

# EUROPEAN CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE

**28 AND 29 APRIL 2022**

BRUSSELS

#ECPC2022

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The European Crime Prevention Conference is the EUCPN's biennial conference and offers a forum to share knowledge and experiences regarding crime prevention across the European Union. It welcomes policymakers, practitioners and academics, but maintains a consistent focus on the front line.

**The main topic of 2022 is partnership approaches in crime prevention:**

Co-production of security, partnership approaches, multi-agency crime prevention,... The ideal of working together to make society a safer place is shared by many. But collaborations also present challenges. How to identify the right partners? Who takes the lead? Which information is shared with whom? And how do we make it all work in view of every partner's mandate and competences?

#ECPC2022

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## DATES

Thursday 28 April  
and Friday 29 April 2022

## VENUE: THE EGG

Rue bara/Barastraat 175  
1070 Brussels



## REGISTRATION

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# OVERVIEW PROGRAMME

## MAIN TOPIC

PARTNERSHIP APPROACHES  
IN CRIME PREVENTION

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> **DAY 1**  
**28 APRIL**

> **DAY 2**  
**29 APRIL**

**OVERVIEW  
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**DAY 1**

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**DAY 2**

**29 APRIL**

- 8:30 registration
- 9:00 welcome by the French Presidency - Christian Gravel, General Secretariat of the Interministerial Committee for the Prevention of Crime and Radicalisation and opening speech by the European Commission
- 9:30 plenary session 1: smart coalitions against organised crime
- 10:30 coffee break
- 11:00 **session 1**
- Busting crime prevention myths
  - The administrative approach in the field
  - Effective anti-bullying interventions
- 12:30 lunch
- 12:50 poster presentations
- 13:30 **session 2**
- How to manage a crime prevention project
  - Community-oriented policing
  - Urban youth violence
- 15:00 coffee break
- 15:30 plenary session 2: cross-border cooperation
- 16:30 end of day 1

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**DAY 1**  
28 APRIL

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**DAY 2**  
29 APRIL

08:30 registration and welcome

08:50 plenary session 3: the evaluation of crime prevention

09:30 **session 3**

Prevention by building bridges

What works to prevent domestic burglaries?

Targeted approaches domestic violence

11:00 coffee break

11:30 plenary session 4: concluding remarks by Paul Ekblom

12:30 lunch and end of day 2

# PROGRAMME

## PLENARY SESSIONS

- 1** Smart coalitions against organised crime
- 2** Cross-border cooperation
- 3** The evaluation of crime prevention
- 4** Concluding remarks

**28 APRIL 2022**

9:30 – 10:30



**PLENARY  
SESSION**

**1**

# Smart coalitions against organised crime

**Speakers:**

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN

Jaap de Waard, Dutch Ministry of Justice & Security

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In crime prevention cooperation is critical: by working together we can achieve maximum results. An integrated approach requires different government agencies, civil society, and private entrepreneurs to cooperate with traditional crime response actors, such as law enforcement. But that is not always easy. Decisive and responsive management of parties is essential to the process. An accurate problem analysis should inform the selection of the appropriate preventive and repressive measures. And the cooperation should be rooted firmly in the current knowledge infrastructure on crime prevention: what works and what does not.



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**PLENARY  
SESSION**

**2**

# Cross-border cooperation

PANEL DISCUSSION

**Speakers:**

Tony Verachtert, Benelux Secretariat  
Aarne Kinnunen, Finnish Crime Prevention Council  
Efus

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Cross-border cooperation and exchange of information at local, regional and European level is a must to fight organised crime. But what are the challenges partners face in doing this? Speakers from the Finnish Crime Prevention Council on the “Nordic cooperation model”, the Benelux Secretariat on the role of the Benelux as a testing ground or laboratory within the European Union and Efus on how local and regional authorities cooperate in the field of crime prevention and urban security.

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**3**

# The evaluation of crime prevention

**Speakers:**

Jorne Vanhee, EUCPN

Wim Hardyns, Ghent University

Marlies Sas, Ghent University

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In line with the needs of the field and to provide practitioners with the appropriate knowledge and skills to carry out evaluations, Ghent University has been commissioned by the EUCPN to develop a teaching package. This package consists of educational material to support the training and a manual for delivering the training. This session will give a first look at its content.

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**4**

# Concluding remarks

**Speaker:**

Paul Ekblom, Huddersfield University

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In this concluding session Professor Paul Ekblom will draw on his experience in research, evaluation and knowledge capture of partnership working in crime prevention/community safety, to draw out key issues raised during the conference. To anticipate some examples, why do we need partnerships, and who in the community should be responsible for reducing crime and mitigating its harms? What are the problems and obstacles faced by partnerships? How should partnerships communicate and share information – internally, and with the wider society? How best to design partnership arrangements – at strategic and operational levels? And what is the right kind of social/institutional environment to support partnerships?

# PROGRAMME

## SESSIONS

### **1** SESSION

Busting crime prevention myths  
The administrative approach in the field  
Effective anti-bullying interventions

### **2** SESSION

How to manage a crime prevention project?  
Community-oriented policing  
Urban youth violence

### **3** SESSION

Prevention by building bridges  
What works to prevent domestic burglaries?  
Targeted approaches domestic violence

**SESSIONS**

**1**

**28 APRIL 2022**

11:00 – 12:30

# **Busting crime prevention myths**

CAMPFIRE SESSIONS ALLOW ATTENDEES TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND RAISE QUESTIONS IN GROUP

**Moderator:**

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN

There are several misconceptions about and in the crime prevention field, which hinder effective prevention. Since 2020, the EUCPN publishes a series of “Mythbuster” papers. In this session, participants will explore crime prevention myths, discuss why they are there, reflect on why it is often so hard to translate evidence into evidence-based policy practice, and what can be done to change that.

**SESSIONS**

**1**

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11:00 – 12:30

# The administrative approach in the field

**Speakers:**

Emma Louise Blondes, Rand Europe

Annemie De Boye, ARIEC Limburg

The administrative approach sometimes leads to confusion as to what it actually consists of, therefore, several practices will outline how this approach can tackle serious and organised crime:

- > intercepting the infiltration of high-risk criminal networks in the legal economy and in the public sector
- > mapping the risk of serious and organised crime infiltrating legitimate businesses
- > approaching relevant partners

**SESSIONS**

**1**

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# Effective anti-bullying interventions

**Speakers:**

Sarah Bosman, EUCPN

Fruzsina Ónodi, National Crime Prevention Council Hungary

André Baraldsnes & Marie Lindström, Olweus Norway

Despite bullying being a common phenomenon, the public, schools and governments are often not fully aware of the severe and long-lasting consequences it can cause for the individuals involved and their surroundings. Victims, as well as perpetrators and bystanders, can experience negative effects on an individual, family, school and community level. It is therefore essential to acknowledge possible risk factors on each level and implement anti-bullying strategies accordingly. For this reason, the session will focus on an ecological approach towards effective anti-bullying interventions. Besides this, several practices will be presented. The ECPA winner Ask for help! have used various art, pedagogical and educational tools to discuss bullying and to address mental health issues in combination with attitude formation. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is a comprehensive evidence based intervention that includes schoolwide, classroom, individual and community components.

**SESSIONS**

**2**

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13:30 – 15:00

# How to manage a crime prevention project?

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

**Moderators:**

Bram van Dijk, DSP Group

Paul van Soomeren, DSP Group

This interactive workshop will guide participants through the various steps of a prevention project, from start to its evaluation. Through real-life examples, the workshop will provide its participants with practical tools ready to use in their own work and reflect on participants' own experiences.



**SESSIONS**

**2**

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# Community-oriented policing

**Speakers:**

Gabria Gatt, Police Force of Malta

Ivan Pakšić, Ministry of Interior Croatia

Laidi Surva & Annely Reile, Ministry of Justice Estonia

Günter Stummvoll, Swapol

The concept of community-oriented policing has taken root in various EU Member States, although in distinctive forms, interpretations and under different labels. During this session we will focus on community-oriented policing in different EU member states by visiting common key principles which are important for a successful implementation. Croatia's 'Community Policing' strategy introduces proactive police work through the use of local Crime Prevention Councils. The Malta Police Force will present their community policing project that enforces the police to partner up with stakeholders to effectively combat various community problems. The Estonian cooperation model, Ringist välja, provides a social network that assesses the risks and needs of juveniles and adolescents who engage in medium to high-risk behaviour. Finally, the SWAPOL (social work and policing) project that aims to connect social work institutions and law enforcement agencies will be presented.

**SESSIONS**

**2**

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# Urban youth violence

**Speakers:**

Stijn Aerts, EUCPN

Karen Svanberg & Marie-Therese Metzén, National Crime Prevention Council Brå Sweden

Werner Van Herle, City Of Mechelen Belgium

Elke Van Hellemont, University of Kent

This session zooms in on the prevention of urban youth violence, a topic closely aligned with the upcoming EUCPN Toolbox on the prevention of street gang recruitment. The SAMEN project of the city of Mechelen, Belgium, uses multi-disciplinary case consultation to stop vulnerable youth from committing crime. Their focus lies on preventive coaching and mediation. Faced with an increase in gun violence, the city of Malmö, Sweden, has implemented the Group Violence Intervention. The Swedish Police and the National Crime Prevention Council tell us about their experience with this American anti-gang violence intervention in the EU.

**SESSIONS**

**3**

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# Prevention by building bridges

## Speakers:

Eleni Kontopoulou, BeSecure-FeelSecure (BSFS) Greece

Johanna Gripenberg, Stockholm prevents alcohol and drug problems (STAD) Sweden

Stanislav Solodov, Ministry of Justice Estonia

Sheena Quigley, The Joint Agency Response to Crime (JARC) Ireland

During the session, several practices will be presented that focus on cooperation on different fronts:

- > The BSFS project aims to reinforce urban security and promote a positive perception of urban safety in the City of Piraeus. The project provides strategies and tools to link the main urban security stakeholders and facilitate their collaboration.
- > STAD's work is characterized by a systematic approach, i.e. that successful prevention efforts should be based on interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration between key operators who work together to influence the availability and demand for alcohol and drugs in society.
- > The Estonian Ministry of Justice and six NGOs started a EU funded project to implement reentry service for prisoners. Reentry services aim to increase the participation of the released prisoners in the labour market, use of social services and thereby reduce recidivism.
- > JARC is a joint agency initiative, between An Garda Síochána (Irish Police), the Probation Service, the Irish Prison Service and the Department of Justice. JARC sets out to interrupt offending behaviour, reduce crime and increase public safety through coordinated client management and governance systems that strengthen multi-agency offender management.

**SESSIONS**

**3**

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# What works to prevent domestic burglaries?

**Speakers:**

Dorien Stevens, EUCPN

Robin Cuypers, KU Leuven

Pieter Raymaekers, KU Leuven

Domestic burglary has been decreasing for many years in most European countries, but it still accounts for the majority of Organised Property Crime offences. In addition, it not only robs people of their possessions but also of their sense of security at home and it has a significant financial impact on society. Therefore, the session will address the following topics: Which initiatives may or may not work to prevent domestic burglaries? How can behavioural insights and nudging be used to prevent domestic burglary? How effective is the use of a 'Focus Day' as a tool to increase the quality of the prevention of domestic burglary?

**SESSIONS**

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# Targeted approaches domestic violence

## **Speakers:**

Jorne Vanhee, EUCPN

Susanne Gosenius, Swedish Police, Region Syd, Witness Protection Unit

Aleksandra Borucka, Polish National Police Headquarters

Bert Groen, European Family Justice Center Alliance

Gerhard Hafner, Volkssolidarität Berlin: Beratung für Männer - gegen Gewalt

Against the backdrop of the global COVID-19 pandemic, alarming reports also signalled a growing problem inside our European homes. While COVID-19 protection measures tried to lock out the virus, they also locked in many victims of domestic violence with their abusers. This session will first highlight two specific aspects: the need for targeted and tailored approaches and perpetrator programmes. Afterwards, several practices will be presented: a multidisciplinary approach of gender- based and domestic violence in Family Justice Centers (One Safe Place), the proactive measures geared towards perpetrators (Risk Reduction Intervention), cooperation of multiple actors while preventing domestic violence at local level (Blue Cards procedure) and a rehabilitative training for male perpetrators, while offering support for the women and children affected by the violence (Cooperation Union).

# PROGRAMME

## POSTER SESSIONS

- The Greentown Project
- Adequate criminological prognosis
- Ask for help!
- Working to Change strategy

# POSTER SESSIONS

**28 APRIL 2022**

12:50 – 13:30

## **The Greentown Project**

### **Speakers:**

Seán Redmond, University of Limerick & Tony O'Donovan, Department of Justice Ireland

The project is an evidence-informed and design-led targeted community intervention which aims to reduce the influence of criminal networks on children.

## **Adequate criminological prognosis**

### **Speaker:**

Konrad Burdziak, University of Szczecin and Institute of Justice in Warsaw Poland

Research on international cooperation of Central and Eastern European countries to prevent crime, in particular the possibilities of transferring Estonian solutions to Poland in preparing criminological prognoses.

## **Ask for help!**

### **Speaker:**

Fruzsina Ónodi, National Crime Prevention Council Hungary

The project provides various art, pedagogical and educational tools that help to discuss bullying and to address mental health issues in combination with attitude formation.

## **Working to Change strategy**

### **Speaker:**

Siobhán Cafferty, Social Enterprise Project Manager Criminal Justice Sector Ireland

The strategy aims to increase employment options for people with criminal convictions by providing a range of supports to several sectors (social enterprise, general employment and entrepreneurship).



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