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Dear colleagues,

During the first half of the Czech Presidency in the Council of the European Union we have finalised the external evaluation process. We are now facing the most important task – deciding what to do next.

It is honour for me to preside on the EUCPN Board during the period in which we will take decisions concerning the future shape and structure of the network that in the course of its existence has obtained such high level and prestige.

The Final Evaluation Report and recommendations on the EUCPN's development offer a few options up for consideration. However I do believe we will meet these challenges and can move forward in the most positive way.

Sincerely,

Alena Horakova

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EU developments

New EU legal instruments

The European Commission adopted on 25 March 2009 two proposals of Framework decisions for new rules to step up the fight against **trafficking in human beings and child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and child pornography**. These new proposals aim to replace existing legislation which has been in place since respectively 2002 and 2004. In particular, the new FD

would contain provisions in the areas of substantive criminal law, jurisdiction and prosecution, victims' rights in criminal proceedings, victim assistance, special protective measures for children, prevention, and monitoring. As regards prevention measures, they relate to discouraging demand for sexual services and cheap labour, training, prevention of recidivism of offenders and restricted access to child pornography on internet. Different interventions programmes could be undertaken to reduce risk of repeated offences.

The Commission also intends to amend the Framework decision on **attacks against information systems**. The aim would be to prevent massive cybercrime. On 30 March 2009, the Commission adopted a strategy to further develop European policy to strengthen the security of and the trust in the information society and to protect Critical Information Infrastructures. Prevention measures should include establishing a European Public-Private Partnership, which will help businesses to share experience and information with public authorities.

The European Economic and Social Committee intends to adopt an opinion on **Urban areas and youth violence**. The opinion is being prepared by Mr. Zufiur Narvaiza and discussions on it are foreseen to take place soon.

EU Presidency initiatives

The Czech Presidency intends to hold a Conference on best practice in the field of trafficking in human beings. Organised on 3 June 2009 in Plzen, with the title "**No supply no demand**", it will focus especially on reducing the demand for sexual services, the prevention approach should therefore be developed. The target groups relate to law enforcement and judicial authorities, representatives of civil society and of local governments.

The Czech Presidency also intends to largely develop the use of **child alert systems**. For this purpose an experts' conference will be held on 19 May 2009 in Prague to share experience, knowledge and best procedures.

The Czech Police plans to organise a meeting on "**Urban Violence Experts International Meeting**". Targeted to law enforcement forces, it will be held in Prague (Štířín) on 25-27 May 2009. Further information can be get at v.machova@mvcz.cz

The future Swedish Presidency plans to organise the next Best practice conference and the **European Crime Prevention Award** ceremony on 9-10 December in Stockholm. The theme is "**Preventing crime and victimization among children and young people**. Current and future challenges – school, cyberspace and recruitment to criminal groups". Four parallel seminars will relate to cybercrime by and against young people, prevention of crime in school, recruitment to criminal groups, national and European cooperation in crime prevention.

The annual **Stockholm Criminology Symposium and the Stockholm Prize in criminology** will be held on 22-24 June 2009. It is an annual event gathering

researchers, policy-makers and practitioners to discuss the latest research findings of importance for crime policy. The themes for the 2009 Symposium are: When Mankind is the Victim, Counteracting Organized Crime and Contemporary Criminology.

The presentations will deal amongst others with such topics as Researchers' Advice to Policy on Youth Crime, the Role of Criminology in Modern Criminal Policy, Cost-Effective Police Methods, Effect of Imprisonment on Re-offending, Preventing Lethal School Violence, Crime and the Mismanagement of Public Places.

Please find more information and register at www.criminologysymposium.com

Other EU developments

The European Commission (DG EAC) is preparing a new **Youth Strategy** for the period *2010-2018*.

The Commission has started to work on child issues for the **2010 European Year of combating poverty and social exclusion**. Priorities for the campaign: child poverty and the intergenerational transmission of poverty, an inclusive labour market, disadvantages in education and training, poverty and the gender dimension, access to basic services, including decent accommodation, overcoming discrimination and promoting the integration of immigrants, addressing the needs of vulnerable people.

In the framework of the Safer Internet programme, the celebration of the **Safer Internet Day** took place on 10 February 2009. More than 65 countries took part organising local, national and pan-European events ranging from safety sessions in schools and competitions for young people to public meetings and conferences.

At a central event in Luxembourg attended by the Commissioner Reding, the Commission launched a pan-European *awareness campaign* on cyberbullying. The campaign targets youth and uses a number of channels such as media and online communities. Leading social networking services used by children in Europe signed common guidelines on the matters.

For the *Safer Internet Forum in 2009*, the Safer Internet programme will launch an initiative to promote education on Internet Safety in schools aiming at identifying best practices and at promoting the inclusion of Internet Safety in school curriculum.

At the Regions for Economic Change Conference, the European Commission and URBACT provided an occasion for local authorities to discuss the urban policies they finance and their ways of cooperating among European cities.

Within **URBACT**, there are projects being completed: MILE, on managing migration and integration at local Level, and URBAMECO, on the place of deprived neighbourhoods in large cities. These projects were created at the end of the URBACT I programme to experiment with new URBACT II working methods, benefiting from constant support from European Commission services through the Fast Track label.

On the 15th and 26th of May, following the final conferences of each project, URBACT will organise two Open Events, which will allow these projects to share their results with other URBACT projects, but also with other organisations and programmes working on these questions, such as the OECD, Eurocities, and QcERAN, and others.

Further information can be found at www.urbact.eu

Initiatives on crime prevention related matters

Conferences and other meetings

The Hungarian Ministry of Justice organises on 27-29 April 2009, in Budapest, a large conference on "**European best practices of restorative justice in the criminal procedure**"

The workshops will deal with such topics as restorative practices before and after the accusation until the sentencing, mediation in practice, restorative practices during the implementation of sentences and restorative practices in crime prevention.

Further information can be get from Ms Melinda Gyökös gyokosm@irm.gov.hu

The European Forum for Restorative Justice will organise on 3-5 June 2009 a conference on "**Building social support for restorative justice**. Working together with media, civil society organisations and citizens for restorative justice"

Moreover, the Forum will organise, from 20 to 24 July 2009, **the summer School 2009 on "Towards critical restorative justice practices"**. Its purpose is to provide a supportive environment for restorative justice trainers and practitioners and to explore and adapt the European Forum recommendations on the training of mediators in criminal matters.

For more information: please visit the website:

<http://www.euforumrj.org/Activities/schools.htm>

An International Conference **on Violence in Public Places and Institutions** will be held on 25-27 June 2009 in Preston (UK), at the University Central Lancashire. The aim of the conference is to bring together academics and practitioners

concerned with violence in public places and institutions, to present up-to-date information on theory, practice and intervention. The focus of the conference is therefore broad and includes violence in prisons and schools, the history of violent crime, terrorism, violence in the night-time economy, assessment of violence-prevention programmes, gang-related violence, rape, and the violence-prone individual. A key rationale is to enable delegates from diverse research and practitioner backgrounds to exchange views and information about up-to-date information and issues.

Further information can be provided by Prof. J. Archer, e-mail: jarcher@uclan.ac.uk.

The **International Association of Social Educators** will hold its XVII World Congress 2009 on 4-7 May 2009, in Copenhagen,

Further information could be found at <http://www.aieji2009.dk/>

The British Society of criminology and Youth criminology/Youth justice network will organise on 24 April a conference on **"Youth in Crisis? Gangs, Territoriality and Violence"**.

Further information can be get at youth.conference@liv.ac.uk

Hosted by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, a public policy conference was held on 30 April 2009 on **"Young People and Violent Crime**. Innovative Solutions through Multi-Agency Working"

It gave the opportunity for local practitioners to assess the progress of the action plans in relation to tackling youth violence.

For further details to the conference, please visit <http://parlicentre.org/>.

An International Criminal Justice conference **"Integrating community justice, innovation and future developments"** took place on 31.03-2.04.2009 in Douglas, Isle of Man. It aimed at sharing best practice for reducing crime and re-offending through strategic and joined up approach to the criminal justice system, including effective offender management, prevention and early intervention, and rehabilitation.

Further information can be found at <http://www.neilstewartassociates.com>

Research and publications

In August 2008, the Keele University developed a research on the **standardisation of crime prevention through environmental design in Europe**. The project has focused on various policy processes involved in the application of design-led crime prevention in European cities and. The research aims at assessing the implementation of a norm on prevention of crime and urban crime, elaborated by the European Committee for Standardisation. This norm is based on concepts such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and Design Against Crime (DAC).

For further information, you can contact Mr Guenter Stummvoll g.stummvoll@ilpj.keele.ac.uk

Any contributions on local or national projects, meetings, initiatives, new operational or legislative developments, research, publications etc on crime prevention are welcome. Thanks to your cooperation the content of the Newsletter can be made as interesting and useful as possible.

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