



# BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

## The Balkan Homicide Study

in Context of the Partner Group's  
Scientific Capacity Building in the Balkans

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- **PURPOSE:** promoting junior scientists via international research cooperation
- **GOAL:** Balkan Criminology
- MPPG in Zagreb covering all 13 Balkan countries
- scientific capacity building through regional research
- 02/2013 – 04/2019  
annual budget 20.000€





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## 3 questions:

- MPG's purpose fulfilled?
- our goal reached?
- resources spent efficiently?





# GEO-SCIENTIFIC SCOPE of Balkan Criminology



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- 'mappings'
  - criminology
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  - victimology
  - violence



ISRD3 & juvenile delinquency in the Balkans

Trafficking in Human Beings in the Balkans

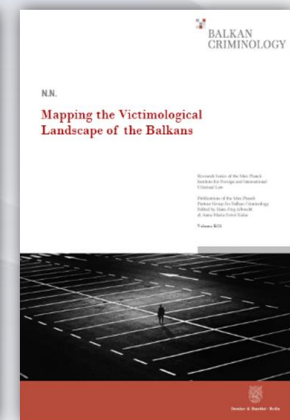
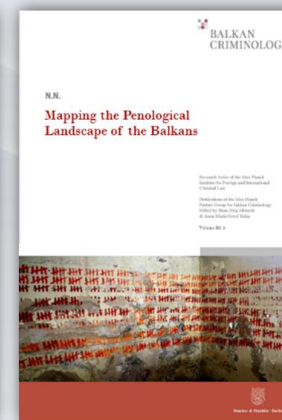
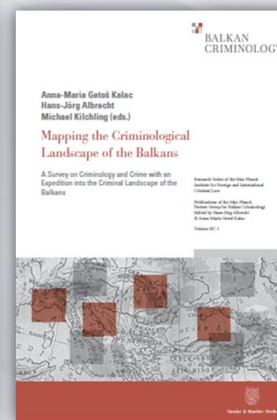
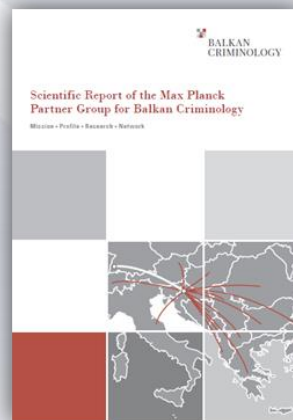
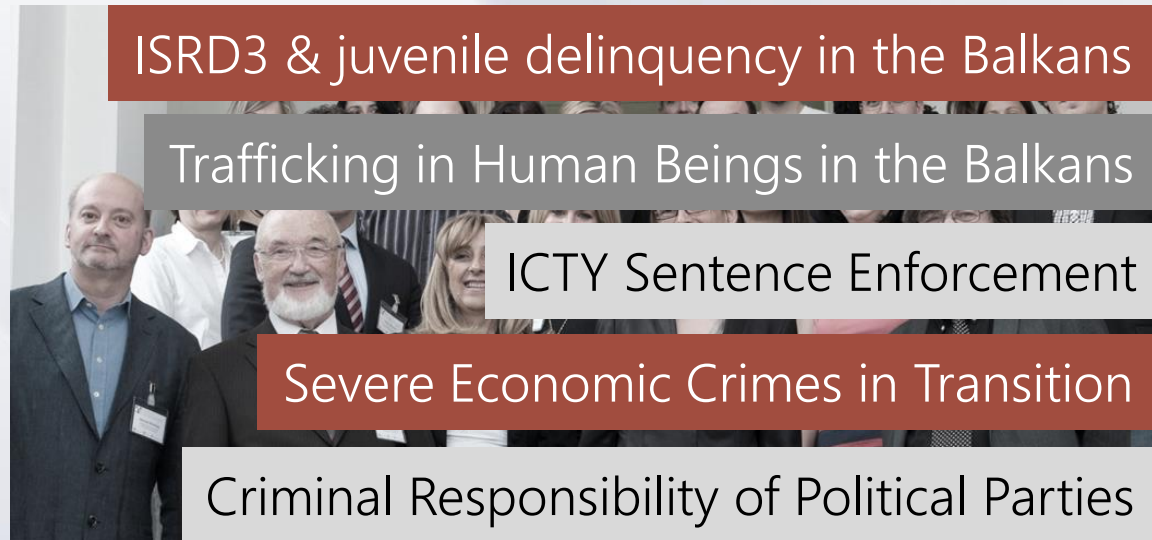
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Severe Economic Crimes in Transition

Criminal Responsibility of Political Parties

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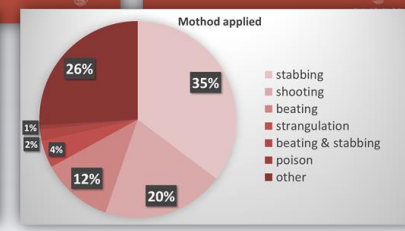
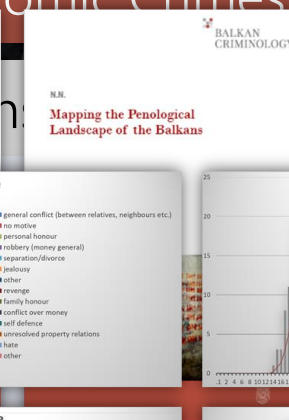
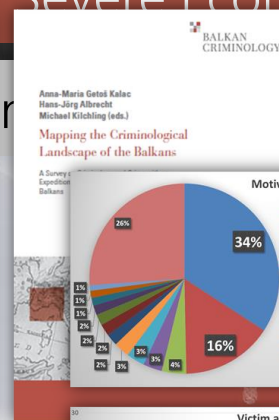
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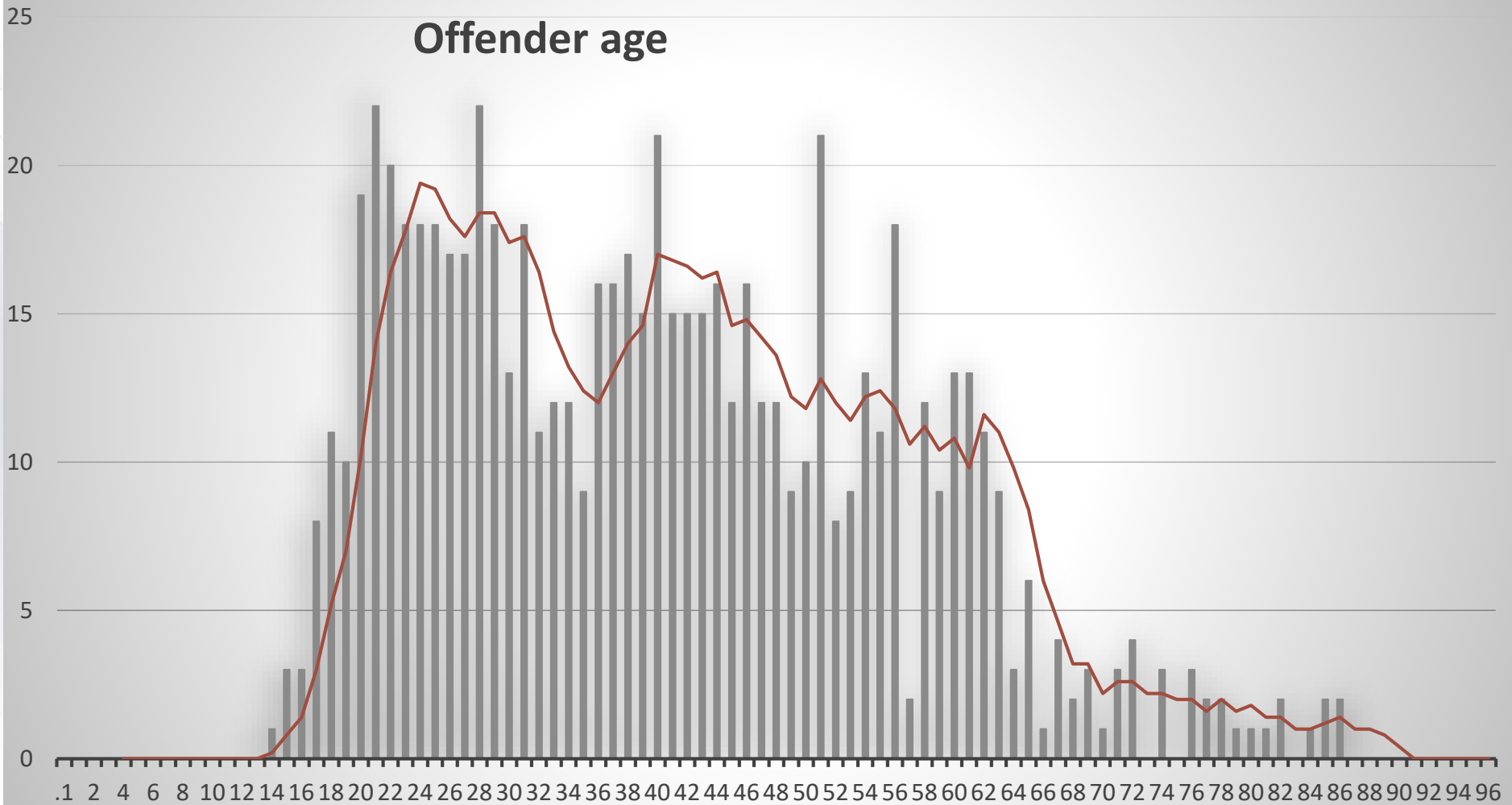
## Balkan Homicide Study

- Balkan stereotype
- normative & empirical comparative study
- 3.000 case file analysis; 100 variables
- first findings from Croatia (N=686 cases)



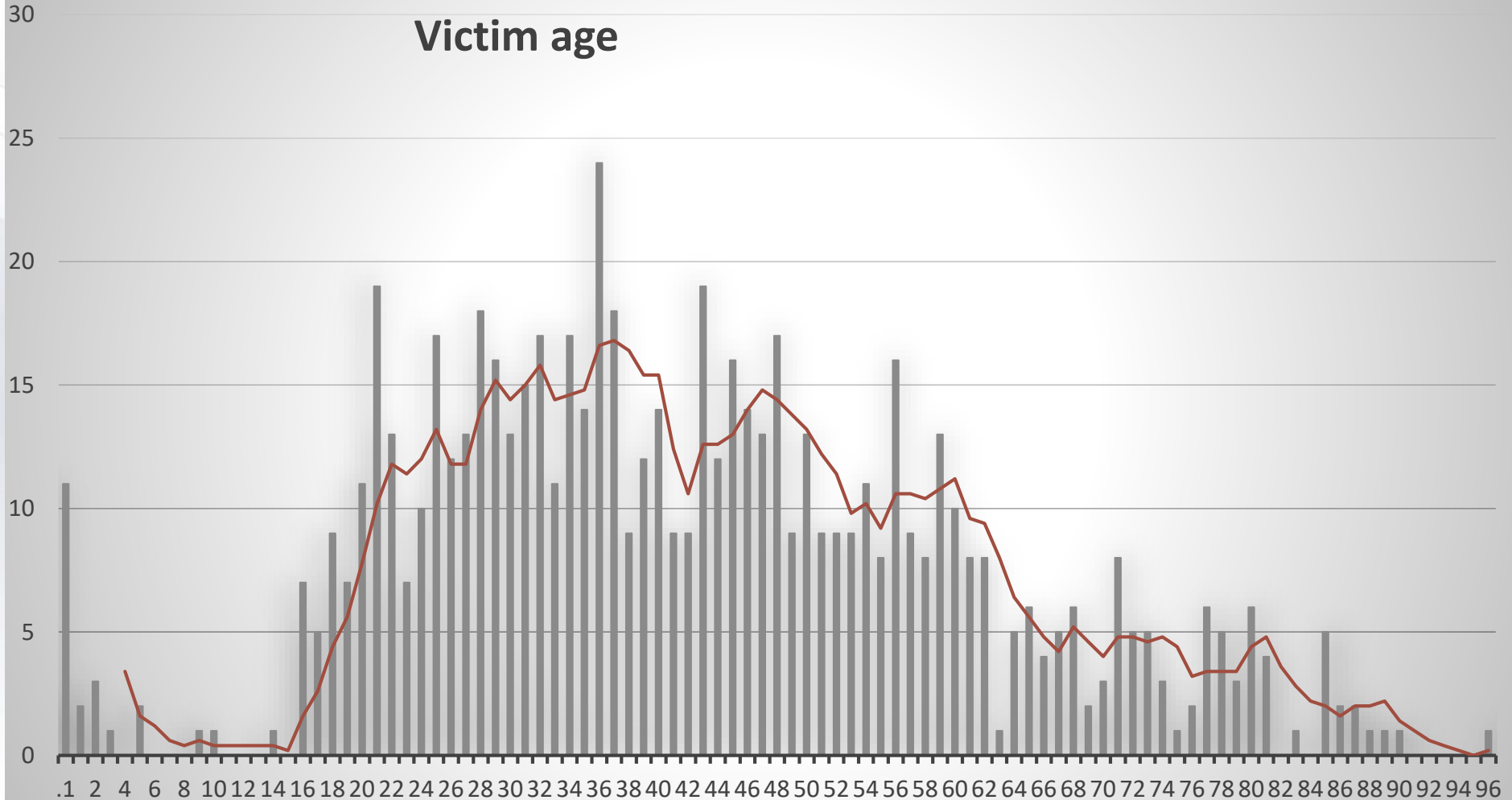
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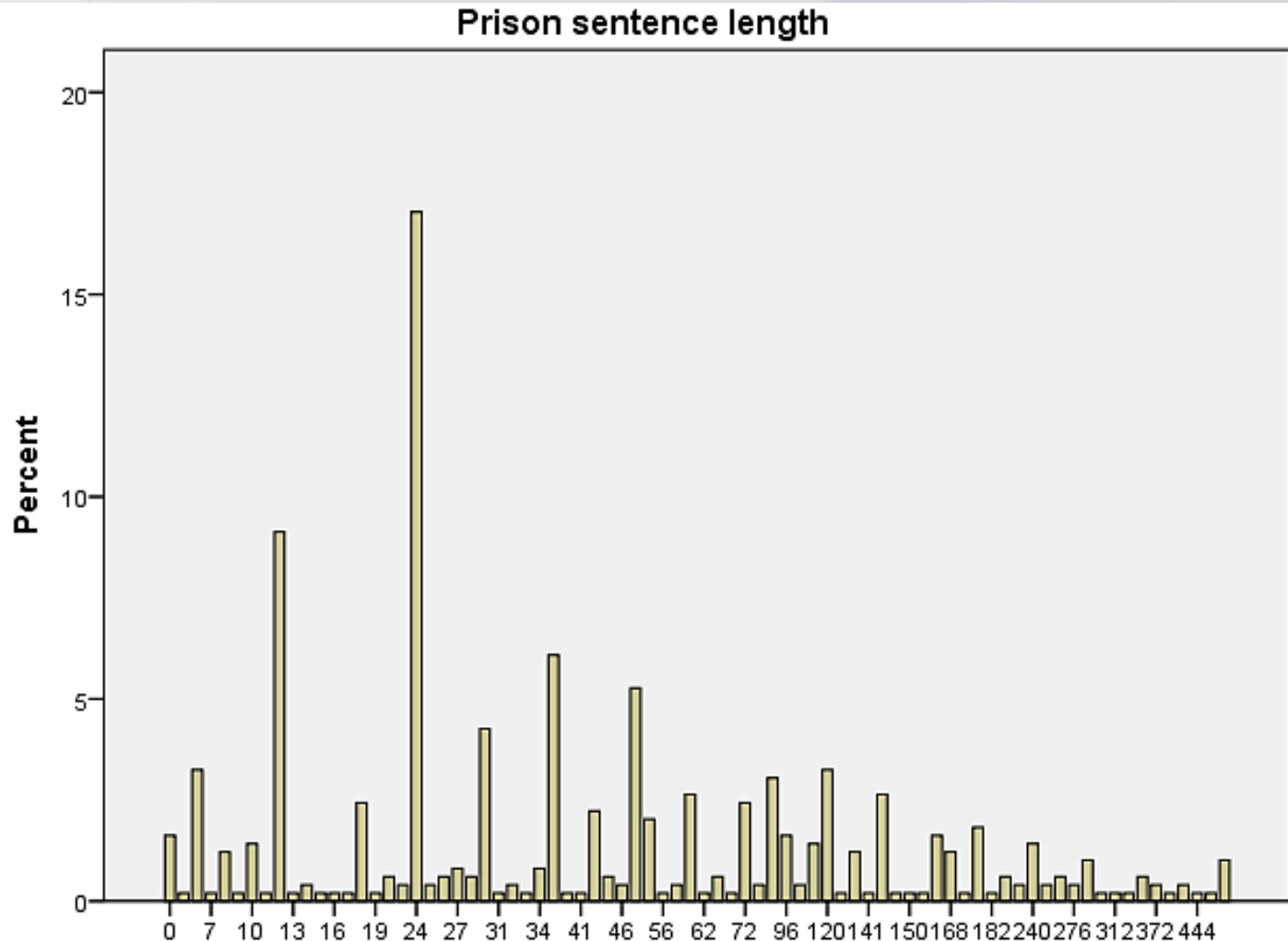
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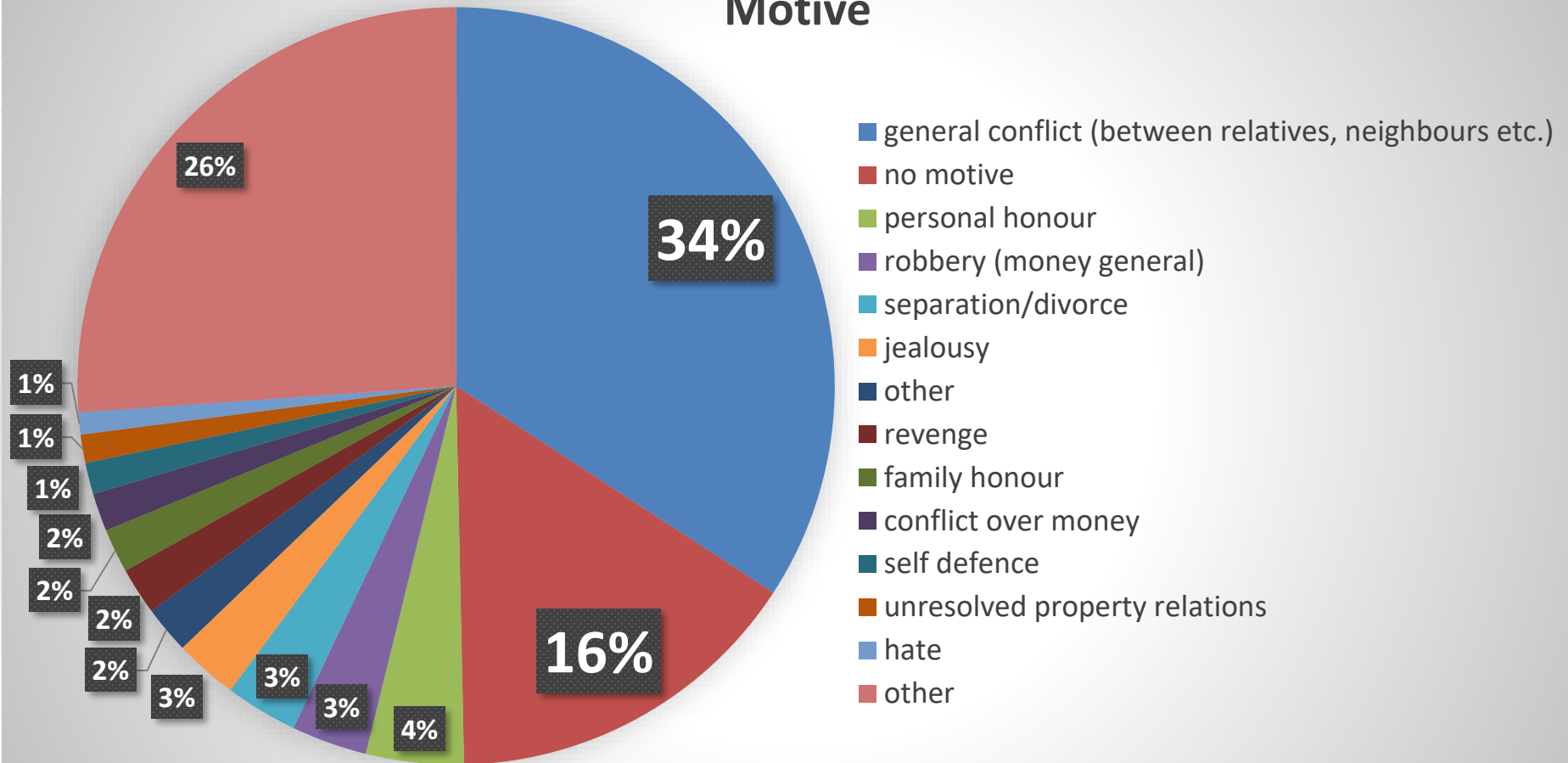
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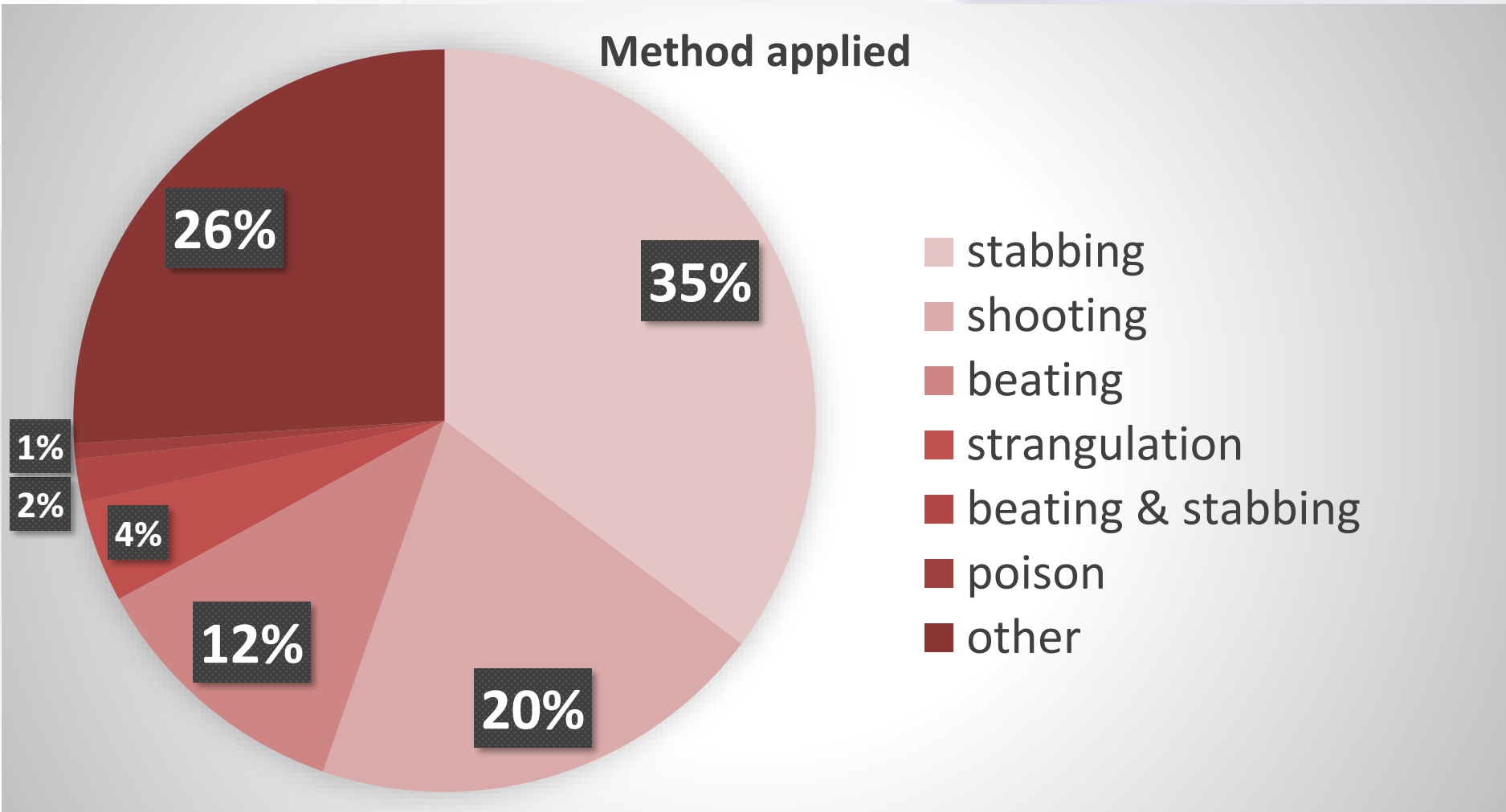
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### Motive



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# BALKAN HOMICIDE STUDY

## ...what we did not 'get'

- insights into the actual violence???
- **Croatian Violence Monitor**
  - mainstream approach & application oriented
  - basic research on measuring violence?



**VIOLENCE  
RESEARCH  
LAB**







# STATE OF PLAY

## expiration 04/2019

- finalising empirical field studies & books
- final scientific **conference & evaluation**
- starting new national research project
- **Balkan Criminology – odds for survival?**
  - faculty position for MPPG research assistant – 01/10/2018
  - framework for BCNet maintenance
  - preserve MPPG infrastructure (office) → Violence Research Lab





# SELF-REFLECTION

## lessons learned & challenges

- 20.000€ is '**big money**' if spent wisely
- attracted additional **500.000€** over past 5 years
- Balkan Criminology has become a **scientific trademark** of its own
- challenge: preserve basic achievements for **potential future relaunch**



THANK YOU FOR  
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