



## Stakeholder Consultation Strategy

### Evaluation of the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)

#### 1. Context

Crime prevention is an important pillar of a comprehensive internal security strategy and can contribute to citizens' safety and security in the European Union. The Lisbon Treaty mentions crime prevention among the key building blocks to establish and maintain an area of freedom, security and Justice in Art. 2.

The European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) was set up in 2001 by the [Council Decision 2001/427/JHA](#) of the Council of the European Union, which was repealed and replaced in 2009 by [Council Decision 2009/902/JHA](#). Its main objective is to develop a platform for the Member States to exchange knowledge and best practices in the field of crime prevention. The network is chaired by the Member State holding the Rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Over the last years, the network has undergone key changes. For the first time, it has aligned its crime prevention activities with the EU Policy Cycle on serious international crime 2018-2021 and it has participated in operational actions in 2018. 2017 also saw an increase in staff at the secretariat to cope with the additional workload and intensify research as well as communication activities. Moreover, the network's budget was increased as part of the 2017 Internal Security Fund - Police annual work programme.

When the network was last evaluated in 2012, the analysis found the network to be a useful instrument to support policymakers at EU and national levels. The evaluation showed positive results but also pointed out further improvements needed in terms of performance, impact, added value, organisation and governance.

An evaluation is needed to assess the impact of the key changes in the last years. Moreover, conducting the evaluation in 2019/2020 would allow its results to feed into the discussions of EUCPN's next multi-annual strategy (2021-2025).

#### 2. Objectives and scope of the consultations

The scope of the evaluation covers the work of the network since the last [evaluation](#), in 2012<sup>1</sup> with a focus on its current multiannual strategy (2016-2020). The network's

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/e-library/documents/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/crime-prevention/docs/20121130\\_eucpn\\_report\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/e-library/documents/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/crime-prevention/docs/20121130_eucpn_report_en.pdf)

relevance in terms of political and operational priorities and activities is evaluated against the framework set by Council Decision 2009/902/JHA. The evaluation will analyse the network’s performance and will be published on the website of DG Migration and Home Affairs.

The objective of the consultation is to gather stakeholders’ feedback on the EUCPN. The consultation will address the work of the network at European, national and local level, as well as the structure of its secretariat. Similar to the entire evaluation exercise, the consultation looks at the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and coherence of the actions undertaken to cover the areas mentioned, as well as at the achieved EU added value.

### 3. The relevant stakeholders

As a first step, it is necessary to identify the various stakeholder groups that might be concerned or have a justified interest in the EUCPN. Stakeholders have been identified using a stakeholder mapping, and considered in terms of their level of interest and influence (see table below).

<b>High influence &amp; low stake</b>	<b>High influence &amp; high stake</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eurojust</li> <li>- Europol</li> <li>- Council of the European Union</li> <li>- European Parliament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EUCPN national representatives</li> <li>- EU Commission</li> <li>- National Crime Prevention Councils</li> <li>- EMCDDA, CEPOL</li> </ul>
<b>Low influence &amp; low stake</b>	<b>Low influence &amp; high stake</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General public</li> <li>- International organisation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academia</li> <li>- Think tanks</li> <li>- Civil society</li> <li>- Research institutes</li> </ul>

A detailed list of relevant stakeholders has been identified between the Commission and the external consultant in the inception phase, in line with the requirements outlined in Terms of Reference for the evaluation. The list identifies concrete contact persons in the organisation listed in the stakeholder mapping above. The contractor has been duly informed of its obligation to observe all data protection requirements at all stages of the evaluation.

### 4. Consultation methodology

Appropriate consultation methods are being used to reach out to and garner responses from the various stakeholder groups. Unless otherwise stated, the consultations are carried out by the external Contractor. The contractor has provided the Commission with a detailed approach on how to target and engage with the agreed list of relevant stakeholders.

All relevant stakeholders and the wider public (citizens) will be able to provide their input through a thirteen-week online public consultation which will take the shape of a questionnaire accessible via the Commission's public consultations page. Relevant tools should be considered, including “[Have your say](#)” webpage. The questionnaire will be

made available in English, French and German. The contractor is expected to produce a first analysis of the type of stakeholders that contributed to the public consultation and of the replies received. The public will be allowed to respond in any of the official EU languages to the public consultation.

The Contractor should actively reach out to all relevant stakeholders listed above and the relevant officials (which have already been identified in the Inception Report of the consultant), to respond to the general and specific questions outlined in the Terms of Reference. The contractor will collect information from national (including – to the extent possible – local and regional), European and international sources and will specify and justify the selection and scope of primary sources proposed. The Contractor is carrying out more focused, targeted surveys and interviews with groups of particular stakeholders. Other methods are also foreseen, including workshops.

Other consultation methods proposed by the Contractor in order to reach out to and gather responses from the stakeholders, include e.g. on-line surveys or case studies. The questionnaires, both for the public consultation as well as for potential targeted surveys, have been developed by the external Contractor, based on the questions and evaluation tasks provided in the Terms of Reference.

## **5. Awareness-raising**

DG HOME will set up a webpage dedicated to the preparation of this evaluation on the Europa website. This will serve to provide information on the evaluation, including the consultations and when they are expected to be held. The website will also provide a link to the public consultation and contain contact information for the Commission's services in charge of this policy initiative.

Additionally, in order to raise stakeholders' awareness about the evaluation in general and the consultation process in particular, all stakeholders will be asked to forward relevant information within their respective networks. Information about the evaluation will also be provided to other relevant groups.