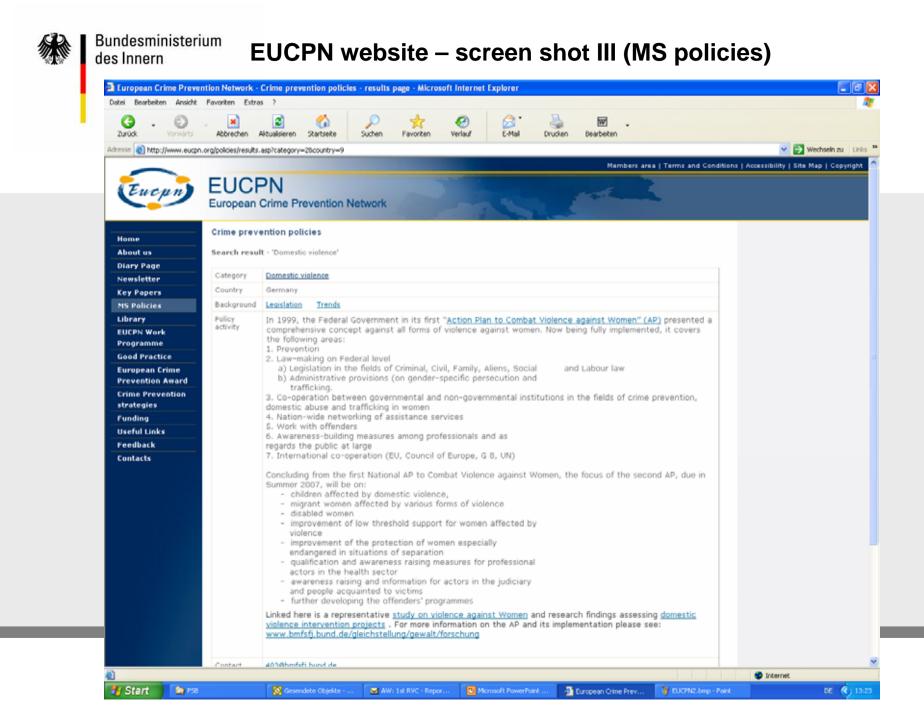


EUCPN website (<u>www.eucpn.org</u>) also plays a major role in exchanging best practices in crime prevention.

- For various policy areas, the specific crime prevention policies of Member States can be viewed and compared. So far there is information on domestic violence, prostitution and trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation, public perception of safety and sexual crime.
- Information on persistent offenders, vehicle crime, robbery and youth crime will be added soon.











#### German Presidency in the EUCPN

- Internal progress check: questionnaire to national representatives was drafted to identify possible deficiencies of EUCPN and its structure.
- Interim academic advisory Board to the EUCPN was established (Research and Validation Committee).
- Possibilities for co-operation with other networks (EFUS and URBACT).
- Seminar on "Dangers of the Internet to Children and Juveniles" (more next slide).



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## Seminar "Dangers of the Internet for Children and Juveniles" (1 June 2006)

- Conclusions by the Presidency - Part I -

- Internet brings about great opportunities as well as dangers, particularly for youngsters.
- Young people should not be prevented from using the internet. It is of special importance that dangers are not caused by lack of knowledge. Improving "media competence" should be strongly encouraged, for parents and for youths.



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### Seminar "Dangers of the Internet for Children and Juveniles" (1 June 2006)

- Conclusions by the Presidency Part II -
- A Joint effort by the entire society is needed: police, justice system, parents, schools and those offering internet services need to contribute.

Multi-disciplinary approach needed: education science, medicine, psychology, sociology, criminology, justice system and police.







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- Conclusions by the Presidency - Part III -

- Exchange of knowledge and experience between disciplines needed. Also international exchange is needed because internet, by its very nature, is a cross-border medium.
- Research done is still insufficient. In particular, research needed into the typical risk groups and how to get messages across to them. Areas for possible synergies between the various actors need to be identified and research needs to be done on the preventive effects of improved media competence.



# Thank you very much for your attention!

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