



Dear Marta,

On 11-12 December 2013 this year's European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) was presented in Vilnius, Lithuania. It was again a great success since 18 countries participated with their best national crime prevention projects, focusing on the theme 'Prevention in domestic violence'. Therefore, we would like to thank everyone involved, for their participation and their ongoing support.

Your country entered the project '**The land of fire-flies – Pilot programme on prevention of violence against small children**'.

As prescribed in the rules of procedure, the project was subjected to an attentive and critical evaluation by a jury of experts. Unfortunately, your project was not elected as one of the three short-listed winners. The following comments and recommendations were made:

'This is an innovative, interesting and clever project. The jury appreciates that the project focuses on a very young group, which is normally not targeted, and that it makes use of new approaches (psychological trainings). Additionally, this project can be easily implemented and it could be interesting to test it in different countries and to further develop it later on for primary school. Nevertheless, it is a small pilot programme and more emphasis on the evaluation would be worthwhile because of its innovativeness. There was no information on how many cases of domestic violence were identified after the programme, although the identification of domestic violence against young children was one its main targets. The results are also difficult to interpret because of the very young age of the target group. It was sometimes difficult to understand what exactly the project tries to achieve and how it works in practice (e.g., What does it mean in a classroom when certain information comes out? What happens next? How does it work exactly?).'

We would like to thank you for your participation and we hope to welcome your country again at the ECPA 2014.

If you want more information about the ECPA and the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN), you can visit our website www.eucpn.org.

Kind regards,

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