

# European Forum for Urban Security

Prevention of reoffending and reintegration of violent extremist offenders

Interagency Cooperation Workshop CEP/EuroPris 12 November 2019, Barcelona



# A European association of local authorities

1987 – Meeting of the European mayors in Barcelona

An observation: Citizens are best represented at a city level

A belief: It is the most just cities that make the safest cities

« Cities help cities »



# Efus Statistics



250 local authority members in16 European countries



9 European and International projects in progress



Connections with 25 countries in the EU



Budget of 1.5 million euros



6 national forums (BE-DE-ES-FR-IT-PT)



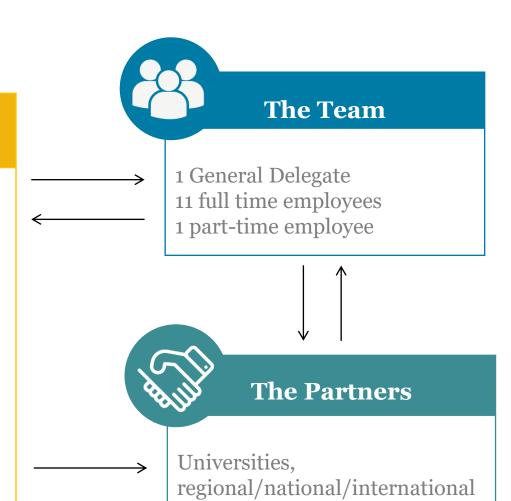
# The Organisation



The office: 1 president, 3 vicepresidents

The Executive Board: 32 local and regional authorities, 6 national fora

**The members:** local and regional authorities in 16 countries



organisations, civil society...







## The Network



National, European and International institutions and governments





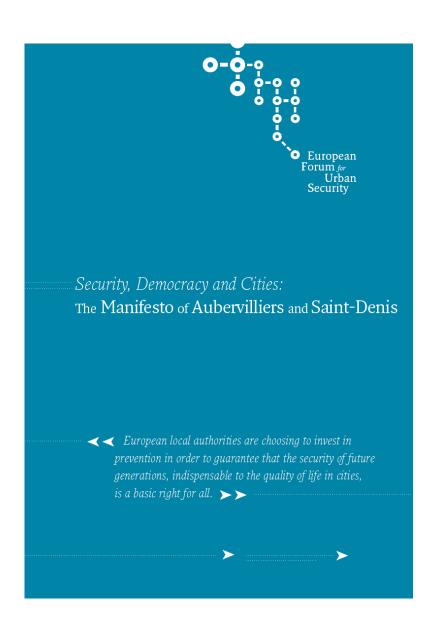


Universities



- The network's political roadmap
- Defines key topics and workplan
- Next issue: November 2020, to be adopted at Nice conference

# The Manifesto





# Efus activities on the prevention of reoffending



# Political principles on preventing reoffending— The Naples Manifesto 2000

- Local authorities must implement programmes to prevent recidivism; these must be based (...) on social development and on conflict resolution through mediation and restoration by offenders
- Prisons are a limited resource; their use must be strictly limited and always justified by clearly defined imperatives (...). It is important to facilitate access to prisons to social services and services providing training, education and employment
- Local authorities must be involved in developing alternative community service and other sanction which can reduce recourse to detention in prison



# Barriers identified by working groups and committees of the network

- Prison seen as a closed world with its rules and principles; experience of a real gap between the prison world and the outside, universes that rarely meet and often do not understand each other
- For many local elected representatives, re-offending is considered as lying within the competence of judicial authorities (acting rather at the national or regional level) and thus not within their sphere of competence

→ Need for innovative actions



# 2 European projects on reoffending

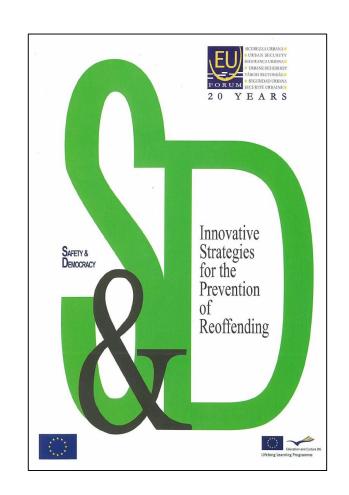
Innovative Strategies to Prevent Re-Offending (SIPREV, 2008 - 2009)

Training Local Stakeholders on the Prevention of Re-Offending (FALPREV 2010 - 2012)



# Innovative Strategies to Prevent Re-Offending (SIPREV, 2008 - 2009)

- With cities of Brasov, Le Havre, Opava, Torino and Valencia as partners
- Development of guidelines for local actions
- Implementation of local actions in the fields of housing, employment, education/vocational training, access to health care, family and community relations, and debt management
- Recommendations for local elected officials
- Guidobook on innovative strategies





# Training Local Stakeholders on the Prevention of Re-Offending (FALPREV 2010 - 2012)

- With cities of Belfast, Brasov, Göttingen, Le Havre, Torino and Valencia
- Production of a training toolkit for local officials including 5 steps:
  - 1) Assessment
  - 2) Design
  - 3) Development
  - 4) Implementation
  - 5) Evaluation





# 2011 resolution of Efus executive committee

- 6. With the support of national, European and international authorities, local elected officials must have a say about the world of prison, and facilitate the building of bridges between prisons and the outside world. NGOs and civil society stakeholders involved in the rehabilitation of exprisoners also have an important role to play in building such bridges.
- 7. Communities are interested in including people who are released from prison. Indeed, the successful integration and inclusion of former inmates are sine qua non conditions for an efficient prevention of reoffending and hence, the reduction of crime.
- 10. During and after the period of detention, any lasting cooperation among the various actors involved locally either public or private organisations- associating prisoners, their families and victims, requires a direct involvement of the social services of the prison and the city.



#### The role of cities in the fight against insecurity

#### Prevention of re-offending, as an important vector

On the one hand, reoffending constitutes a large share of crime in Europe. Indeed, even though Justice systems vary among countries, the average rate of reoffending after release from prison is roughly the same throughout Europe, at Dewesen 30% and 60%, On the other hand, the prison and detention center population is increasing in many European countries. Both these facts question the efficiency of penal policies and prevention of reoffending schemes.

France has announced it will increase the capacity of its jails by 30,000 beds over the next six years, in order to tackle the current record overpopulation. In the United Kingdom, 74% of adults arrested during the August 2011 noise had jadical records. At the same time, the country is looking for alternative solutions to prison that would involve civil society. These trends show that the perevention for reforefinding is an inversement, which is absolutely necessary and a priority for local authorities.

The European Forum for Urban Security, through its Executive Committee gathered in Nantes (France) on October 13 and 14, 2011, suggests a series of recommendations based on its activities.

#### Defining the meaning of sanction and implementing it

- In order to be efficient and deliver results, sanctioning, even when it takes the form of imprisonment must include social and educational measures. It must compensate victims, and enable the comic to appropriate gradually the rules of the community.
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  2. Whatever the nature of the sanction, it must be respectful of Human Rights and of cultural religious and gender differences. It must not exclude from the right to health, education, work and housing.
- Community work sentences should be considered as another opportunity allowing the city to socially include the individual and contribute to peaceful coexistence. These sentences should be inspired by successful practices, and be generalised at a larger scale.
- To prevent reoffending, it is essential that public administrations (European, national and local develop inclusive social policies targetting both primary offenders and reoffenders.

#### Strengthening the role of local authorities as bridges between prison and the outside world

- The role of cities must be recognised in the development of initiatives that respect the fundamental rights of all citizens, regardless of whether or not they are deprived of their freedom
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- Communities are interested in including people who are released from prison. Indeed, the successful integration and inclusion of former inmates are sine qua non conditions for an efficient prevention of reoffending and hence, the reduction of crime.
- 8. In order to effectively implement integration, local authorities need a substantial political and



# PREPARE – Preventing Radicalisation in Probation and Release



#### **Project Partners**

























#### **Associate Partners**









### **Guidebook**





The moment a convicted offender leaves prison is particularly important because this is when they can either successfully reintegrate back into society or on the contrary, be drawn into reoffending. This is true for all types of offenders and particularly so for those sentenced for offences related to violent extremism or terrorism. For them, the time of release and probation offers a precious window of opportunity to ensure they have indeed abandoned the radical ideologies that inspired their crime and are supported in re-integrating into society.

Local authorities have a key role to play in coordinating multi-agency cooperation to this end. Their experience in conducting local prevention policies against radicalisation that leads to violent extremism and in minimising the risk of reoffending make them important players when it comes to supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of extremist offenders.

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# **Guidebook - contents**

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Part 3: Supporting local authorities in preventing violent radicalisation in release and probation - Political reflections and recommendations

**Conclusion** 

**Bibliography** 



### **State-of-the-Art Articles**





#### PREPARE PROJECT

Preventing radicalisation through probation and release March 2019

#### Spain: 15 years of work on radicalisation in prison

In Spain, the first measures aiming at preventing, detecting, following up on and neutralising possible radicalisation processes in prison were taken in the wake of the 2004 Madrid train bombings.

Probation allows for individualised follow-up for prisoners leaving prison and mobilises many services (prison administration, justice services, etc.). As a result, it is a key moment to act against the violent radicalisation of these individuals, whether it took place in prison or on release. Local authorities have a key role to play in coordinating these different institutions. They can also use their knowledge and know-how in the field of prevention of reoffending and disengagement.

PREPARE contributes to the prevention of radicalisation through disengagement and rehabilitation programmes during release and probation, notably through multi-agency partnerships that include local authorities.

Efus coordinates this project from 2017 to 2019 with a broad partnership of local authorities and civil society organisation: City of Malaga and Generalitat of Catalonia (Spain), Rotterdam and The Hague (Netherlands), Bagnolet (France) and Vilvoorde (Bellgium), Violence Prevention Network and Denkzeit (Germany), Fryshuset (Sweden), European Forum for Restorative Justice (Belgium) and Fondation Agir Contre l'Exclusion (France).

- 7 State-of-the-Art articles prepared by PREPARE's exptert partners
- Concise information on strategied to prevent radicalisation in probation and release in Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the UK
- Available as PDF files in French and English at <u>www.efus.eu</u>

## **Local Actions**



- Catalonia Violence Prevention Network: Multi-agency partnership in case management
- Clichy-sous-Bois Efus: Training on disengagement and deradicalisation for frontline practitioners
- Málaga Denkzeit: Training municipal front-line workers in EXIT and reintegration strategies
- Rotterdam Fryshuset / Exit Sweden: Case Management in probation and release



### **Local Actions**

- Sarcelles Efus: Reintegration of young offenders Civic education week
- Sollentuna/KriminalVarden Fryshuset / Exit Sweden: Case management in probation and EXIT work
- The Hague European Forum for Restorative Justice: Learning from the Northern Irish probation regime
- Vilvoorde Fryshuset / Exit Sweden: Case management and working with "formers"



## **Policy Recommendations - Chapters**

- 1. The need to adopt a cross-extremisms approach and learn from adjacent fields
- 2. Set up a local multi agency strategy
- 3. Assure continuity between prison, probation and release
- 4. Fostering risk assessment capacities
- 5. Training, and again, training
- 6. Providing EXIT work
- 7. Focusing on re-integration
- 8. Strengthening civil society cooperation
- 9. Cooperating on local, national, European and international level
- 10. Dealing with returning foreign fighters
- 11. Communication strategies
- 12. Strengthening alternatives measures to imprisonment



### PREPARE's final event

Conference "For safe cities worldwide - acting together against radicalisation and Islamist extremism"

Co-organised by the Senate Department of the Interior and Sports Berlin, State Commission against Violence and Friedrich Ebert Foundation, with the support of Efus 26/27 November 2019, Berlin

#### **Roundtable discussion:**

Shaping safe cities together - How do we counter Islamist terrorism and religious radicalisation? Introductory remarks:

**Torsten Akmann**, Secretary of State for Interior Affairs

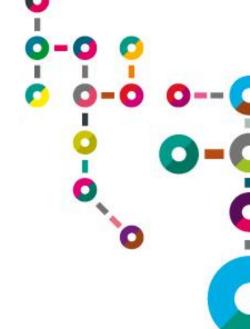
Discussants:

Colombe Brossel, Deputy Mayor for Security, Prevention and Integration, Paris (tbc); Maria Teresa Casado Cadarso, Head of Security and Prevention, Barcelona; Hadelin Feront, Programme Director Radicalisation Prevention, Brussels; Oliver Levinson, Secretary to the Countering Violent Extremism programme, London; Klaus Zuch, Head of Department for Security and Order, Berlin.

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