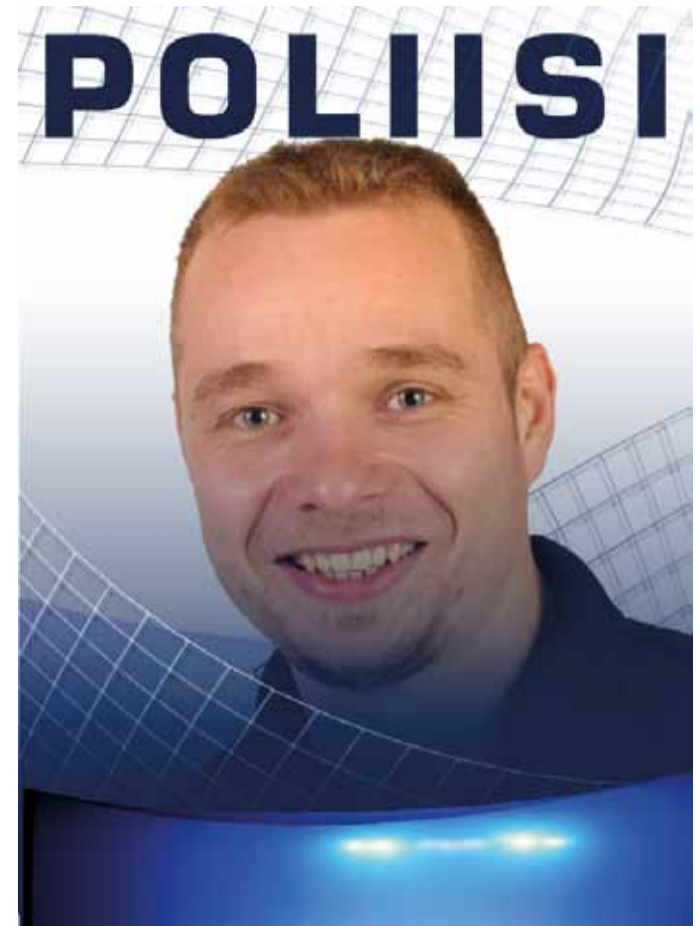


Since 2009 young people in Oulu can connect to an anonymous text-based chat platform and interact with the police. The eCopper project helps to build better relationships between young people and the police force. Topics raised include traffic rules, drug and alcohol use and personal security.



### HOW?

weekly two hour sessions to discuss topics proposed by participants  
&  
participants can intervene or just observe  
&  
police and youth worker are in direct contact to give answers

### ADVANTAGES

online format that enables anonymity  
↓  
popular up-to-date format that young people are comfortable with  
↓  
reach more people in an informal way

### RESULT

online meetings and real life ones  
↓  
many participants create lively interactions  
↓  
young people gain trust in police



*It is important to have the opportunity to chat with police. Online it is much easier to ask questions and air our concerns compared to face-to-face communication or by phone.*

eCopper user



### NUMBERS AND FIGURES

12-18  
age group

60%  
ESF funding

€434,000  
project  
budget

200  
users  
per session

2,000  
visitors  
per month