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## **Council Conclusions on the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) Annual Report 2006**

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Luxembourg, 12 and 13 June 2007*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"Bearing in mind that the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) Annual Report 2006 deals, *inter alia*, with an overview of objectives for 2006 on institutional and organisational matters especially focused on

- a. adopting an amendment of the Council Decision originally founding the EUCPN,
- b. the Network's various meetings and events,
- c. the effective execution of the EUCPN work programme,
- d. further developing and extending the EUCPN website,
- e. developing the EUCPN's good practices knowledge database,
- f. reviewing the functioning of the Research and Validation Committee,

Bearing in mind that the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) Annual Report 2006 also gives an overview of the objectives for 2007, which are:

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- a. executing an internal check analysing the progress made by the Network since the start of the restructuring programme in 2005, the conclusions of which will include the potential for enhancing the Network's role in EU crime prevention and will form the basis for an external evaluation to take place in 2008,
  - b. enhancing 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. developing the Member State crime prevention policies page established on the EUCPN website at the end of 2006 by the addition of more policy areas to be completed by Member States,
  - d. establishing an interim Research and Validation Committee, in order to deliver an agreed work programme which will include an assessment of the function of the committee and the future provision of academic input to the Board's strategic planning process,
  - e. delivering the agreed work programme for the year while aiming to develop the Network's involvement in future Commission work programmes with an increased number of activities,
  - f. identifying likely partners and improve co-operation and collaboration with other European crime prevention networks and organisations;
  - g. playing a full part in identifying the policy needs for data on crime through a dedicated representative on the recently formed Commission Expert Group on Statistics,
  - h. exploring the areas where the Network could make recommendations during the year, particularly to the Commission and the Council.
1. Welcomes with interest the Annual Report 2006 of the EUCPN and endorses its content as set out in 6683/07 CRIMORG 40. (...) The Council suggests that, for future reports, the EUCPN should consider giving more information about specific results of projects supervised by the EUCPN in order to provide a better overview of the work carried out.
  2. Supports the objectives, scope and subjects set out for 2007 and outlined in the Annual Report 2006. In this respect, the Council also supports the decision taken by EUCPN members (...) to consider amending the 2001 Council Decision setting up the EUCPN as soon as the results of its external evaluation have been analysed.
  3. Welcomes the development of the EUCPN website as a platform for exchanging information on good practices in crime prevention, which can be useful for practitioners, academics as well as the political level and looks forward to the Network adding value to the website with all Member States actively contributing their crime prevention material.

4. Expresses its confidence in the EUCPN's potential as an efficient instrument for promoting good practices in the field of crime prevention, at European Union level and in Member States. In this respect the Council recognises with contentment that the EUCPN has taken up the Council's request and will explore the areas where recommendations can be made during the year.
  5. Is particularly aware of the importance of the co-operation and support to the EUCPN to the initiatives undertaken by the Commission. While the focus of the EUCPN's work is prevention of volume crime, the increasingly organised nature of some aspects of volume crime should not be ignored."
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