

No. 20 NG seminar Continuous professional education of staff in the field of crime prevention and pathological phenomena - "Crime prevention at the local level"

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Although the current epidemiological situation is still unfavorable for educational processes, the planned activity – seminar **Continuous professional education of staff in the field of crime prevention and pathological phenomena "Crime prevention at the local level"**, which was organized within the project PDP1 - "Increasing police competence in preventing and combating crime, strengthening communication skills with the public and awareness of human rights", took place on 9 June 2021. The seminar was carried out online due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The father of criminology, Cesare Beccaria, has advocated, "It is better to prevent crime than to punish it." In addition to repression, crime prevention is an integral part of criminal policy. However, it should not be seen only as a police activity. At present, it should rather be a set of activities developed by state, public and private entities, aimed at controlling crime and reducing fear of it. Prevention is focused on both potential perpetrators and potential victims of crime.

The seminar "Crime prevention at the local level" was attended by more than 150 listeners, mainly from regional and municipal authorities and the Police of the Czech Republic. The participants were acquainted with the topics of crime development in the Czech Republic, the methodology of identification and assessment of urban areas with security risk, maps of the future, the issue of fake news and scaremongering and other topics concerning crime prevention.

These seminars will continue.