



BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

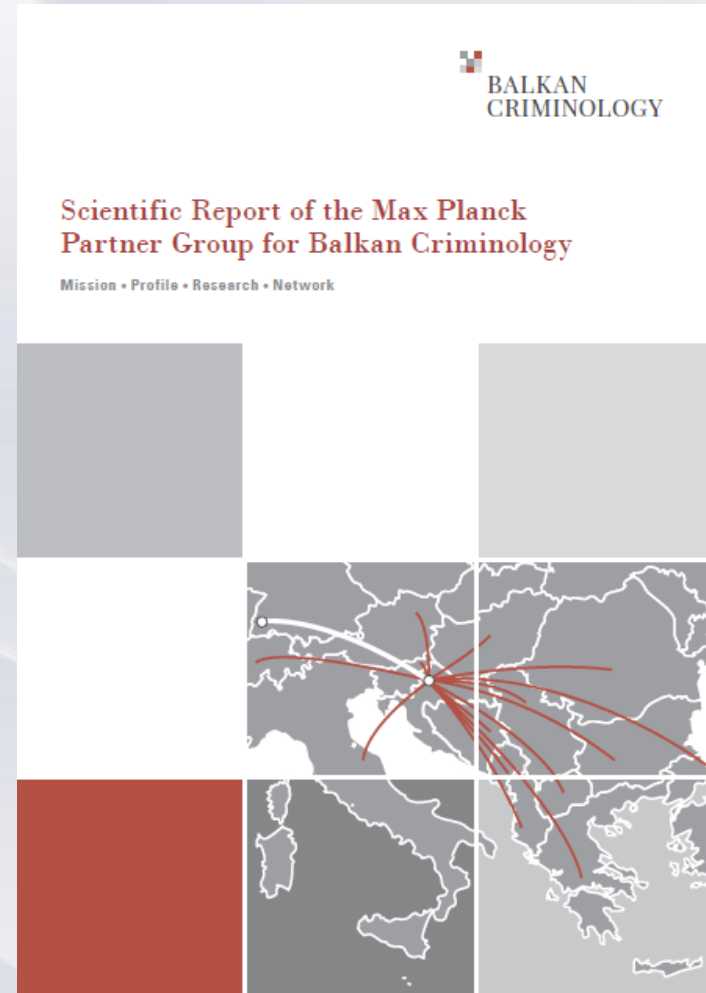
THE MPPG'S MISSION, PROFILE,
RESEARCH & NETWORK
~ Accomplishments & Challenges ~

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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MISSION & RESEARCH CONCEPT

- the MPPG mission is to further develop the **collaboration between the MPI and PFZ** in the field of criminology and criminal justice, while producing mutual benefits for both partners:
 - the PFZ gets **support** for establishing a regional centre of criminological excellence (the MPPG)
 - the MPI gains **access** to the Balkans and positions itself as a key player in the regional research setting (via the MPPG).
- focus on **integrating PhD candidates** from the PFZ conducting research projects at the MPI into MPPG structure and research activities



MISSION & RESEARCH CONCEPT

MPPG's Mission

Research
Network
Publications
Events

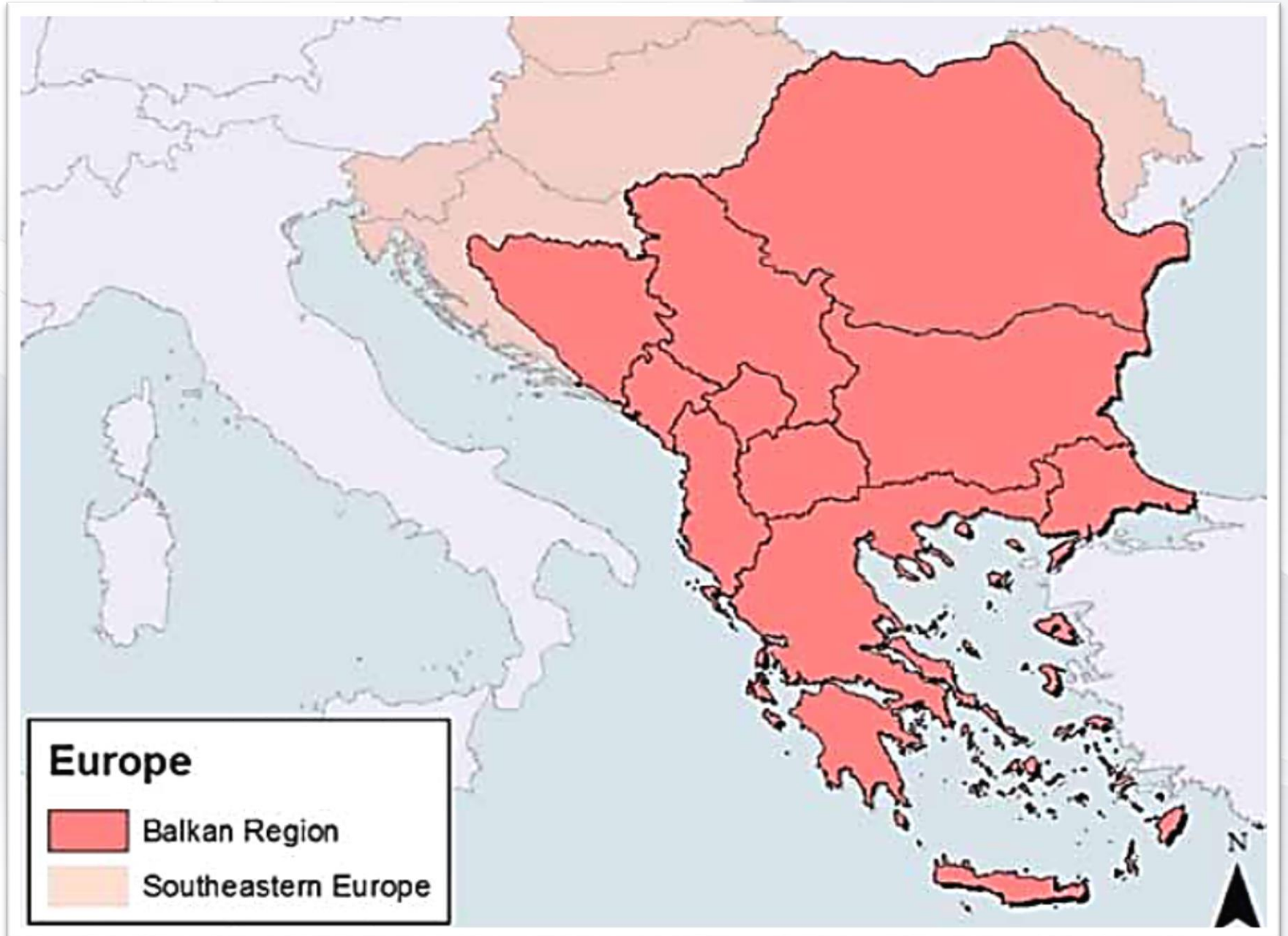
Regional Centre of
Criminological Excellence

MPPG mission ~ four main tasks:

1. conducting criminological **research** in line with the 'Balkan Criminology scientific concept';
2. establishing & hosting a **network** of relevant experts, the BCNet, that should enable a synergy of efforts in the field of criminology and criminal justice research in the Balkans;
3. producing scientific **publications** on Balkan Criminology topics;
4. organising BC **events**: scientific conferences (collecting expertise) and training courses for young researchers (disseminating knowledge)



The Balkans





MISSION & RESEARCH CONCEPT

- the Balkans are a **criminological space *sui generis***
- the **Balkan Criminology Research Concept** focuses on crime phenomena that are of particular relevance for the region, or that threaten its security and stability
- **Balkan Criminology** is no general criminology *for* or *in* the Balkans, but rather a **specialised criminology** focusing its research on Balkan-relevant crime phenomena



TEAM, ORGANISATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

RESEARCH TEAM

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MPPG Core Team

- MPPG Head
- 2 MPPG Research Staff

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MPPG Team

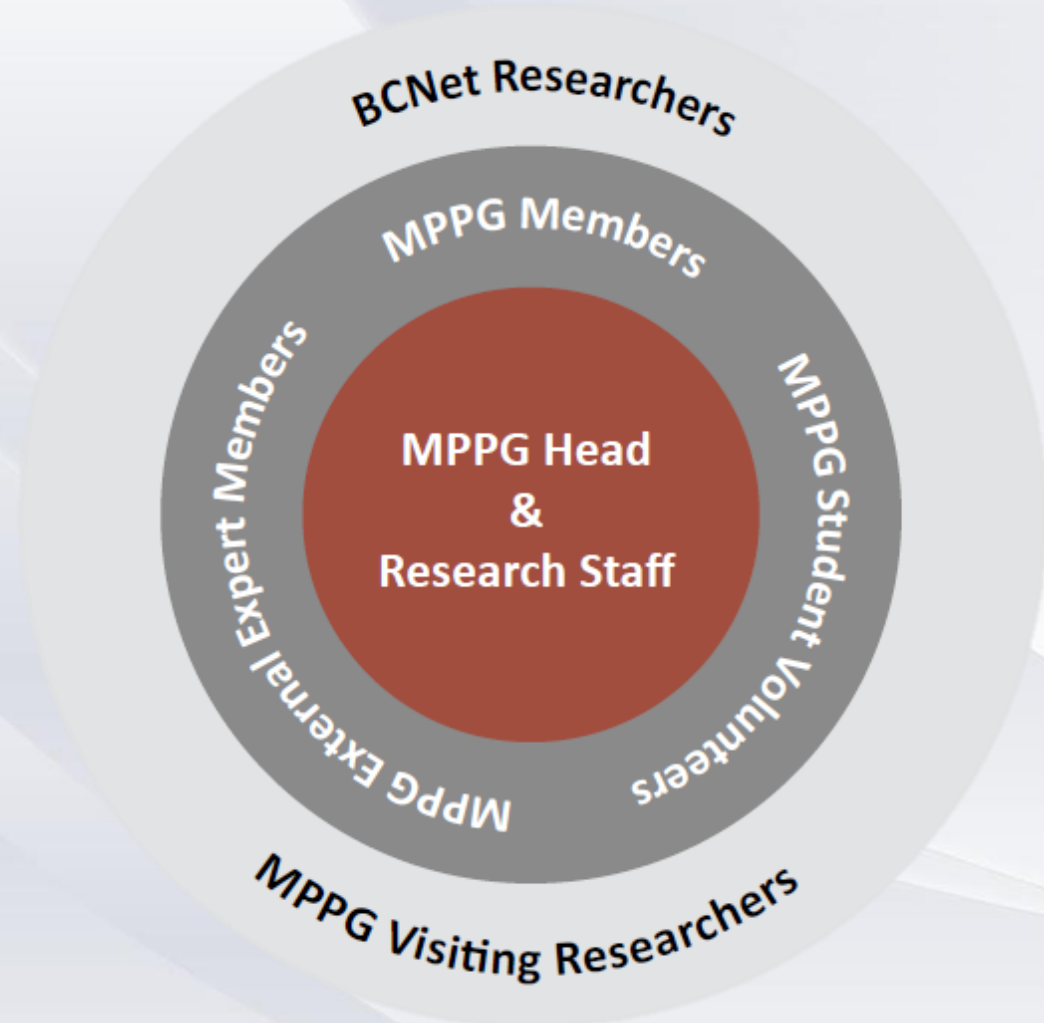
- 5 MPPG Members
- 1 External Expert
- 1 Visiting Researcher
- 4 Student Volunteers

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Balkan Criminology Team

- 16 BCNet Researchers

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TEAM, ORGANISATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Corporate Visual Identity



BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

- Office, Website, Library

- Institutional Support



Max Planck Society




University of Zagreb
Faculty of Law



Max Planck Institute for
Foreign and International
Criminal Law

- Scientific Advisory Board





RESEARCH FOCUSES

- RF I: Violence, Organised Crime and Illegal Markets
- RF II: Feelings and Perceptions of (In)Security and Crime
- RF III: International Sentencing



RESEARCH PROJECTS

RF	Title (Acronym)	Organisational Status	Funding	Timeframe	Status
RF I: Violence, Organised Crime and Illegal Markets	Mapping the Criminological Landscape of the Balkans	MPPG	MPPG, MPG, PFZ, MPI	2013-2014	finalised
	Balkan Criminology - Focus on Organised Crime and Illegal Markets: Sex, Guns and 'Balkan Rock 'n Roll'	MPPG <u>PostDoc</u>	Fulbright Visiting Scholar	2014-2017	postponed
	Trafficking in Human Beings in & through the Balkans - A Qualitative Analysis	MPPG PhD	MPPG	2014-2016	ongoing
	Tools for the Validation and Utilisation of EU Statistics on Human Trafficking (TRAFSTAT Croatia)	PFZ, MPPG	European Commission	2012-2014	finalised
	A Criminological and Criminal Law Analysis of Prostitution in Croatia	PFZ, MPPG PhD	MPPG	2015-2017	ongoing
	Economic Espionage in Europe (WISKOS Croatia)	MPPG	BMBF	2014-2016	ongoing
	Responsibility of Political Parties for Criminal Offences	joint MPPG PhD	MPI, PFZ, CSF	2013-2015	ongoing
	Criminal responsibility for severe economic crimes committed in transitional periods	joint MPPG PhD	MPI, PFZ	2013-2015	finalised
RF II: Feelings and Perceptions of (In)Security and Crime	Fear of Crime and <u>Punitivity</u> among University Students in Croatia	MPPG	MPPG, PFZ	2010-2015	ongoing
	International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISR3D Croatia)	MPPG	MPPG, PFZ, <u>Varaždin city</u>	2013-2016	ongoing
	Juvenile Delinquency in the Balkans: A Regional Comparative Analysis based on the ISR3D-Study Findings	MPPG PhD	MPPG	2014-2016	ongoing
	He has an ugly face, must be a policeman (UGPOL)	MPPG	MPPG	2015-2017	ongoing
RF III: International Sentencing	Punishment and Sentence Enforcement for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Former Yugoslavia	MPI, MPPG PhD	DAAD, OSF	2012-2016	ongoing
	Imprisonment in the Balkans	MPPG	MPPG, PFZ, MPI	2015-2016	ongoing
	Life Imprisonment Worldwide – The Balkan Component	MPPG	MPPG	2014-2016	ongoing
	RJ Croatia - Restorative Justice at Post-Sentencing Level - Supporting and Protecting Victims	MPPG	European Commission	2013-2015	finalised

BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY NETWORK ~ BCNet

- covers 15 countries (all of the Balkans and most of SEE)
- BCNet legal framework and formalisation of collaboration with leading academic institutions
- ensure continuation of regional research collaboration
- open possibilities for new areas of collaboration (master/PhD)
- potential solution for future MPPG organisational status





BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY NETWORK ~ BCNet



~ MPPG Evaluation ~ Zagreb/Croatia ~ July 13th 2015 ~





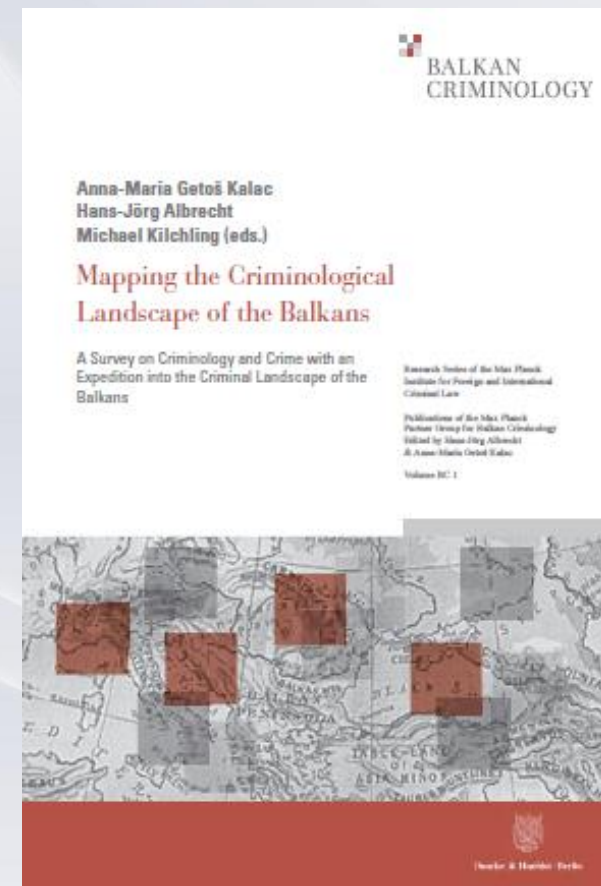
EVENTS: CONFERENCES, COURSES & ESC EVENTS

- MPPG annual scientific conferences
 - 2 scientific conferences held in Zagreb in 2013 and 2014
 - 2015 conference to be held in Sarajevo
- Balkan Criminology course held annually at IUC Dubrovnik since 2014
- ESC thematic panels since 2012
- ESC Working Group for Balkan Criminology since 2014



PUBLICATIONS: BC SERIES & NEWSLETTER

- initial publication plans (scientific ‘Balkan Criminology’ journal) were modified
- BC publication series launched in 2014
 - BC 1: Mapping the Criminological Landscape of the Balkans. A Survey on Criminology and Crime with an Expedition into the Criminal Landscape of the Balkans (2014)
 - BC 2: findings of the MPPG PhD project on criminal responsibility for severe economic crimes committed in periods of transition (2015)
 - BC 3: Imprisonment in the Balkans (2016)
- BC newsletter launched in 2014
 - forum for regular exchange of ideas and criminologically relevant information





RESEARCH PLANS & OUTLOOK

- Research Plans
 - further regional research projects (victimological survey of the Balkans)
 - periodical security report for the Balkans
- Personnel Planning
- Budgetary Development
- Organisational Development
 - MPPG → Max Planck Centre
 - MPPG → permanent PFZ research division or institute (alternatively: international research centre of the University of Zagreb or independent research institute funded by the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education, and Sports)
 - MPPG → ‘Balkan Criminology Society’ with own legal status, but still hosted at the PFZ and closely connected to the MPI



Thank you for
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