

Estonia

European Crime Prevention Award – 2024 Feedback Letter

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Dear ECPA participant,

The main objective of organising the Best Practice Conference – European Crime Prevention Award is to exchange information and good practices about crime prevention. Therefore, the Hungarian Presidency and the EUCPN Secretariat would like to thank you for entering into the competition, for taking the time to fill in the application form and presenting your project during the online Best Practice Conference.

Supporting crime prevention initiatives all over Europe is one of the main tasks of the European Crime Prevention Network. Therefore, we kindly offer you this feedback letter on your project. It reflects what has been said during the Jury meeting. It contains the strengths and weaknesses of your project and suggestions for improvements.

The Estonian project 're-entry services for ex-offenders' was applauded by the Jury for its comprehensive views on the causes of recidivism. They stated that the attitude shaping as well as the competence building are strong pillars of the project. Additionally, a good cooperation is described between all stakeholders, yet the Jury would have liked to gain better insights in how this cooperation was practically implemented. Finally, questions were raised on the contextual factors required for other member states to replicate this initiative, seeing it is tailored to the Estonian context.

Best regards,

The EUCPN Secretariat

The EUCPN also wants to explain the reasons for awarding the European Crime Prevention Award:



First place

The Jury awards the Czech project ‘Non-Profit Employment Agency RUBIKON’, first place. They deemed the focus of the project comprehensive as well as an important aspect of reintegration. Also the fact that a non-profit is taking the lead, creates a different type of cooperation that still involves a variety of partners. The Jury, however, stated that the project could become even more holistic by incorporating additional focus areas, such as the provision of housing.



Second place

The Jury awards the Finish project ‘Revion Rehabilitation Programme’ second place. They specifically praised the important focus on the target group that is over-represented in prison facilities, yet often overlooked. Additionally, the scientific base of the project as well as the work to improve professionals’ knowledge was deemed relevant for all European member states. The Jury did debate whether replication will be as feasible in countries lacking similar foundations.



Third place

The Jury awards the Danish project ‘Primus Motor’ (‘Driving Force’) third place. They commended the provision of peer support through the use of volunteers, particularly in combination with the target group. Especially, since the volunteering culture is not yet a common practice throughout Europe. Additionally, the Jury applauded the involvement of various partners to ensure good assistance as well as obtain relevant outcomes.