

Designing Out Crime Newsletter

By EDOCA and SVOB, March 2002

What is Designing Out Crime?

Crime is a daily occurrence. Particularly in urban environments people experience fear and feelings of insecurity. Rather than focussing mainly on arrest and punishment, increasing attention is being paid to crime *prevention*, and more specifically, *designing out crime*. A great number of experiments have shown that particular types of crime, fear of crime and feelings of insecurity can be reduced by a better design and proper maintenance of the built environment.

Police, policy makers, urban planners, designers and architects have begun to acknowledge the importance of designing out crime, or what in the US, Canada and Australia is known as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED, pronounced 'septed'). CPTED goes beyond bolts on doors and locks on windows, and places crime prevention in a societal context. CPTED advocates that "The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime, and an improvement of the quality of life."

Increasingly *designing out crime*, as it is known in Europe, is seen as an effective and mature crime prevention policy for local authorities, urban planners, architects, insurers and residents.



International CPTED Association (ICA)

There has been a CPTED movement since the 1960's with practitioners in America, Canada, Australia and Britain. But it was not until the ICA was officially established at the first international CPTED conference held in Calgary, Canada, in 1996 that an important step towards professionalisation was taken. An ICA conference has been held every year since.

2002 Annual ICA International Conference

Calgary, Canada, October 14 – 16
www.cpted-2002.com



The ICA mission statement was adopted "to create safer environments and improve the quality of life through the use of CPTED principles and strategies".

ICA Objectives:

1. To promote the application of CPTED principles and strategies throughout the world.
2. To professionalise the practice of CPTED.
3. Advance the theory and practice of CPTED,
4. Increase the number and diversity of ICA members.

Over the years the ICA has grown to over 300 members in 30 countries worldwide. It is the largest organisation in this field and operates on a worldwide scale. More recently individual chapters for the Asian-Pacific region and Europe-Africa region (E-DOCA) have been established. At an individual country level the UK was the first to establish an ICA chapter (DOCA - UK), followed by the Netherlands (SVOB).

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European Designing Out Crime Association (E-DOCA)

The European chapter of the ICA is known as the European Designing Out Crime Association, E-DOCA. It was established in 2001 and is based in the Netherlands.

E-DOCA is dedicated to safe communities and improving the quality of urban life by the implementation, promotion, and further development of crime prevention through environmental design, or, *designing out crime*. Improved urban planning, building design, city management and maintenance can reduce crime and feelings of insecurity.

E-DOCA aims to be an instrument for disseminating knowledge about designing out crime, and a point of exchange for good practices. To help achieve this goal E-DOCA has a website and newsletter. E-DOCA also organises seminars and workshops.

E-DOCA & DOCA-UK European Seminar, Barcelona, 11 – 12 April 2002

Speakers:

Trix van der Linden - 'Virtual Reality and CPTED'

Bob Knights - 'Tipping Points'

Armando Jongejan - 'Policing & CPTED in the Netherlands'

Prof. Ian Colquhoun – 'Developments in British Housing and CPTED'

Hin Oey – 'ICA & Amsterdam 2003: Technology and Crime Prevention'

E-DOCA has members in nearly all the European countries; experts, practitioners, policy makers and researchers working towards the CPTED objectives. E-DOCA members include urban planners, police, security professionals, academics, city management, local and regional authorities, and other parties and individuals interested in urban safety and CPTED.

Membership of E-DOCA is open to anybody and automatically includes membership of the ICA. Membership costs euro 50 per year. Benefits include a discount on the annual ICA conference, participation in E-DOCA conferences and workshops, a copy of the ICA journal and for only euro 25 a copy of the cd-rom with all the papers of the last Annual ICA conference held in Brisbane in 2001.



E-DOCA & SVOB, Amsterdam, September/October 2002

Program to be finalised

Expert meeting on Closed Circuit Television
Focusing on the exchange of experience,
monitoring and effectiveness of cctv

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Designing Out Crime Association UK, DOCA UK

The Designing Out Crime Association (DOCA) of the UK was the first ICA country chapter to be established. DOCA UK was set up in 1999 to "promote the concepts of *designing out crime* in the built environment and assist crime reduction practitioners". DOCA UK aims "to provide a forum to promote safer communities and reduce anti-social behaviour by improving the quality of life through the concept, application and practice of *designing out crime*".

DOCA members include architects, planners, academics, researchers, police officers and consultants. All members share an interest in how the design of the environment influences and can assist or prevent a potential offender when deciding to commit a crime.

DOCA holds three seminars and an AGM every year, publishes a newsletter, provides a platform for cross discipline interaction and access to international and national networks of fellow professionals. Membership of DOCA UK costs £50 p.a. and automatically includes membership of the International CPTED Association.

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Stichting Veilig Ontwerp en Beheer, SVOB

The Stichting Veilig Ontwerp en Beheer (SVOB, Association for Safe/Secure Design and (city) Maintenance) was established in 2001 and has recently become the official Dutch chapter representing the Netherlands within E-DOCA and ICA.

The association aims to promote the *designing out crime* principles and strategies in the Netherlands and provide a discussion platform for all parties involved in this field. It aims to do this in several ways.

- ? Setting up an active network of experts and practitioners in the field.
- ? Organising courses, seminars, workshops or other events which enable the exchange of knowledge and experience.
- ? Assisting in improving the quality of the knowledge and expertise provided by consultants in the Netherlands who are active in this field.
- ? Encouraging both practical and theoretical research.
- ? Liaising with organisations active in this field in other countries .

Membership of SVOB costs 50 euro per year and automatically includes membership of E-DOCA and ICA.

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European Crime Prevention Award

The European Crime Prevention Award has been running since 1997 and is awarded every year to the most inventive and original prevention project. Last year 6 countries took part and the winner of the 2001 Award was Belgium.

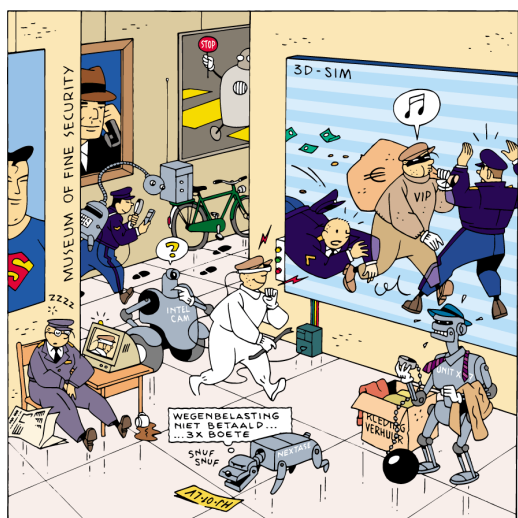
The Belgian prevention project 'Graff 'n art' had great success in combating graffiti. The project was a combination of a big clean-up operation, removal of new graffiti within 48 hours and severe reprimanding of offenders. At the same time artistic graffiti was tolerated on specially appointed objects and treated with respect, in an attempt to rid graffiti of its negative image.

Amsterdam CPTED 2003, October 2003

International Conference 'Technology and Crime Prevention'

The Netherlands will be hosting an international conference on 'Technology and Crime Prevention' in October 2003. The conference is an initiative of the incentive

programme Technology & Society (T&S), supported by the Dutch ministries of Justice, Home Office and Economic Affairs. The management of T&S is done by Senter, an agency of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs
 This conference will be organized in cooperation with the International CPTED Association, E-DOCA and the IEEE ISTAS organisation.



There is increasing consensus that technology can help provide unexpected and surprisingly efficient and cost-effective solutions to *designing out crime*.

The conference will provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience on a variety of topics relating to crime prevention and the improvement of urban safety through technological innovation and environmental design.

Delegates from all over the world will be invited to explore the possibilities that technology provides in the field of crime prevention and increasing security and feelings of safety in an urban

environment. Attention will also be paid to the limits and possible negative side effects of increased control and technological dependence.

European Crime Prevention Network, EU-CPN

In May 2001 the Council of the European Union established the European Crime Prevention Network (EU-CPN) which aims to support crime prevention activities of its members states on a local and national level, as well as develop and stimulate activities on an EU level.

EU-CPN wants to pay special attention to new ideas and techniques that are being developed but which often lack concrete evidence of the real outcome. In addition it aims to concentrate on subjects where there is a large amount of knowledge of what works and how it can help to reduce crime at EU level.

One of the main areas that the EU-CPN will be focussing on is urban crime including burglary, car crime and street crime. These types of crime occur relatively frequently and have a direct effect on the quality of living on a local level which is why they directly concern citizens of the member states. Fear of crime is also a priority subject. Here the network is looking at best practices – both scientifically evaluated practices and new ideas - for reducing feelings of insecurity or fear of crime.

Calender

- ✂ 11 – 12 April 2002: E-DOCA & DOCA-UK European Seminar, Barcelona
- ✂ September/October 2002: E-DOCA & SVOB Expert meeting CCTV Systems, Amsterdam
- ✂ 14 – 16 October 2002: Annual ICA International Conference, Calgary, Canada
- ✂ October 2003: International Conference 'Technology and Crime Prevention', Amsterdam