

SWaPOL SOCIAL WORK AND POLICING
 Vocational Training in Public Order Management

Final Conference

11. FEB. 2021 13:00 - 17:00
 (VIENNA TIME)

📍 ONLINE - EVENT

Link for registration
<https://www.euro.centre.org/events/register/3950>

The SWaPOL - Project

Social Work and Policing focuses on the professional relationship between police and social work. Both the police and social work organisations are concerned with public order, but they differ significantly in organisational structures, responsibilities and work methods. Hence, vulnerable people such as substance users and homeless persons are sometimes caught between law enforcement and social welfare policies. In response to this tension, this new curriculum for a joint vocational training for social workers and police integrates approaches of community policing and social support services. This joint training provides an occasion for improving cooperation both in ad hoc situations of social disorder and in the preparation of prevention programmes for juvenile delinquency, substance abuse and social conflicts in public spaces. The SWaPOL training covers professional insights, didactical exercises and field visits to demonstrate that social control and social support can be pursued together. In this conference project partners in Austria, Belgium and Portugal will, first, present the curriculum for the SWaPOL training, and second, open the discussion about opportunities for similar cross-disciplinary vocational trainings between police and social work in Europe in the future.

The **"Handbook for Trainers"** will be published on the webpage www.swapol.eu in English shortly.

Registration is required at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, or here: <https://www.euro.centre.org/events/register/3950>

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AGENDA

12h40 - "Enter the virtual room"

13h00 - Welcome

13h00 - 14h00 - Introduction to the SWaPOL Project: Goals, objectives and achievements || Spotlight on the training modules

BREAK

14h15 - 15h00 - Break-out session (group work)

15h00 - 15h45 - Feedback from break-out sessions and discussion

BREAK

16h00 - 16h50 - SWaPOL - The way forward

BREAK

16h50 - Conclusions

17h00 - Closing the conference



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12h40 – “Enter the virtual room”

“Hello”: All participants may test their connection

13h00 – Welcome

Information on participants, channels of invitation, media representation etc.

13h10 – 13h30 - Introduction to the SWaPOL Project: Goals, objectives and achievements

- Introducing the project partners
- Project goals
- Project objectives
- The SWaPOL Handbook for Trainers
- Introducing the three modules

13h30 – 14h00 - Spotlight on the modules

Module 1: Cooperation between Social Work and Policing (10 min)

- Community Policing
- Social Work
- Cooperation: Ad hoc situations and prevention projects
- Selected learning activity



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Module 2 (10 min): Substance use among young people: Prevention and harm reduction in nightlife

- Understanding substance use
- Risk factors and protective factors (aetiology model)
- Towards a common drug policy and practice in the SWaPOL cooperation
- Selected learning activity

Module 3 (10 min): Homelessness

- The multi-dimensional problem of homelessness
- What has the police got to do with it?
- The 3-step approach: Prevention – Intervention – Community Integration
- Selected learning activity

BREAK

14h15 – 15h00 - Break-out session (group work)

Guidelines for discussion:

1. Are the keynote-themes appropriate? What can be added? Critical points? Amendments?
2. Key factors for implementation of the SWaPOL training (national policies, local support organisations)
3. What other "success stories" (experiences) do you know from your professional work?
4. SWaPOL in a (post-) COVID context?



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15h00 – 15h45 - Feedback from break-out sessions and discussion

- Group report Module 1
- Group report Module 2
- Group report Module 3

BREAK

16h00 – 16h50 - SWaPOL – The way forward

In this part of the conference all partner countries may present future plans on the basis of SWaPOL (national strategy, local trainings etc.)

- Austria
- Belgium
- Portugal

Then we will ask participants to give their opinion:

- Possibilities and conditions for local implementation of SWaPOL in your country / organisation?
- New ways of networking?
- Ideas for follow-up projects?

16h50 – Conclusions

Summing up and evaluation survey

17h00 – Closing the conference

