



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on on the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)

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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council,

Bearing in mind that the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) Annual Report 2008 deals, *inter alia*, with an overview of activities for 2008 especially focused on:

- a. participating in the external evaluation of the EUCPN,
- b. developing the EUCPN knowledge base of crime prevention related material to achieve broader Member State representation of good initiatives,
- c. expanding the material on the Member State crime prevention policies pages of the EUCPN website,
- d. developing a long term research programme through the interim Research and Validation Committee,
- e. delivering the EUCPN work programme,
- f. strengthening cooperation with other EU crime prevention actors.

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Bearing in mind that the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) Annual Report 2008 also gives an overview of the objectives for 2009, which are:

- a. to establish a working group to review the findings of the report of the consultancy evaluating the EUCPN; consider a range of options responding to the recommendations in the report; make recommendations to the Board and implement agreed actions within a defined timescale;
 - b. to enhance the knowledge base of crime prevention related material stored on the EUCPN website in order to achieve broader Member State representation of good practice initiatives;
 - c. to continue developing the contents of the EUCPN website and encourage Member States to submit and maintain material on national crime prevention policies for inclusion on the EUCPN website;
 - d. to continue to identify and exchange relevant criminological research to support the EUCPN activities through the revised research function;
 - e. to deliver the agreed work programme for the year and, through the Programme Committee, encourage new projects and initiatives and explore how existing EU financial instruments managed by the Commission could provide support in their implementation;
 - f. to raise awareness of the activities of the EUCPN in order to enhance the knowledge of policy-makers at the national and European level.
1. Welcomes with interest the Annual Report 2008 and endorses its content as set out in 9397/09 CRIMORG 71.
 2. The Council is particularly aware of the growing international dimension of crime and is aware of the links between the crime that most affect citizens in their local areas and cross-border crime. Effective crime prevention requires cooperation between Member States and is a prerequisite for a sustainable fight against crime and the fear of crime.
 3. Supports the objectives, scope and subjects set out for 2009 as outlined in the Annual Report 2008. In this respect, the Council notes the pragmatic decision taken by the EUCPN National Representatives to disband the Interim Research and Validation Committee. It notes with satisfaction that a research function has been established to support the EUCPN members.

4. Calls on the National Representatives to increase their efforts in developing the EUCPN website and encourages all Member States to contribute actively with crime prevention material.
 5. Calls on the Member States to commit the level of human resources required to promote the effectiveness of the EUCPN.
 6. Expresses its confidence in the EUCPN's potential as an efficient instrument for promoting good crime prevention practice at the European Union level and in Member States.
 7. Congratulates the Commission for its initiative in evaluating the EUCPN through an external evaluator and welcomes the conclusions of the evaluation which provides a good basis for developing and strengthening the EUCPN.
 8. Welcomes very much the establishment of an EUCPN working group to respond to the report of the external evaluation of the EUCPN, requests to be informed of its final results and expresses its particular interest in the outcome of that work and the conclusions of the National Representatives on the future of the EUCPN."
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