



Event	Interview
Interviewee	<u>Ms. Victoria Kushnir</u> Head of PR Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): Please tell us about the measures which Ministry of Internal Affairs plans to take within the preparation of the country to hosting the EURO 2012.

Victoria Kushnir (VK): All the activities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs are based on the fundamental UEFA principle – to guarantee safety and security to the participants and the guests during the football matches.

Safety and security management system for EURO 2012 is defined in the Integrated concept of safety and security (order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 17/09/2008 #1244, with amendments and additions made by the Order of 11/11/2009 #1330).

According to European Council decision of 25 April 2012 concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension (2002/348/JHA), it is required to establish a national football information point of a police nature (NFIP) in each Member State. A special department responsible for safety and security of the international mass events which carries out all the functions of the National Football Information Point in Ukraine was set up based on the existing Ukrainian Interpol Bureau.

EU: How do you plan to prevent and handle potential football hooliganism during football matches of EURO 2012?

VK: National Football Information Point in Ukraine shares and exchanges information concerning the problematic fans with the similar departments in the EU member countries; it is also prepares its proposals regarding the preventive measures against football hooligans.

There is a close cooperation between Police Departments of Ukraine and Poland. Tight cooperation was also established with the Police Department of Germany regarding the preparation for EURO 2012 taking into account German experience in hosting EURO 2006.

Nowadays, there are several legislative acts regulating the issue of prevention of the violent fans deeds. Among them there is a European Convention on spectator violence and misbehavior at sports events, in particular football matches, concluded on 19 August 1985 in Strasbourg, and ratified by Ukrainian Parliament on 15 November 2001.

More than that, there is a special Course of providing public safety and security during the football matches approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 29 June 2004 (with amendments done by the Parliament's Decree of 27.08.2008 #753). According to this Course, the functional responsibilities of all the participants of



providing security during the football matches are strictly assigned in order to prevent any public safety violation and any breaches committed by fans and football spectators.

In particular, the organizers of the football matches, owners (tenants) of the stadiums and football clubs are directly responsible for providing public safety and security on the territory of the stadium and its stands. The stewards, volunteers, and specialist of the private security companies are engaged to ensure public security. This option is also mentioned in the Agreement on holding European football championship UEFA 2010/12 among UEFA, Football Federation of Ukraine and Polish Football Association.

However, in case of request to police from the security management of the stadium for assistance to stop violent deeds of angry fans, police officers can take measures according to the current law.

EU: How successful is the preparation of dogs handlers and detection dogs which will be used for securing the public safety during EURO 2012 championship? How many explosive and narcotics detection dogs are planned to be trained?

VK: It is planned to train additionally 130 narcotic detection dogs and 214 explosive detection dogs. As of now, they are being specially trained in the dogs training centers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

EU: Are there any activities to be held for the development of the video control and video monitoring system to provide public safety and security?

VK: In the framework of preparation to EURO 2012 and implementation of the program "Safe City" developed by the Main Police Department, an automated police system of management and control "Tsunami" was put into operation. This system includes subsystem of video control and monitoring. As of today, there are more than 35 cameras installed which are monitoring the crowded public places in the center of Kiev. Video information coming from the monitors is transferred to the police stations. The similar video control system is set up in Donetsk region where there are already about 75 cameras functioning.

In the host cities 180 video control cameras already function being connected to the police stations.

EU: Is any technical re-equipment and modernization of the police departments planned to be undertaken in the nearest future? If yes, what are the most urgent issues nowadays?

VK: As of January 2011 only 70 % of transport vehicles is provided to Ukrainian police departments, out of which one third is already worn out and must be amortized. So, first of all, the ministry of Internal Affairs plans to modernize its automobile fleet. Furthermore, in addition to the weapon, there is a certain list of necessary technical equipment which should be provided according to the Program on EURO 2012 Preparation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, namely:



For departments of Road Police:

- special automobiles, equipped by signal-loudspeaker devices and transceivers; digital video cameras for recording of road traffic accidents;
- complex "Mobile user" (rugged toughbook Panasonic with GPS, GPRS or CDMA modem) for vehicles identification in the existing databases of State Road Police in real time;
- devices for video monitoring and video surveillance – hardware and software complex "Patrol";

For patrol services stations and special police service "Berkut":

- automobiles, buses, shockproof helmets, protective complete sets for legs and arms;

For Trade in Illegal Narcotics Departments:

- digital video cameras for operational-investigative activities;
- vehicle marking systems for operational-investigative activities;
- device for remote narcotics detection SIBRE-4000;

For forensics departments:

- devices for visualization of biometric and hidden personal information on the chips of passports and identification cards; x-ray installations; explosion proof suits; buzzer; specialized explosion technical laboratories;

For communication departments:

- ultra short waves radio stations; digital communication systems in Kiev.