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In Focus



Truth and Dare!

Usudi se Campaign Achieves Visible Results

Working on the premise that the fight against crime can be effective only if all segments of the society are involved, in the past two months EU Police Mission and BiH law enforcement agencies implemented the Dare! campaign, which appealed to the public to share the information on criminal acts with the police via the anonymous Krimolovci (Crime Stoppers) hotline.

Such approach allowed for immediately visible campaign results, as the number of calls to the Krimolovci hotline maintained the increase of more than 300 percent throughout the campaign.

"The numbers went up on the very first weekend following the launch of Dare! and maintained the pace throughout," says Kilian Wahl, Chief EUPM Press and Public Information Department. "This is one of the cam-

paign's success indicators. Both the numbers and quality of calls proves that we were successful in getting the message across."

Success indicators

The 300 percent rise translates to 2188 calls received between September 19 and November 5. Of these, 494 calls were actionable and thus forwarded to the relevant police agencies for further proceedings. Most of the received calls pertain to production and smuggling of drugs, possession and smuggling of weapons, abuse of office, corruption at universities, and financial crime.

As an illustration, following the intelligence received through the hotline, Sarajevo Canton Police searched private and business facilities of an individual in Ilidza and Hadzici municipalities, where they found and seized a number of armaments.

BiH Border Police worked on similar cases. "The Dare campaign which Border Police has been actively involved in is yet another useful way to encourage citizens of BiH to cooperate with police agencies in the fight against all sorts of crime," says Vinko Dumancic, Director of BiH Border Police. "Judging by the number of calls, I can say that the campaign has accomplished its objective."

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Editorial

Milorad Barašin,
Acting State Prosecutor

Knowing what I do for living, my friends, colleagues, and neighbours often ask me if there is any hope for our country to beat organised crime and corruption.

I have been doing a prosecutor's job for more than 20 years now and I know that every fight against crime needs an action by judicial and police bodies, but also public awareness that every form of crime is an extremely damaging occurrence which has to be sanctioned.

This is why criminal persecution of those who perpetrated organised crime needs, first of all, awareness, courage, and professionalism of prosecutors and police, as well as assistance and cooperation of citizens and institutions.

Citizen awareness of the need to report crime is exceptionally important.

Citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina must not let their worries of everyday existence lead them into apathy and indifference towards social occurrences, especially criminal ones. Moreover, citizens must be aware of their moral obligation to testify in cases of organised crime and cooperate with police and prosecutors. There should be no hesitation to appear as witnesses since we can all be victims one day and would need somebody to testify for us in order to serve justice.

Successful fight against organised crime also demands good technical and personnel factors of the law enforcement agencies. Criminals skillfully misuse modern technologies to commit criminal offences, which is why police and prosecutors have to be properly equipped. This need was recognised long ago. With the assistance from the government institutions and the International Community, there is a constant and continuous process of equipping and training of police and prosecutorial personnel for the fight against contemporary forms of crime.

Criminals know no state borders nor do they care about ethnicity. This is exactly the reason good cooperation is needed between police and prosecutors at both regional and international level. We are happy about the progress in the European integration which will enable Bosnia and Herzegovina to join the European associations of prosecutors and police in the future (EUROJUST and EUROPOL), so that the country will be given access to qualitative databases and cooperation with colleagues from the European countries in the fight against crime.

I would like to use this opportunity to appeal to citizens once again to cooperate with police and prosecutors and thus help create better security environment for us all in Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially our children and future generations. ■



State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) has been managing the influx of calls to *Krimolovci* and ensuring that the information are disseminated to relevant police agencies. SIPA Director Mirko Lujic expressed confidence about the work of *Krimolovci* hotline. "Handling intelligence and assessing its importance is quite a demanding job. This is why SIPA appoints highly educated and skilful police officers with a background in law and criminal science to manage the hotline."

Community response

Dare! campaign provided a platform for active participation of all community stakeholders who wanted to give their support to the police in the fight against crime, as there is room for everyone to contribute to the security of the country. Following are just some examples of the citizens and the police taking concrete action in the promotion and implementation of the campaign's message.

Tuzla Canton Public Transport Company (GIPS) decided to assist their police in getting a message across and informing citizens about the importance of sharing information about crime. Thus, hundreds of buses are currently driving around the Tuzla Canton, proudly showcasing the *Krimolovci* logo and campaign posters.

"In the past, our drivers have been assaulted numerous times," says GIPS Director Mladan Lazic. "Some have been shot at. We wish to implement this action for the sake of safety of both our passengers and employees."

In scope of *Dare!*, Ljubuski Police initiated cooperation NGO La Strada, which focuses on the fight against human trafficking and prejudice attached to it. The cooperation between two institutions started through a series of workshops for police officers.

"The workshops focus on the issue of protection of victims in the investigation proceedings," says Fadila Hadzic, Director of La Strada BiH. "What happens often is that a victim is mistaken for a prostitute. There is a great difference between the two." We are to learn how to become a third, neutral side and how to act in a prejudice-free manner towards women trafficked for sexual exploitation," says Damir Cutura, Ljubuski Police Spokesperson.

Although the campaign is officially drawing to a close, its message will echo on through the efforts of BiH police and local communities. Thus, very symbolically, the campaign closure will be marked with a new beginning - a modern tool for fight against crime, the *Krimolovci* website, which will be launched by EUPM Commissioner Stefan Feller and SIPA Director Lujic on the 21 November. ■

Dare!

Taxi Drivers Promote Cooperation With Police

Since the beginning of the Dare! anti-crime campaign, Brcko District Police have been successfully promoting the project through a number of activities, including the distribution of promotional material to drivers and citizens through traffic police patrols.



■ Brcko taxi drivers support *Dare!* Campaign

These activities prompted the Brcko District Association of Taxi Drivers, "Taxi", to take part in the promotion of the *Dare!* campaign by displaying *Krimolovci* posters and stickers on their cars, which attracted great attention in town.

"We decided to join the campaign because our Association has a good cooperation with the police," says Denis Selimbasic, President of the "Taxi" Association. "We work together all the time and taxi drivers welcome the campaign. We also want to do what's in our power to motivate citizens to support the police and help them fight crime."

Brcko taxi drivers also wear caps and T-shirts with *Krimolovci* logo, saying they will continue wearing them as long as the weather is nice and they do not need warmer clothes.

"These days it is our uniform," says Selimbasic.

According to Halid Emkic, Spokesperson of the Brcko District Police, citizens' response to the campaign is very positive.

"Citizens welcome the campaign and we received many compliments for the promotional material. The brochure and leaflet contain very useful information for citizens. We are very pleased with their response. I think that the campaign reached its objective in Brcko District," concludes Emkic, giving additional credit to the local media who covered all activities and promoted the campaign in a number of talk shows. ■

Krimolovci Quiz launched on Radio Orasje

Wishing to get the Dare! campaign closer to the citizens and test its effects in the same time, Posavina Canton Police organised a series of campaign-related quizzes on cantonal radio stations, starting with the most popular Radio Orasje.

"Radio Orasje was the pilot project, which was successfully implemented," says Josip Dominkovic, Posavina Canton Police Spokesperson.

Questions covered all relevant details - from the name of the campaign, objectives, target groups, types of crime, to the *Krimolovci* phone number and difference between *Krimolovci* and 122.

"The most important question refer-

red to the difference between the two police numbers," adds Dominkovic. "I am proud that the listeners knew that 122 was the phone for immediate police intervention unlike *Krimolovci* which citizens use if they wish to anonymously share information with police about criminal activities."

Five listeners who answered all the questions were awarded with *Dare!* promotional gadgets, such as T-shirts and baseball caps.

"I am particularly happy with the fact that all five of them were youngsters," concludes Dominkovic. "We are continuing with this activity throughout the canton, looking for ways to expand it." ■



Dare! Workshop Attracts Roma Children

Members of Suedost Europe Kultur Center NGO from Zivinice organised a workshop on the Dare! campaign for Roma children from this region.

"The teachers presented the campaign to the children by telling them stories about different situations from everyday life, such as examples of kidnapping or physical assault cases, in order to raise their attention on one hand, and re-build their confidence and trust in police on the other," said Suedost Europe Kultur Center Project Coordinator Faruk Delic.

At the workshop, teachers handed out campaign educational material to the kids,



Roma children ask questions during the Dare! workshop

using this opportunity to once again underline the situations in life the children should be avoiding.

"Our main goal was to grab the chance

and teach those kids to trust their police while they are still very young. Roma children are being neglected in this society and they have no confidence in the police," Delic pointed out, saying that the kids reacted very positively.

Members of Suedost Europe Kultur Center from Zivinice see their work on the Dare! campaign as a special type of education.

"Our children are now getting involved and once their stands with regard to these issues have been created, they will be able to help other people in trouble, or motivate them to get involved in fight against any type of crime," concluded Delic. ■

They said:



"A successful outcome of a police operation very much depends on coordination amongst police institutions and good cooperation with citizens. This is exactly what the campaign will address, and what we will strive to change - the reluctance of citizens to come forward with information".

Brigadier General Vincenzo Coppola,
former EUPM Head of Mission
BHT, September 19

"Since the launch of the campaign the number of calls to the Krimolovci hotline has increased by 300 percent, which means that we attracted the attention of citizens and that makes us extremely pleased".



Lejla Trivun, Spokesperson of
Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Mol
Dnevni list, October 14

Web portal Svejijesti.ba launches an initiative aimed at reporting cases of corruption at universities across Bosnia and Herzegovina. EUPM encourages students to report corruption cases to anonymous hotline *Krimolovci* at 080 020 505.

Oslobodjenje, September 25

"I fully support this campaign because previous campaigns have yielded good results, which means that this campaign will be successful as well. Our relations and cooperation with citizens is one of our primary goals, and we are going to prove that. The main objective of the Police Administration is to create good cooperation with citizens, otherwise we can't expect good results".



Himzo Djonko,
Police Commissioner of
Herzegovina-Neretva Canton
Dnevni List, October 15

"The main objective of the "Dare!" campaign, which the EU Police Mission is implementing with BiH police agencies, is to motivate citizens to provide information to the police. The extremely good response from the citizens proves that the campaign is achieving its objective: to make BiH a safer place".

Brigadier General
Vincenzo Coppola, former
EUPM Head of Mission
Dnevni avaz,
October 5

"Calls registered by *Krimolovci* hotline in regards to Livno area included information on drugs dealing, economic crime, office abuse and abuse of authority, property crimes such as thefts, aggravated thefts, timber theft and crimes against citizens' safety. Out of 16 calls, 14 yielded police action".

Ivica Vrdoljak, Spokesperson
of Livno Canton Mol
Nezavisne novine,
October 21

"In order for the police to be able to successfully fight against all these widespread forms of crime, it is crucial to have the support of citizens, including the media. Only then can this fight be made more efficient."



Mirko Lujic,
Director of the State Investigation
and Protection Agency (SIPA)
BHT, September 19

"Lectures, held for high schools students, represent one segment of fight against organized crime. In this way we invite all students and all citizens of East Sarajevo to report the perpetrators of any crime and share with us any information that might lead to their capture and subsequent successful trial. Each one of us can play an important role in fight against crime".



Danka Tesic,
PSC East Sarajevo Spokesperson.
Glas Srpske, October 30

Dare! Campaign: Police officers hold awareness sessions for secondary school students in Visegrad.

Glas Srpske, October 23

Citizens report illegal weapons: More than 600 calls to *Krimolovci* hotline.

Vecernji list, October 5

EUPM has a Record of Successful Work in BiH

As Brigadier General Stefan Feller took his post as Head of EU Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina on November 10, he found a few minutes to share his thoughts and views of the upcoming period with the readers of the Mission Mag.

First of all, Commissioner Feller, a warm welcome to the Mission. It's your first day today. How do you feel?

I feel very well. I was really looking forward to arriving here from the moment I learned that the Secretary General/High Representative Javier Solana would suggest my appointment. This is what I wanted. So I enjoy this first day very much.

You know the mission, your predecessors and the region very well.

I have been a close friend and admirer of Sven Frederiksen, the first commissioner of the EUPM, and this very first day in what was once his office brings back memories of a highly valued friend and colleague whom I had the pleasure to meet for the first time in Kosovo, when he was the police commissioner of UNMIK and I acted as his deputy in 2000. I had the honour to become his successor in Kosovo. Later on, when I was appointed Head of the Police Unit in Brussels, I worked with Kevin Carty and Vincenzo Coppola. I am arriving here with quite some knowledge about the Mission, but I also have to take this as a clean sheet.

What are your priorities and objectives?

We are already in mid November. Year 2008 is almost over. This is a critical time where we have to identify the mission's priorities for 2009. We have to look at our mandate in order to see as to how we will continue to best support the overall process and role of the European Union in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I have certain ideas, but first of all, I will use the coming days to meet with the senior staff of EUPM, to meet with our local partners and the partners in the wider International Communities in

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order to hear their views and assessments. I want to develop strategic priorities jointly and to have a plan agreed among all of the relevant players in BiH and in Brussels.

Prior to your appointment as Head of Mission, you have been holding a key function in the CPCC in Brussels. Does this mean that you were sent with some sort of political mandate?

Clearly not. I am a police officer and have been appointed Head of a Police Mission. Having said that, for me, as is the case for all other HoMs, it is vital to understand that the mandate of EUPM has to be seen in the wider context of the overall European Union engagement in BiH and the region. The European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) is political by nature. However, if there are any guidelines from Brussels then they would be to best implement the mandate of this Mission, which is a professional mandate of a technical nature. It is not a political mandate.

You mentioned our mandate which is based on three pillars: police reform, support to the local police fight against

organized crime and police accountability. Where are we with police reform?

With the implementation of the mandate of what we call EUPM Two, the mission and in particular my predecessor Vincenzo Coppola assumed a visible and very important role in supporting the police reform process in BiH. This process has yielded results. Those results are notably the laws on police reform which have ultimately led to the signing of the SAA. Currently, we are in the implementation phase of those laws. This process requires further support from the EUPM which we are proactively offering to the local institutions. We will continue to assess the implementation process and - if there is a need - we will provide recommendations. I think we have been perceived in the past as an unbiased professional partner, and I believe that not least for that, the local authorities have appreciated our advice. This is something which we will continue.

Regarding the second pillar i.e. the EUPM's support to the local police fight against organized and serious crimes...

...this is certainly at the heart of the mandate of EUPM: The support, the strengthening of the capabilities and capacities of the police forces of Bosnia

and Herzegovina in the fight against organized and other serious crime. Corruption should also be mentioned in this context. It is too early for me to make a detailed analysis of the situation in BiH and to map out concrete plans. But my national experience and my previous international experiences in the Balkans and at Brussels level tells me that this is a very complex and a lengthy process which requires patience. Recent arrests and successful large scale police operations indicate that we are on the right track. But we have to see whether those positive developments are sustainable. We are not there yet and continued support is needed and also appreciated by our local partners.

You just mentioned corruption. What about police accountability.

Accountability influences the overall performance of the police but also - very important - influences how the police is being perceived by the citizens they serve. Our inspections give us insight into the quality - the level of professionalism - the lawfulness of police organizations in BiH. This is extremely important as it enables us to identify areas that need to be improved. Through that, we can actually develop recommendations on what should be done and set clear benchmarks. With regards to the public image of the police, I would, on general note, observe that almost everywhere I

worked there was a difference in public opinion when it comes to two questions: How important is a public institution? Police will usually be top-ranking. If you then ask 'how satisfied are you with the services of the police?' you would get an unexpected different result which is not very high. It would not surprise me if this was the case in BiH as well. So it is not about asking how much valued the police is but whether the citizens are satisfied with the quality of their services. We should observe this through public opinion surveys and identify trends.

Do you foresee changes to the structure of the mission or to the mandate?

I cannot see the need for drastic changes. EUPM has a proven record of successful work in BiH. I want to specifically mention my friend and esteemed colleague Enzo Coppola for what he achieved in the past years. It's been tremendous and I am proud to continue serving the same purpose and to follow his footsteps. As you know, the current mandate of the mission runs until the end of 2009. When it comes to the internal organization of the mission or mission

procedures, I have no indication that there is a need for major changes. Any drastic change would need the approval of our political and professional masters in Brussels. Clearly, I'm not here to implement pre-defined concepts.

The metaphor I often use in order to illustrate my way of thinking is that I compare what we do here in BiH with a marathon run. It is important to be realistic about how much energy is needed in order to assess the right speed for the 42-point-some-what kilometers. I have done a couple of marathons myself. I know what happens if you are speeding up too quickly in the beginning. You won't get anywhere. You will have to give up after kilometer 20 or 25. On the other hand, if you started too slowly, you will at some point realize that you will not meet your own expectations and capabilities. The marathon run is becoming very important after kilometer 35, because whatever you did before, if you don't have the energy and the dedication to uphold the speed after kilometer 35, you will fail. I serve EUPM during the time when we need to uphold the speed, uphold the utmost professional dedication and motivation in order to achieve the long term objective of the mission. ■

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Curriculum Vitae

Stefan Feller

Nationality: German

Place and date of birth: Grebenau , 28 January, 1958.

Before, Stefan Feller was Head of the Police Unit within the Directorate for Civilian Crisis Management in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. With the establishment of the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) in August 2007, he was appointed Head of Operations for all Civilian Missions within the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) under the Civilian Operation Commander.

Feller participated in a Fact Finding Mission to Iraq in 2004, led a Fact Finding Mission to Darfur in 2005, participated in a Fact Finding Mission to the Palestine Territories in 2005 and led a Fact Finding Mission to Afghanistan in 2006.

A German police officer for 32 years, Feller holds a national rank equivalent to Brigadier General (OF6). His 18 years in senior command positions include a diverse range of operational and strategic experience in national and international law enforcement

activities, cooperation between the Police and the Military, international combat of Organised Crime and international police development and support. Prior to his current functions, Feller held two senior command positions in the field of international police work with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) as Deputy Commissioner, Operations (2001 - 2002) and as Police Commissioner (2002 - 2004).

He holds degrees in Public Administration from the German Federal Police Academy for Senior Management and the College for Public Administration.

Feller is a member of the Council of Experts within the International Network for the Promotion of the Rule of Law (INPROL), established and maintained by the United States Institute for Peace (USIP). He is a founding member of the International Police Advisory Council (IPAC), a body of international experts established by the United Nations DPKO in support of its Police Division. ■

Internet: New Crime-Fighting Tool in BiH



On November 21, within the scope of Dare! public information campaign, EU Police Mission will launch a new crime fighting tool - Krimolovci website - which will create a trilogy with the other two elements of the same system, the crime hotline and "Unsolved cases" ("Nerijesen slucaj") TV show.

The trio, as the prime communication vehicles of Dare! campaign, aim to create a new culture of greater civic responsibility to fight crime, and to enable the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina to actively participate in improving safety and security of their country.

The website will allow easy access to information on Krimolovci and answers to some frequently asked questions for all Internet users. Its equally important purpose is to offer citizens a possibility to file a complaint in writing, feature solved and unsolved cases, and in general serve as a forum for promotion of police work.

Connect and communicate

"This is an extraordinary two-way communication tool," explains Kilian Wahl, Head of EUPM's Press and Public Information Department. *"Police will use it as a platform to call upon citizens for information about particular cases and citizens can use it to address any concerns about their security or for complaints about a police officer's behavior."*

Krimolovci website also aims to keep the number and quality of calls and written reports at an ascending inclination, promote follow-up police actions, and involve more



people in the intelligence-providing process. The BiH police find both the hotline and TV broadcast extremely useful in their work, and they think that launching a Krimolovci website would help even more, particularly in reaching out to younger population and BiH Diaspora.

"In any fight against crime - and especially when it comes to organised crime - it is important that we maintain the support of the general population," says Brian Donley, EUPM's Chief Adviser to SIPA. *"But this is a partnership and the anti-crime campaign is trying to forge that partnership even further than it is at present, and build on the successes of the Crime hotline to date."*

Success trend

All police agencies in BiH will contribute to the system with success stories, but one of them - the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) - will be in charge of the website. In order to set and ensure the highest standard and quality, the website will be

managed and maintained by the EUPM for the first year of functioning, after which it will be handed over to SIPA, which has proven to be a credible partner in maintaining Krimolovci hotline and has the leading role in the fight against organised crime.

Since the beginning of Dare! Campaign, Krimolovci hotline saw a 300 percent increase in the number calls from citizens, who reported various crime activities throughout the country.

In same time, TV show "Nerijesen slucaj" received more than 70 calls just during the season opening programme, out of which 16 were significant pieces of information on the current cases.

Obviously, in the light of Dare! campaign, the crime stoppers system is working like a 'well oiled machine' and, even more importantly, citizens are willing to call and provide useful intelligence to the police. With this, Krimolovci website will be another useful tool in successful fight against all forms of crime in BiH. ■

Police in BiH

Miletic appointed Vice Chairman of SEPCA

Zlatko Miletic, Director of Federation Police Administration, has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Association of Police Chiefs of South Eastern Europe (SEPCA) in the meeting of the Executive Board of SEPCA in Zagreb on 24 October. Croatian Police Chief Vladimir Feber was appointed Chairman of SEPCA.

Along with Miletic and Feber, the meeting attendees were Serbian Police Chief Milorad Veljovic, Bulgarian Police Chief Pavlin Dimitrov, Executive Secretary-General of SEPCA Stanislav Bezovsky, and other members of the secretariat.

The participants discussed joint projects, improvement of police cooperation, and exchange of information and data relevant to the work of all police agencies in the region.

"We are continuing our cooperation in all aspects, particularly in regards to the fight against organised crime," said Miletic. *"The idea is, and I hope my colleagues will accept it, that besides SEPCA meetings, we get together on monthly basis and discuss present topics."*

SEPCA was founded on 20 January 2002 on the initiative of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and within the Canadian Regional Training and Support Project



■ Zlatko Miletic

(CRTSP) aiming to reinforce the capacity of national armed forces and police to carry out their legitimate functions, and to preserve the secure and democratic nature of the societies they represent.

SEPCA currently has ten members coming from Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH and RS), Macedonia and Moldova. ■

Border Police Officers Stand Against Corruption

Hardly any day passes without the Border Police of BiH discovering and preventing smuggling and trafficking activities. Recently, a Montenegrin citizen who offered them a bribe to let Turkish citizens who did not have the appropriate documentation into the country, was arrested.

At the end of October, four Turkish citizens tried to enter BiH territory via the Zupci border crossing point, close to Trebinje. Since they did not have appropriate documentation, the BiH Border Police denied them entrance. Their guide and driver, a Montenegrin citizen, then offered the Border Police officers €600 to 'close their eyes' and let them in. Instead, the Border Police arrested the Montenegrin guide for bribery.

"We were checking a vehicle with a Montenegro licence plate that was driven by a citizen of Montenegro and had four Turkish citizens as passengers," remembers one of the BP officers who were on duty on that day. "However, we established that the Turkish citizens did not meet the requirements to enter and stay in BiH. It is then that they offered us a €600 Euro bribe."

The Border Police informed the offender that according to the Criminal Code of Republika Srpska, bribery is a punishable criminal offence, arrested him and took him to the Border Police Head-



quarters in Trebinje. The man was then handed over to the Prosecutor's Office in Trebinje and the €600 will be kept as evidence.

The Border Police was one of first law enforcement agencies in BiH that set up an 'Anti-Corruption' policy and strategy in 2007. Since then, they made significant progress in fight against corruption within their ranks. ■

Newcomers

The Mission wishes a warm welcome to the following colleagues who have recently arrived from France, Germany and United Kingdom.



FRANCE



Jacky Demoulin, 42, joined EUPM as the **Crime Adviser with Republika Srpska Ministry of Interior in EUPM's Banja Luka Regional Office**. Back in France, he is the warrant officer and station commander in the French gendarmerie.

He is a university graduated with 19 years of police experience as an officer dealing with criminal investigations, and working in surveillance and intervention unit. His previous international police mission experience includes UNMIBH IPTF - BRCKO as team leader in 1999 and EUPM - BIJE-LJINA as project officer in 2003 -2004. He is married, with two daughters (19 and 13 years old). His favorite free time activity is jogging.



GERMANY



Joerg Hinderer, 39, joined the EUPM as **SIPA Field Adviser Tuzla**. He has the rank of Police Chief Inspector (Captain). Back in Germany, he was working as Shift Leader in Patrol Service at Police Station Neckarsulm in Baden-Wuerttemberg.

His work experience before joining police includes two years of training as chemical-technical-assistant, two years of training and duty as army paramedic, three years of training as an electronic engineer at Mercedes-Benz, and two years of study at technical college for electronic engineering. He started the police career in 1995, which included studying at the police college of public administration up to 2000. Since then, he worked as the Patrol

Leader and Shift Leader in patrol service in different police stations, staff member at Police Directorate Heilbronn and Deputy Chief of CID burglary squad. He also trained young officers who joined the police college. This is his first international police mission. He was motivated to join the EUPM because he was interested in work with international police officers and "looking over the fence". He is married, with two children age 9 and 12. His favorite free time activities are running, indoor-climbing, squash and gym. His hobbies are reading, movies, and "everything about Norway".



UNITED KINGDOM



Ian Andrews, 46, joined EUPM as **Team Leader of Border Police's North East Field Office in Bijeljina**.

With his 28-year experience in UK police, he has the rank of Detective Inspector. He worked in the city of Nottingham for 25 years and then in Wales for the last three. In Nottingham, he was a part of the murder investigation team, with some involvement in intelligence and surveillance work, plus routine CID. This is his first mission abroad. When asked what motivated him to join the EUPM, Ian said: "I think maybe my work in Wales was a bit too peaceful and quiet, this seemed like a good challenge and a change of scenery. I was initially going to Iraq, but I think Bosnia will be more enjoyable. Also I have never met anyone who has been on a mission who did not want to go on another one - I could not bare to think I was missing out." He is married, with twin 11 year-old-sons. His favorite free time activities are diving and skiing.



Eric Phelps, 39, joined EUPM as **Advisor to SIPA**. He has the rank of Detective Inspector with the Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) in English, Law and Classics and the Master of Social Sciences - International Conflict. Before joining the

police, he taught English in Copenhagen for Cambridge Institute Foundation. Back in UK, his field of expertise and police experience includes working as the Senior Investigating Officer overseeing serious criminal investigations. He has been working at the Police National Information and Coordination Centre (PNICC) - the strategic arm of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) at New Scotland Yard. This unit is responsible for coordinating national police response to extraordinary events, such as the London bombings; the Asian tsunami and the failed transatlantic airline bombing plot. He was also briefing the then Prime Minister Tony Blair on specific policing issues. He completed a secondment at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, North Carolina, USA where he exchanged ideas on community policing initiatives, looking at gang culture; drug and alcohol related crime; homicide, as well as general neighborhood policing. His latest role involved managing investigations relating to domestic violence offences; homophobia-related crime and race hate crime. His previous international police mission experience includes work in IPTF UN Mission Human Trafficking Unit based in Mostar and Banja Luka, BiH in 2001. On his motivations to join the EUPM, Eric said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my last experience and feel that I can genuinely make a positive contribution to policing in BiH." He enjoys travelling and meeting people from all parts of the world. ■

The valley of golden health

Although located only 50km west of Sarajevo, Fojnica is not on any main crossroads. It is not a stop-over on the way to Zenica or a place for a coffee break during a long trip the coast. Its citizens usually say that Fojnica is not a point in a journey, but it is the end of the road, it is simply a destination. And you will understand why when you come to this peaceful valley.

Bosnian El Dorado

The city is first mentioned in official documents in 1365, when miners came from Germany and Dubrovnik to develop this ore-rich area. Throughout the centuries, Fojnica flourished because of its rich gold and silver deposits, which made it a trade center at the time. According to the BiH Tourist Bureau, after the invasion of the Ottomans in the late 15th century, Fojnica recorded 329 families. As a comparison, in that same period Mostar, a city now 20 times the size of Fojnica, recorded only 19 dwellings.

Something for the body...

Thanks to its geographical position and rich history, Fojnica has much to offer to visitors today. If you wish to unwind after a long work week, there is the thermal spa *Reumal*, the most prominent resort in South-Central Europe. Amongst other

things, they offer anti-stress-, weight loss-, and wellness programs, guaranteeing energy renewal thanks to their healing thermal waters.

For those who prefer physical activities to massages, there are *gold-sifting tours* where those interested can try their luck in finding this precious metal in the rivers and streams, while also learning the skill - you never know when you might find yourself around an unexplored stream with a glistening bottom...

Adventure types can also choose cave tours, or hiking to the nearby *Prokos mountain lake*, looking for endemic species called triton, a reptile which is a post-glacial relict, protected by law. The lake is also rich in trout and a fisherman's paradise. A daily fishing permit costs 20KM, while an annual license is 100KM. The surrounding woods and mountains are alive with game like bears, deer, boars, as well as smaller animals. The local hunting club has four hunting lodges with 75 beds.

...and something for the mind

However, no matter what someone's unwinding preferences are, there is one



■ Franciscan monastery

place that no visitor of Fojnica should miss - the *Franciscan monastery*. Built at its current location around 1530, the monastery is a witness and a storyteller of Bosnian history. In its priceless museum and archive you will find a unique 15th century Armorial that is one of the most important sources for the medieval insignia and genealogy of South-Central Europe. There is also the *Ahdnama*, the oldest declaration of human rights known in history, an oath which sultan Mehmed the Conqueror gave to Bosnian Franciscans on 1463, regulating their status and guaranteeing their religious freedom.

And on your way back, after a revitalizing time in Fojnica, don't forget to stop by *Naksibendi Order tekija* (an old dervish house) and enjoy the numerous beautiful waterfalls of the *Kozica River*. ■

USEFUL LINKS

www.fojnica.ba/reumal - "Reumal" thermal spa (local and English)

www.fojnicatours.com - organized tours and accomodation offers (local, English, German, French)

www.samostan.ba - Franciscan monastery (local only)

In BiH

Human Rights Film Festival Starts in Sarajevo



The third edition of *Pravo Ljudski* Human Rights Film Festival, an event which addresses current matters of social relevance through film and thereby opens up space for discussion on human rights issues, will be held in Sarajevo November 13-16.

The festival will present 17 documentaries from BiH, the region and the world, focusing on this year's topics - women, injustice, and corruption.

Pravo Ljudski will open with the screening of "*The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo*", a shocking exposé of a decade-old epidemic of kidnap-

ping, rape and torture of women and girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The film's author, Emmy award winner Lisa F. Jackson, will hold a Q&A session after the viewing, followed by the public discussion on rape as the weapon of war.

The festival will open in Meeting Point Cinema at 18:00 on November 13, while the screenings and discussions on the following days will be held in Dom Armije.

For the complete programme, visit the web site of the *Pravo Ljudski* festival at www.pravoljudski.org. ■



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