

# VACCINE – A CCI Newsletter

Because prevention is better than cure

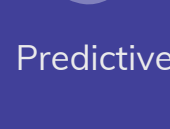
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## Welcome to the fourth issue of VACCINE – the CCI Newsletter!

The last few months have presented an array of challenges that we could never have predicted when we started the project in October 2018. Social distancing has become the norm across the world, and as a result we have changed the way we work.

Pulling together we continue to deliver the project with the same vigour as before; the impact of this will be clear in our next issue but for now our CCI partners continue to work on the four focus areas of the CCI project.



Predictive policing



Community policing



Crime Prevention through Urban Design and Planning (CP-UDP)



Measuring and mitigating citizens' feelings of insecurity

Following an excellent mid-term review by the EU Commission, LEAs have continued undertaking research and prototyping activities in order to support the development of toolkits from their focus areas. We are now moving to the next phase of the project where they will be demonstrating the tools created, with the help of CCI partner LOBA.

Consortium partner Efus with DSP will be working on the European Security Model (ESM) whilst DPT will be focusing on CCI webinars taking place from 2021.

You can view public deliverables from the project via CORDIS.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and continue to follow CCI on our journey throughout the project.

Best wishes,  
The CCI consortium

## About the Cutting Crime Impact (CCI) Project



The CCI project addresses high impact 'petty crime.' This is defined as non-organised crime taking place against people or property in towns and cities. This type of crime has a significant negative impact on European citizens' quality of life, community cohesion and the safety and security of the urban environment. Those living in deprived neighbourhoods and vulnerable groups are often the most seriously affected.

The CCI project seeks to support Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and security policymakers in adopting a preventative, evidence-based and sustainable approach to tackling high-impact petty crime.

## News

### Estonian Police focuses on CP-UDP

Author: Dorel Hiir, PJP



The Estonian Police and Border Guard (PJP) is one of six LEAs receiving support from the CCI project to develop a practical toolkit. We focus on CP-UDP.

Dorel Hiir, Project Manager, PJP said: "By participating in the CCI project we have been given the support of numerous experts which has not only helped us increase our knowledge but has ultimately led to the development of a toolkit that meets the Estonian Police authorities needs." Over two days in July ( 8 - 9 July 2020) PJP carried out prototyping of the first part of their toolkit, focusing on an interdisciplinary training program or police officers, architects and urban planners...

Full article available [HERE](#).

### Should police use algorithms?

Authors: Dr Oskar J. Gstrein and Dr Andrej Zwitter, RUG



One of the four focus areas of CCI is Predictive Policing (PP). It can be defined as 'the collection and analysis of data about previous crimes for identification and statistical prediction of individuals or geospatial areas with an increased probability of criminal activity to help developing policing intervention and prevention strategies and tactics' (Meijer & Wessels, 2019, p. 1033). While this algorithm based application of automated decision-making is relatively new, there is considerable debate about its usefulness, fairness, legitimacy and effectiveness (Richardson et al., 2019)...

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### CCI Webinar Series by DPT-I

Author: Dr Claudia Heinzlmann, DPT



Online events and online seminars are no longer novelties. The Covid-19 pandemic has given a particularly strong boost to digitalisation making online events an indispensable format. We are in a time when working from home has become the norm, a time when social and economic lockdown exists and when all face-to-face events are cancelled. Due to the face-to-face orientation of the CCI project and the international CCI consortium, regular online meetings are a matter of course for us. Therefore, it was clear to us that the communication of our exciting project and the dissemination of the project results should be spread both on-site - locally with our target groups - and online across as many countries and continents as possible. Therefore, DPT-I are offering a series of online seminars in which the project results will be presented and discussed with a broad international audience...

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## The Efus Safety Audit Guide: How the CCI Project has helped in adapting the guide to new challenges in Urban Security

Author: Pilar De La Torre, Efus



Drawing a clear picture of the security situation in a city and taking into account different perceptions of security held by different groups within that city is a crucial prerequisite for implementing effective security policies. The European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) has long promoted the centrality of this approach, which is reflected in a number of the forum's publications and projects (Efus, 2016).

The 2008 Guidance on Local Safety Audits: A compendium of International Practice first outlined the project's ambition to systemise evidence-based information collection in its projects and in the support it offers to its member cities. A follow-up to the 2008 Compendium and a reflection of the evolution of methodologies and focus areas during the previous decade, the 2016 publication of Methods and Tools for a Strategic Approach to Urban Security embeds the Safety Audit in a larger framework: The Strategic Approach to Urban Security...

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### Interesting reads

The changing shape of crime in the COVID-19 pandemic



Policy Report | Preventing Violent Extremism - Current Debates in Europe



COPKIT's Secure Test Lab - A test platform for research evaluation on security data



Predictive Policing – Continue, drop or redesign?



Research Article | A field experiment on community policing and police legitimacy



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