

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER TRAINING¹

1. BASIC DATA

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Research programme (RP) leader's name and surname:	Gorazd Meško	RP leader's register number at ARIS (SICRIS) :	14289
Title of research programme:	Security and safety in local communities - comparison of rural and urban environments	RP's Register number at ARIS (SICRIS) :	P5-0397
Research organisation (RO) of University of Maribor, where training shall be conducted:	University of Maribor, Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security <small>Kliknite ali tapnite tukaj, če želite vnesti besedilo.</small>	RO Register number at ARIS (SICRIS) :	0552-2131
Research field according to ARIS classification :	Kriminologija in socialno delo, 5.07	Research field according to Ortelius classification (EURAXESS)	Criminology, Code 10.0, ID 91

2. DEFINITION OF RESEARCH PROBLEM AND GOALS OF DOCTORAL RESEARCH²

Starting point of research task of the early stage researcher and its position in the research programme, where the mentor is included, work hypothesis, research goals and foreseen result with emphasis on an original contribution to science:

¹ Term early stage researcher (ESR) is written in male form and used as neutral for women and men.

² Research and study programme of training have to harmonise with contents of the research programme, where the mentor is a member.

In the program group on Safety and security in local communities, we study various aspects of safety and security in rural and urban environments - from deviance, delinquency, criminality, victimisation and responses to law violations to global changes affecting the safety and quality of life of people in local environments. Deriving from up-to-date findings and the added value to existing knowledge, the doctoral research will deal with the field of rural criminology from the point of view of upgrading the theory using a quantitative and qualitative aspect (mixed research methods with an emphasis on official statistics, victimisation studies and studies on the perception of the functioning of formal social control bodies). Research on crime and social control in rural areas has been neglected for many years. With the activity of international associations in the field of rural criminology (International Society for the Study of Rural Crime, Division of Rural Criminology, ASC and WG on Rural Criminology, ESC), and the involvement of the program group, we designed an international comparative study on the development and challenges in the field of criminality in rural areas focusing on deviance, delinquency, criminality, and work of formal and informal control mechanisms. As some authors state, the idyll of the countryside can be misleading, as a significant part of organised crime has moved to rural environments, especially in environments where migration and various organised crime activities occur. The research aims to determine the characteristics of criminality in Slovenia, the beliefs and opinions of the local population, local self-government, and the police regarding security problems in the countryside. The key hypothesis is that the forms and types of crimes differ from the results of other studies (mainly American ones, which dominate the entire oeuvre of rural criminological research) and that adapted measures to reduce and control crime should be implemented. A review of studies in rural criminology in Europe showed that research in the past was sporadic and focused on specific security, primarily criminal phenomena. Therefore, the research on this issue is even more relevant since, in many countries, the rural regions compose up to 70 per cent of the total area of the countries. The results of the study will contribute to developing theory and comparative empirical studies in rural criminology in Europe and beyond. Publications in relevant international and domestic publications, participation in international and national meetings, and a study visit of an early stage researcher to a foreign university with one of the leading researchers (potential co-mentor, under negotiation) in rural criminology are planned. The study will impact the research at the national level, as early stage researcher will be included in the work of the programme group Security in local communities - Comparison of rural and urban environments. We plan to write a doctoral dissertation in English because of a co-mentor from abroad.

3. STUDY PROGRAMME

Foreseen study programme, to which early stage researcher shall be enrolled in academic year 2025/2026:

Criminal Justice and Security – PhD programme at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security

4. DESCRIPTION OF WORK AND TASKS

Research work with a mentor, work in the programme group on local safety and security, and a research programme group after 2025.

5. REQUESTED LEVEL OF EDUCATION

MA, MSc/social sciences

6. REQUESTED FIELD OF EDUCATION

Social sciences

7. KLASIUS SRV

7, systematization of work position at University of Maribor H017002 – MLADI RAZISKOVALEC

8. KLASIUS P

18202, Klasius P-16: 1032

9. REQUESTED KNOWLEDGE

Criminology, social control, sociology, psychology, research methods.

10. REQUESTED SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

11. REQUESTED LANGUAGES

Slovenian/English

12. REQUESTED WORK EXPERIENCE

None

13. FORESEEN POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

Depending on work results, ambition and success of junior researcher during her/his PhD study.

Mentor's signature:

Gorazd Meško

Research programme leader's signature:

Gorazd Meško

Name and surname of Dean or
authorised person³:

Prof. dr. Igor Bernik

Signature of dean or authorised person:

Place and date:

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³ The training program is signed by the dean of the member where the ESR's employment and training will take place.