

# Workshop

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&  
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**THE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL  
OF LOWER SAXONY (CPC)**

# Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony (CPC)

- With the founding of the Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony (CPC) in 1995, a forum for common efforts to prevent crime and increase the citizens' feeling of security was established. The underlying philosophy was that for investigating and countering the causes of crime effectively, shared responsibilities and strategies of society as a whole were required.
- More than 250 member organisations from all relevant social sectors, among them some 200 local prevention bodies and networks, contribute with their expertise to concepts concerning public security and support their realisation.
- Supporting them and linking up their efforts is the primary task of the Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony and its secretariat, which is part of the Department of Justice. Several of its projects are funded in the context of a framework-partnership with the European Commission, additional support is provided by the Federal Government and foundations such as the Klosterkammer Hannover.

# CPC Mission

- „It is better to prevent crime rather than to punish it.“ This quote from the Italian philosopher of law Cesare Beccaria (1738-1794) symbolizes the attitude of the Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony (CPC).
- With some 270 member organizations – local prevention bodies, associations, scientific institutions, government ministries and authorities – the CPC combines numerous societal groups in Lower Saxony and communicates to the public the values and concepts of a preventive approach that is based on the involvement of society as a whole.

# Beccaria-standarder för kvalitetssäkring av brottsförebyggande projekt

Handledningen "7 Schritte" [Sju steg] underlättar den konkreta tillämpningen av dessa Beccaria-standarder och kan kostnadsfritt laddas ned från [www.beccaria.de](http://www.beccaria.de).

Beccaria-standarder omfattar mått/direktiv för kvalitetssäkring och krav på kvalitet för planering, genomförande och utvärdering av brottsförebyggande program<sup>3</sup> och projekt. De omfattar följande sju steg för ett projekts huvudsakliga arbete:

1. Problembeskrivning
2. Analys av de villkor som har förorsakat problemet
3. Fastställande av preventionsmål, projektmål samt målgrupper
4. Fastställande av åtgärder för att nå de uppsatta målen
5. Planering och genomförande av projektet
6. Analys av projektets genomförande och måluppnående (evaluering)
7. Slutsatser och dokumentering.

[www.beccaria-standards.net](http://www.beccaria-standards.net)

# Background

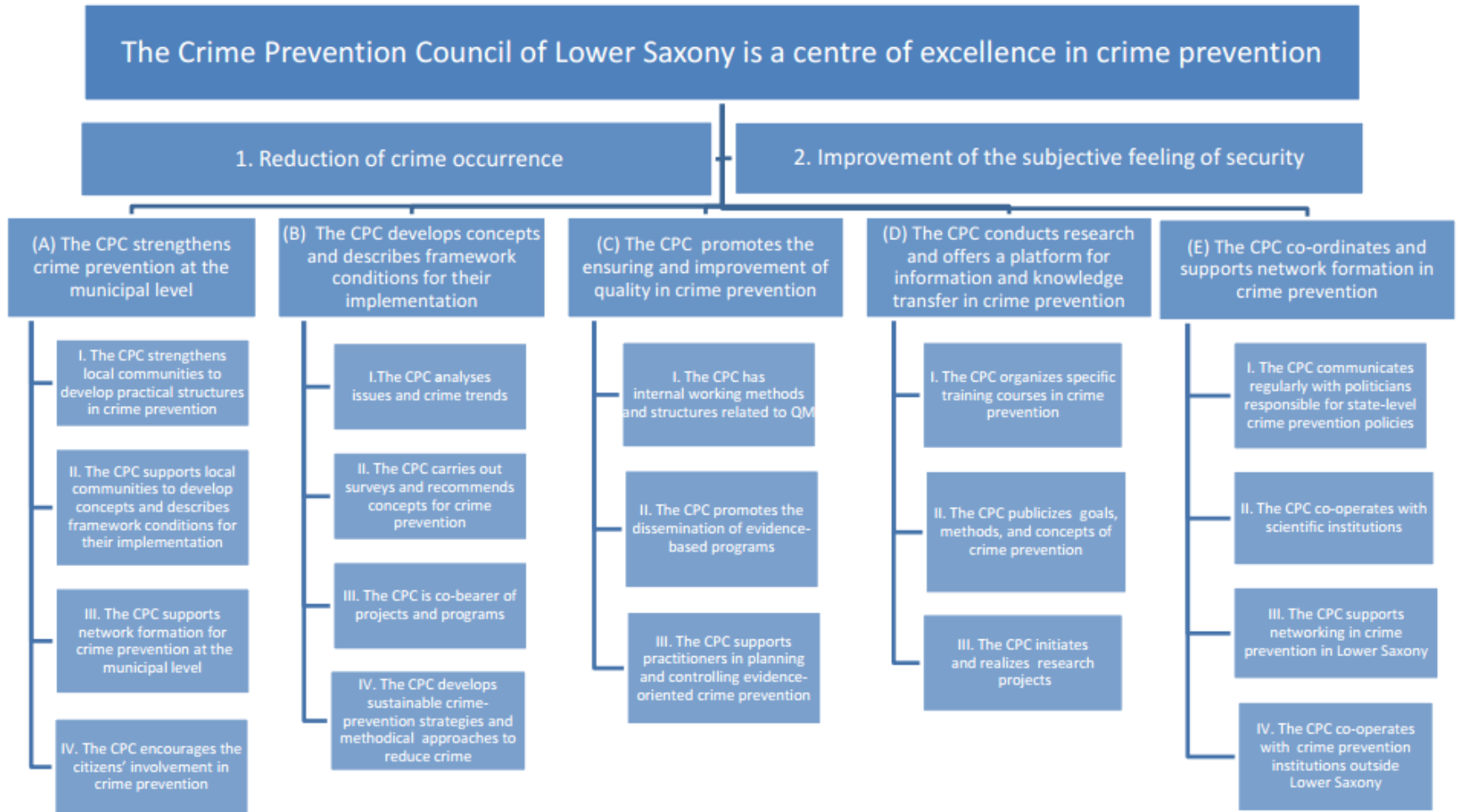
- In Germany, crime prevention is the responsibility of all three levels of government (Federal, State and Municipal).
- Due to the constitutional principle of subsidiarity, the role of non-governmental organisations and local communities has precedence over activities at the state- or federal level.
- To coordinate these efforts, crime prevention councils have been established in many municipalities and most states.
- State crime prevention councils support and advise local crime prevention bodies and networks, disseminate scientific findings and practical experience concerning crime prevention, analyse crime trends and advise the government on issues of crime policy and interdepartmental cooperation in this field.

# CPC Objectives

The Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony

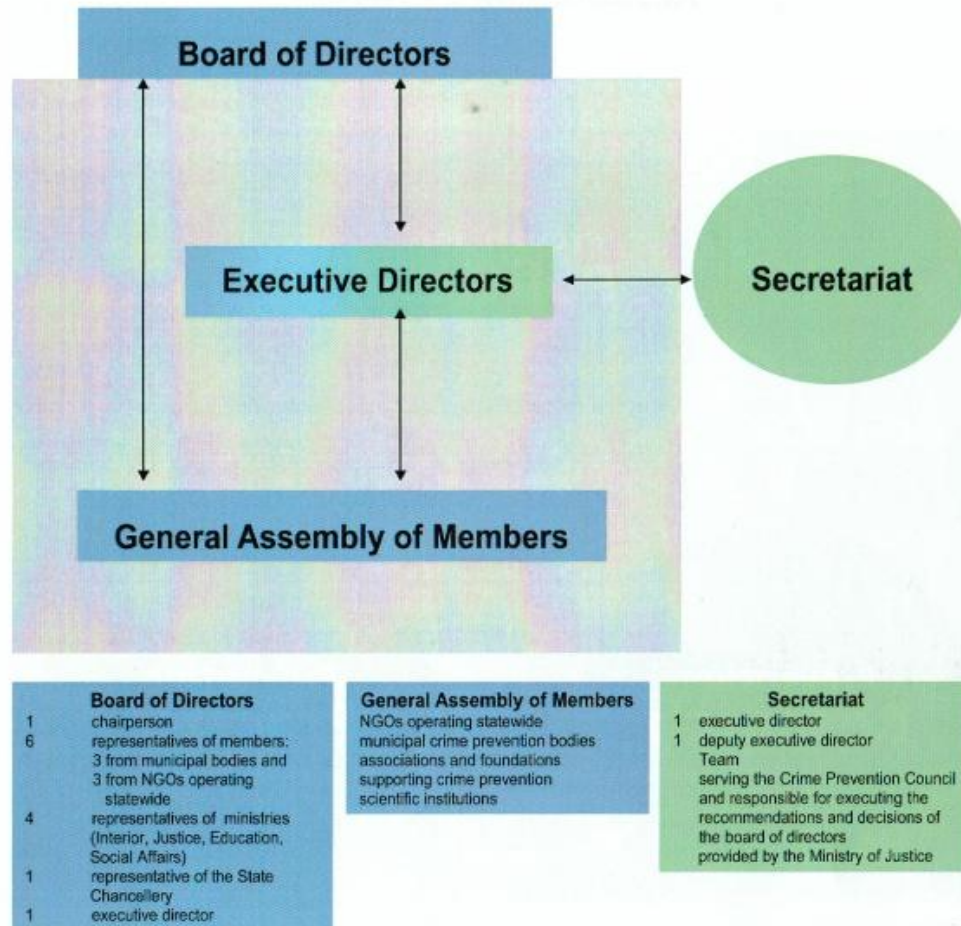
- strengthens crime prevention at the municipal level
- develops concepts and describes the necessary framework for their implementation
- promotes the ensuring and improvement of quality in crime prevention
- offers a platform for the transfer of knowledge and information
- coordinates and supports networking in crime prevention
- cooperates with institutions relevant to crime prevention including those outside Lower Saxony
- imparts competence in prevention
- publicises the goals, methods, and concepts of societal crime prevention
- encourages the citizens' involvement in crime prevention

# CPC Objectives





# CPC Structure



# CPC Board of Directors

- 1 chairperson
- 6 representatives of members:  
from municipal bodies (3) and  
from non-governmental organisations operating statewide (3)
- 1 representative of the State Chancellery
- 4 representatives of Lower Saxony Government Departments
  - Department of the Interior
  - Department for Social Affairs
  - Department of Education
  - Department of Justice)
- the Executive Director of the CPC Secretariat

# CPC Permanent Working Groups



# CPC Websites

- [www.lpr.niedersachsen.de](http://www.lpr.niedersachsen.de)
- [Beccaria \(quality in crime prevention\)](#)
- [Beccaria-Standards](#)
- [Beccaria Portal](#)
- [CTC - Communities That Care](#)
- [Cyberlicence](#)
- [Prevention green list \(„Grüne Liste Prävention“\)](#)
- [Hannover anti botnet](#)
- [Annual Congress on Conflict Management](#)
- [Master for Crime Prevention - Ostfalia University of Applied Science](#)
- [NiMap \(Lower Saxony databank of prevention projects\)](#)
- [Online advice for democracy and against right-wing extremism](#)
- [Prevention Councils in the northwest of Lower Saxony](#)
- [Moral Courage Lower Saxony](#)
- [Victim Protection Lower Saxony](#)
- [Signpost Prevention \(in cooperation with German Forum for Crime Prevention\)](#)

# Prevention needs Politics, Research and Practice

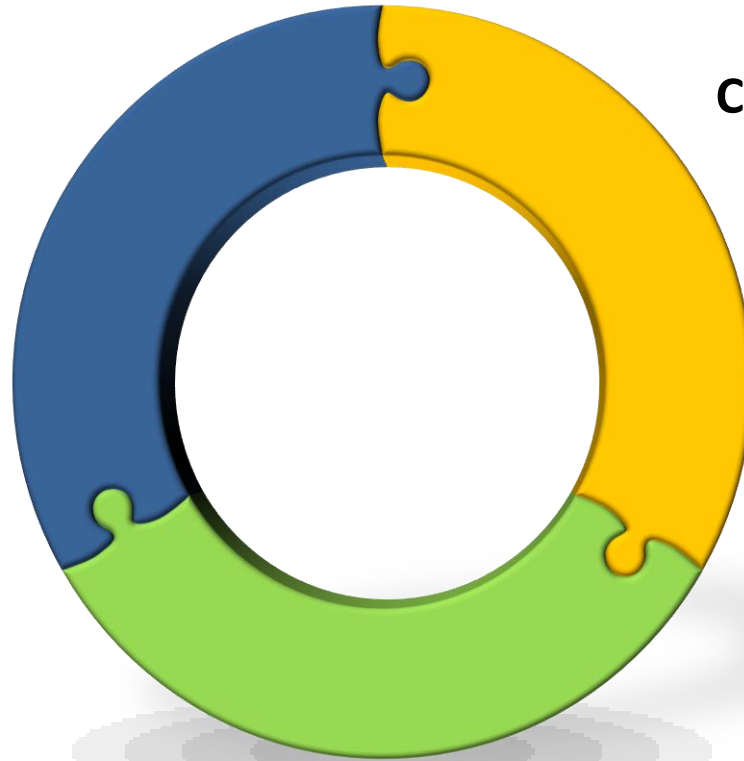


# triple office cooperation

German Congress on  
Crime Prevention



Crime Prevention Council  
of Lower Saxony



German-European Forum for Urban Security  
**DEFUS**

# CPC International Relations

- International contacts are necessary today to profit from experiences abroad, learn about new developments and find partners for cooperative efforts. The web-based **Beccaria-Portal** allows for an international transfer of knowledge, an establishment of a European networking system and an exchange of the latest crime prevention and criminological expert information. For further information, please visit <http://www.beccaria-portal.org/>.
- The CPC is moreover member of the executive board of the [European Forum for Urban Security - EFUS](#). Several other relations to organisations on the international level are coordinated by a constant working group, consisting of seven members of the CPC.

# CPC Constant Working Group for International Networking

1. „import“ of national and international proposals and experiences
2. Information about CPC tasks and Projects on national and international levels
3. Coordination of CPC involvements in (inter-)national cooperations
4. Fundraising for projects and cooperations on national and international levels
5. Discussion of cross-project issues, relevant international prevention topics and current developments
6. Realization of strategic partnerships



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# **QUALIFICATION, TRAINING, & EXTRA-OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES**

# CTC Training Modules

5 one-day trainings by certified CTC – Trainers for local stakeholders:

1. Community Board Orientation
2. Community Risk Assessment
3. Community Resources Assessment
4. Community Action Planning
5. Community Plan Implementation

# Beccaria-Training

- Certified expert in crime prevention („Fachkraft Kriminalprävention“)
- More than 170 qualified experts since 2008
- Milestone of Crime Prevention (2013)
- 100 hour program + time studying at home
- 8 weekends in 12 months with 4 modules
  - Criminology
  - Crime prevention
  - Project management
  - „my“ crime prevention project

# Qualification as specialist for victim counseling in the field of action of right-wing violence

- The qualification is aimed at professionals who have in their fields of work to do with the counseling of victims of hate crimes and right-wing violence
- Since 2011
- 4 modules in 12 months
  - Right-wing extremism
  - Victimization & hate crimes
  - Advice and support to victims of right-wing violence
  - Quality assurance and legal framework in working with victims of right-wing violence

# Master in Crime Prevention

- Master for Crime Prevention - Ostfalia University of Applied Science
- Erasmus project “Towards a European Master in Urban Security”
- Next step:  
occupational master degree program

# Perspectives

- Beccaria academy
- integrated qualification concept
- occupational master degree program
- more offers in distance learning & blended learning
- web based trainings, webinars, etc.
- online academy (Mediathek of the German Congress for Crime Prevention)