

"European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN): Crime prevention activities on EU, national and local level"

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EUCPN Secretariat



Overview



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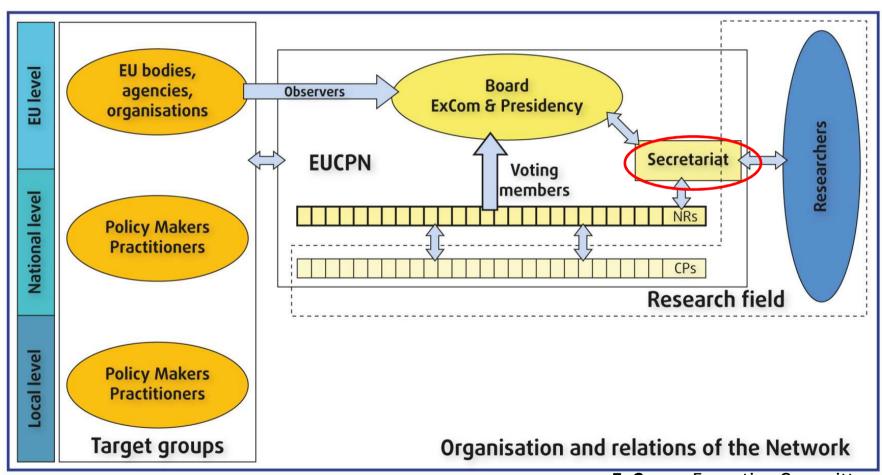
Brief introduction



- Set up in 2001 by Council Decision (2001/427/JHA) and repealed in 2009 (2009/902/JHA)
- Objective: "[...] developing the various aspects of crime prevention at the union level [...], and shall support crime prevention activities at the national and local level"
- Crime prevention
- Target groups:
 - Practitioners and policymakers at both local and national levels
 - EU and international agencies, organisations, working groups

EUCPN Structure





ExCom – Executive Committee

NR's – National Representatives

CP's – Contact Points

EUCPN Secretariat



- ISEC project (2011 2014) 845.000EUR; new proposal submitted to continue the work 2014 – 2016
- 3-headed staff based in Brussels:
 - Coordinator
 - Research officer
 - Administrative officer
- Support to the Chair and Network
- Delivering systematic output within each Presidency,
 e.g. thematic papers, toolbox, monitoring report

Multiannual strategy





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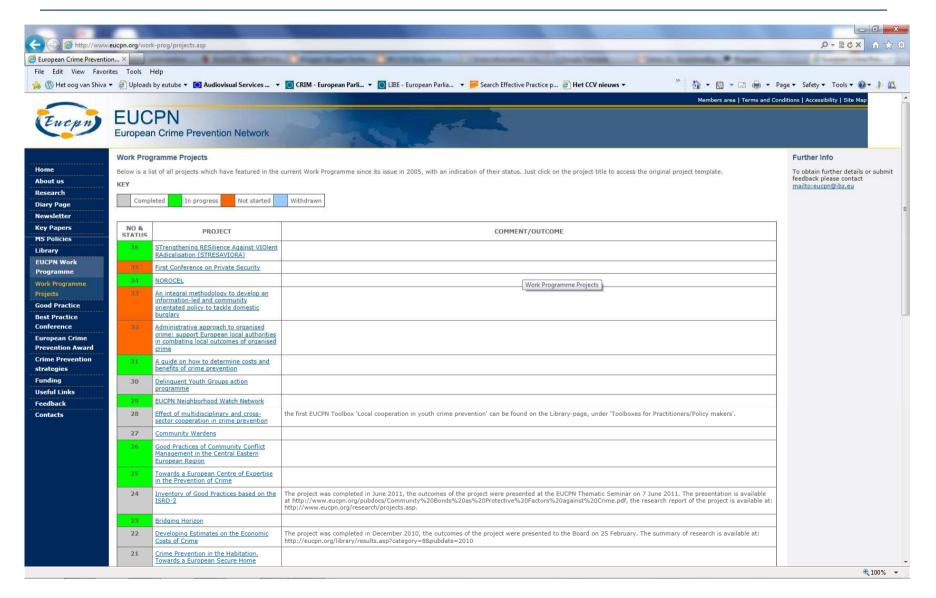
A. To be a point of reference



- Contact databases
- Improving communication through:
 - 3-monthly newsletter
 - Website (<u>www.eucpn.org</u>)
 - Dissemination of research results
- Feedback tool

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B. Disseminate knowledge



- Collection and exchange of knowledge, information and best practices on crime prevention
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 - 2012/1 European cross-country crime statistics, surveys and reports
 - 2012/2 Public opinion and policy on crime prevention in Europe

EU Crime Prevention Monitor (Eucy)



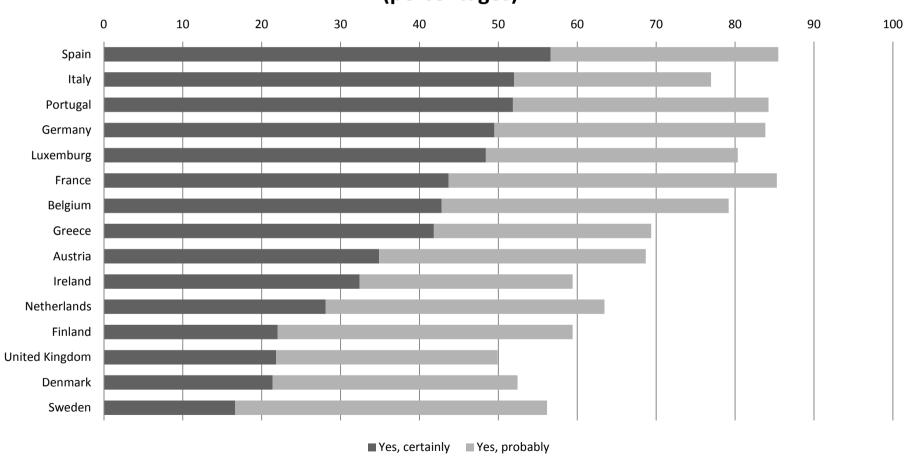
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EU Crime Prevention Monitor (Eucph)



Crime prevention policy more effective at the EU level by country (percentages)*



*Source: Flash Eurobarometer 155

EU Crime Prevention Monitor (Eucy)



Main priorities in crime prevention policy:

- Property crimes (burglaries, theft)
- Crimes against the person (violence)
- Juvenile delinquency
- Drug use
- Violent crime

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 - => Thematic paper series & toolbox series

Thematic paper & Toolbox



• 3 thematic papers in 2012:

- Sport, science and art in the prevention of crime among children and youth.
- The prevention of youth crime through local cooperation with the involvement of the police – A pilot study.
- Community policing as a police strategy: effects and future outlook.

2 toolboxes in 2012:

- Local cooperation in youth crime prevention.
- Community (oriented) policing in Europe: Concepts, theory and practice.
- => Upcoming: Evaluation of crime prevention initiatives

Thematic paper & Toolbox



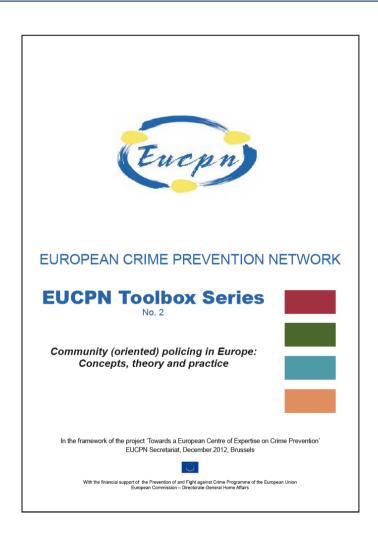


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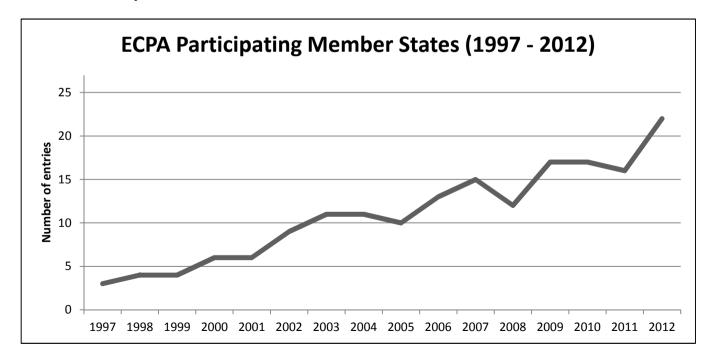
ECPA - History



1986: Hein Roethof Prize (NL)

1994 – 2003: birth and development of ECPA

2004: ECPA, EUCPN & BPC



BPC/ECPA 2012



- Winner of 2012 ECPA:
 - Denmark's project 'Your Police Officer'



- Honourable mentions were made for:
 - Sweden's project 'Neighbourhood Watch in Multi-Family Dwellings'



Estonia's project 'Web-Constable'



 ECPA-topic 2013 under Lithuania's Presidency: 'Prevention in Domestic Violence'

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- Development of recommendations
 - => disseminated through various manuals

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C. Support activities



 Info on the funding and implementation of crime prevention projects

Cost-benefit of crime prevention activities

Promotion and implementation of ECPA winner projects

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D. EU policy & strategy



Network management plan

 Partnerships and engagement with the EU Commission and other relevant EU bodies and agencies

Future development EUCPN



2012:

- Internal impact measurement
- External evaluation
- Main challenges:
 - Measures to increase performance, impact and added value
 - Further strengthening organisation and governance

=> Action plan!

Upcoming activities 2013



- European Crime Prevention Monitor (Jun/Dec)
- Toolbox on 'Evaluation of crime prevention interventions'
- Conferences:
 - Panel session Stockholm Criminology Symposium,
 Sweden
 - EUROCRIM 2013, Budapest, Hungary
- ECPA 2013 (Lithuania): 'Prevention in Domestic Violence'



Thank you!

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