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## International NGO's for Crime Prevention

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# Preliminary remarks

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## Crime Prevention

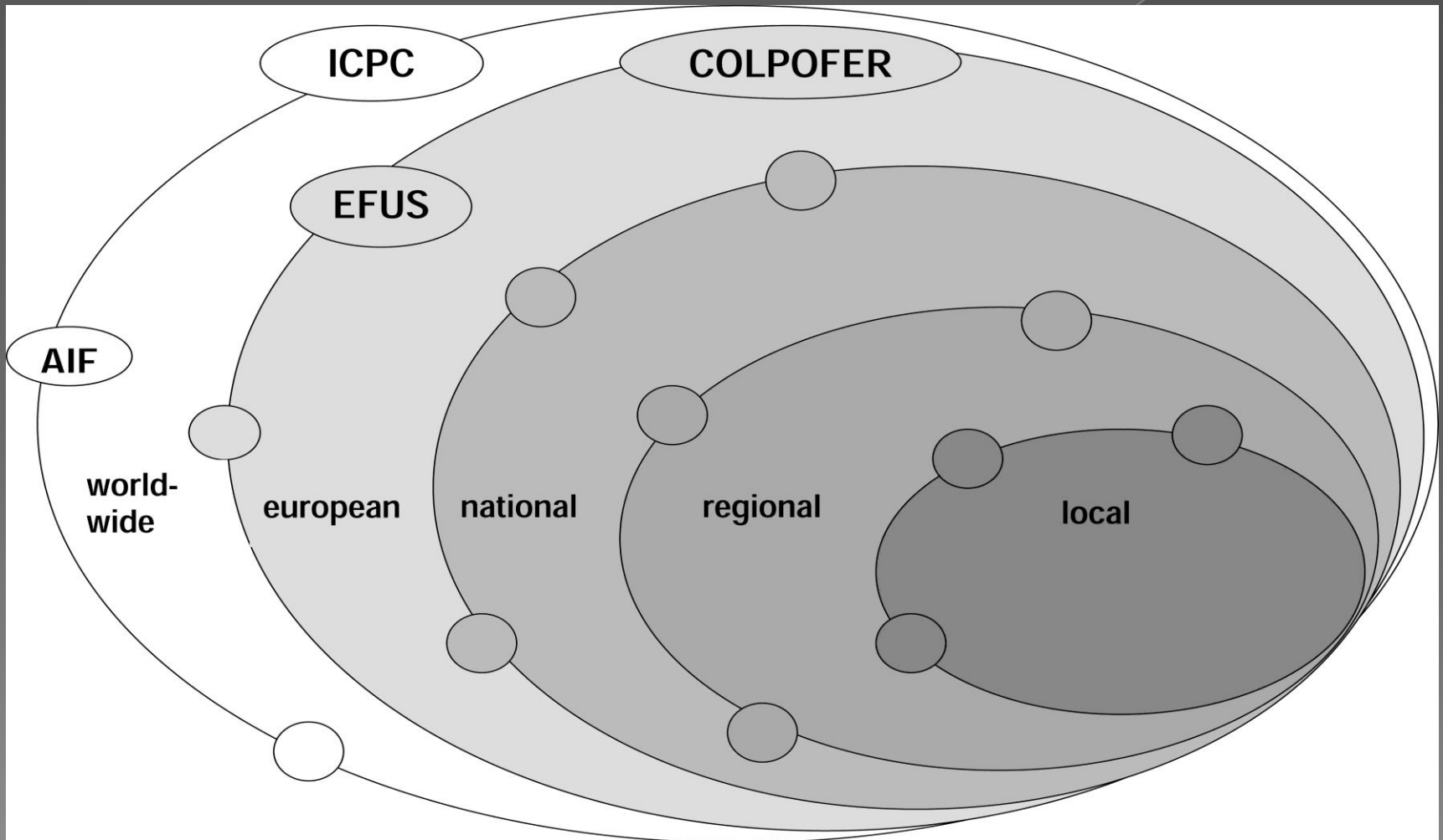
"Comprises strategies and measures that seek to reduce the risk of crimes occurring, and their potential harmful effects on individuals and society, including fear of crime, by intervening to influence their multiple causes".

UN Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime 2002

## Community Safety

Refers to a sense of well being and the quality of life of a community or neighbourhood. It also suggests the collective nature of creating a safe community.

# Preliminary remarks





# European Forum for Urban security (EFUS)

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# European Forum for Urban security (EFUS)

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A Non-Governmental Organisation founded in **1988**  
by *Mayors* from various European countries

Today, a growing network of **300 local authorities**

An increasing number of **National forums**  
around Europe to establish a dialogue with States  
(Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Luxemburg)

2 representation offices in **Brussels and Budapest**

# European Forum for Urban security (EFUS)







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## Goals

- Strengthen local crime prevention policies, through the **exchange of practices and expertise**
- Advocate an **integrated vision of security**, and a balanced approach respecting **human rights**
- Promote the **perspective of cities** vis-à-vis national, European and international bodies



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Strengthen local crime prevention policies,  
And support cities in their development

## Cities helping cities

To exchange practices and expertise :  
**European programs**, training sessions,  
policy seminars, conferences for political  
and technical staff.

Over 350 good practices and  
30 publications on various topics



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## Main thematics

Diagnosis

Drugs

Fear of crime

Large events

Mediation

Migrants

Minorities,

Police

Prison

Public spaces

Role of mayors

Schools

Technologies

Terrorism

Trafficking

Training

Women

Youth



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Build and advocate an  
integrated vision of security,  
and balanced approach  
respecting human rights

## Security as a common good

Address a wide range of issues  
relative to security at a local level

Facilitate work between local  
representatives, judges, policemen,  
social workers, universities...



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Promote the perspective of cities  
vis-à-vis national, European and  
international bodies

## Central role of cities

Increasing recognition that the local level, represented by cities, provinces, regions, is essential for the definition and implementation of urban security policies.



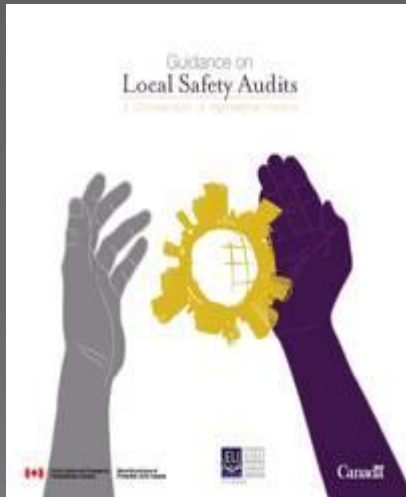
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The Forum organises  
International interdisciplinary  
events (Paris 1991, Naples 2000)

The last conference took place in  
Saragossa on November 2-4 2006  
on “Security, Democracy and Cities”  
and gathered more than 800  
participants from 220 cities in  
40 countries.

# European Forum for Urban security (EFUS)



- The safety audit process
- Specific issues for audit teams
- Sources, techniques and tools



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<http://www.urbansecurity.org/>





# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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An international network of governments, NGOs and UN organisations promoting safety. The Centre is trilingual (English, French, Spanish).

Created in 1994 by the governments of Canada, France and Quebec, now 12 member governments: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, Hungary, Norway, South Africa, the State Of Queretaro (Mexico), and El Salvador.

An international observatory, a centre of expertise, a tool for technical assistance.



# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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Advisory & Policy  
Committee

Board of  
Directors

ICPC

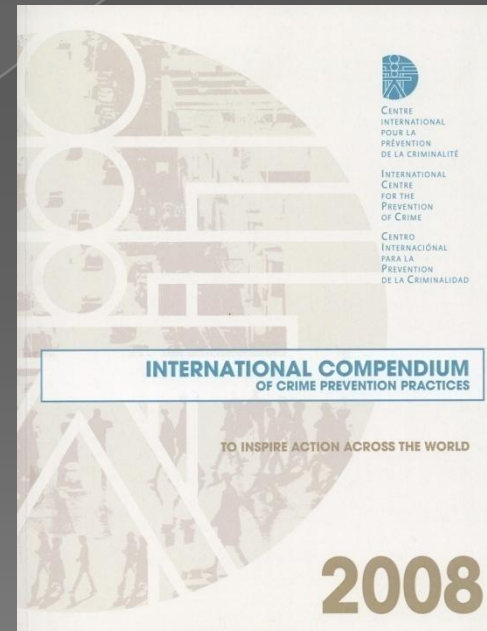
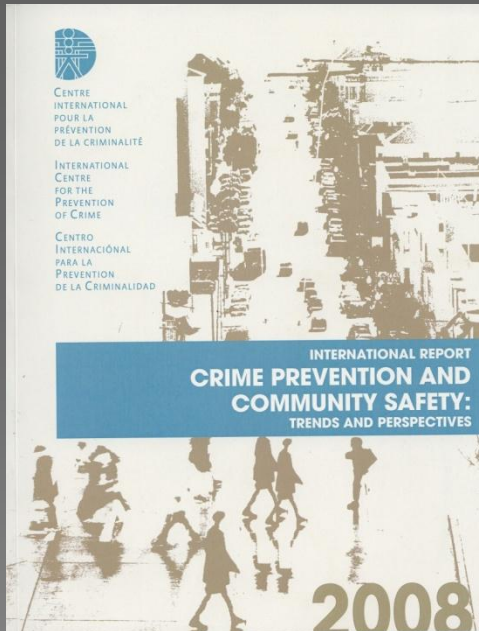
Scientific  
Committee

Executive  
Committee



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# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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The International report is first of its kind at the international level. It presents:

An overview of the main issues linked to crime, safety and victimisation in the world and the types of prevention they elicit

A global picture exclusively dedicated to comprehensive prevention



# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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## What is the International Report?

- An analytical tool of crime prevention strategies implemented across the world
- An instrument to disseminate the most relevant practices and policies
- A marker of emerging challenges, published every two years



# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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## Who is the International Report addressed to?

- Decision-makers in different jurisdictions: cities, regions and countries
- Professionals and specialised practitioners, non governmental organisations, and members of civil society engaged in crime prevention
- International organisations, United Nations' agencies and affiliated, development banks and donors
- Researchers specialised in crime prevention



# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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- **A diversity of data sources:**

Information produced by international and regional bodies;

Information produced by resource centres and specialized networks in crime prevention; Public information relating to government crime prevention initiatives and policies (national, regional, local), and from NGOs and community based organisations; working on crime prevention and community safety; Scientific literature specifically dedicated to crime prevention and published since 2002.

- **The consultation of experts in the field as well as ICPC's Members States and Partners all around the world**

- **The comments of an Editorial Advisory Committee with a diverse geographical, institutional and disciplinary background.**

- **Obstacles:**

- Unequal distribution of useful information

- - Comparison of disparate or unrelated situations





# International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

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## The Compendium in Brief

The International Report is accompanied by an International Compendium of 60 Crime Prevention Practices from 30 different countries, which:

- Includes short accounts of what communities can do to prevent and respond to crime challenges
- Provides a wide array of ideas, and reconfirms the benefits of processes in relation to strategic and effective crime prevention
- Is divided into five main thematic sections:
- Aspects of Community Safety, Youth at Risk, Youth Gangs, Community Safety and Indigenous People, Police-Community Partnerships in Crime Prevention



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## Conclusion

1. There is a marked progress in international crime measurements and prevention standards and norms
2. The criminalisation of behaviours contrasts however with these international principles
3. The development of integrated prevention strategies based on concrete experience, especially at the local level, is increasingly recognised, but remains fragile
4. There is a strong need for training, capacity building and providing support for practitioners



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## Perspectives

### Overall, this first analysis:

- has confirmed the need to strengthen knowledge on crime prevention with greater dissemination and exchange
- is a work in progress which will benefit communities throughout the world

### The forthcoming International Report (2010):

- will cover other topics of interests
- will include an additional third section: Evaluation of Crime Prevention and Community Safety
- will be presented at the 12th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Brazil, April 12-19, 2010



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<http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org>



# Annual International Forum on Crime Prevention (AIF)

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# Annual International Forum on Crime Prevention (AIF)

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The German Congress on Crime Prevention was founded in 1995 as an annual national convention for the field of crime prevention.

The aim of the German Congress on Crime Prevention is to present and strengthen crime prevention within a broad societal framework.

Thus it contributes to crime reduction as well as reducing both the fear of crime, and the number of victims of crime.



# Annual International Forum on Crime Prevention (AIF)

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As an annually organised congress,  
the main objectives of the Congress are:

- Presenting and exchanging current and basic questions of crime prevention and its effectiveness
- Bringing together partners within the field of crime prevention
- Functioning as a forum for the practice of crime prevention and for fostering the exchange of expertise
- Helping to get into contact at the international level and to exchange information
- Discussing implementation strategies
- Developing and disseminating recommendations for practice, politics, administration and research in the field of crime prevention



# Annual International Forum on Crime Prevention (AIF)

## 3rd Annual International Forum (AIF)

within the  
German Congress  
on Crime Prevention

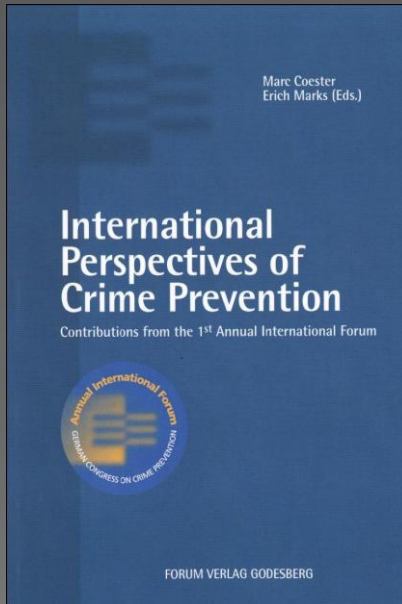
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# Annual International Forum on Crime Prevention (AIF)

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Since 2007 with the introduction of the Annual International Forum an international (English speaking) audience is addressed to share their experiences in crime prevention.

AIF believes that while the world is growing closer research as well as experience should be disseminated within a broad professional framework. Therefore international experts from all areas of crime prevention are invited to introduce, share and discuss their ideas, goals, outcomes and projects.



# Annual International Forum on Crime Prevention (AIF)

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<http://www.gcocp.org>

# Conclusion & prospects

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# Conclusion & prospects

## ➤ **Communication & exchange**

- **exchange of newsletters**
- **generell information**

## ➤ **Collaboration**

- **exchange of specialist document**
- **mutual invitational conference participation**

## ➤ **Partnership**

- **invitation for lectures**
- **organising shared events**



*Cesare Beccaria*

1738 – 1794

„It is better  
to prevent crime  
rather than to punish it”