

The European Forum for Urban Safety

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The EFUS

- 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)

Organisational Structure

President : Juan Alberto BELLOCH JULBE, Mayor of Saragossa

Vice-President and Treasurer: Richard OLSZEWSKI, City of Roubaix

Vice Presidents: Bela DANIELISZ, City of Budapest (HU), Carlos TEIXEIRA, City of Loures (PT), Giorgio PIGHI, City of Modena (IT)



The diagram shows three blue rounded rectangular boxes stacked vertically. The top box contains the text 'Executive Committee : 21 Local Authorities'. The middle box contains 'Technical staff'. The bottom box contains '300 local authorities'. On the left side, a large blue arrow points downwards from the top box to the bottom box. On the right side, a large blue arrow points upwards from the bottom box to the top box.

Executive Committee : 21 Local Authorities

Technical staff

300 local authorities

National forums



Principles of cooperation

- **Democracy:** all member cities share the notion of a democratic approach to urban safety policies that respects minority rights and civil liberties
- **Linking Policy and Action:** member cities unite to discuss their policies and actions on the political level of elected councillors, mayors, aldermen, etc.
- **Political but non-partisan:** the Forum unites cities of all political colours with the exception of extremist parties
- **Urban approach:** full membership is restricted to local and regional authorities. Universities, NGOs etc can be associated partners.
- **Participation:** cities share their community safety policies and projects and learn from each other

GOALS

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

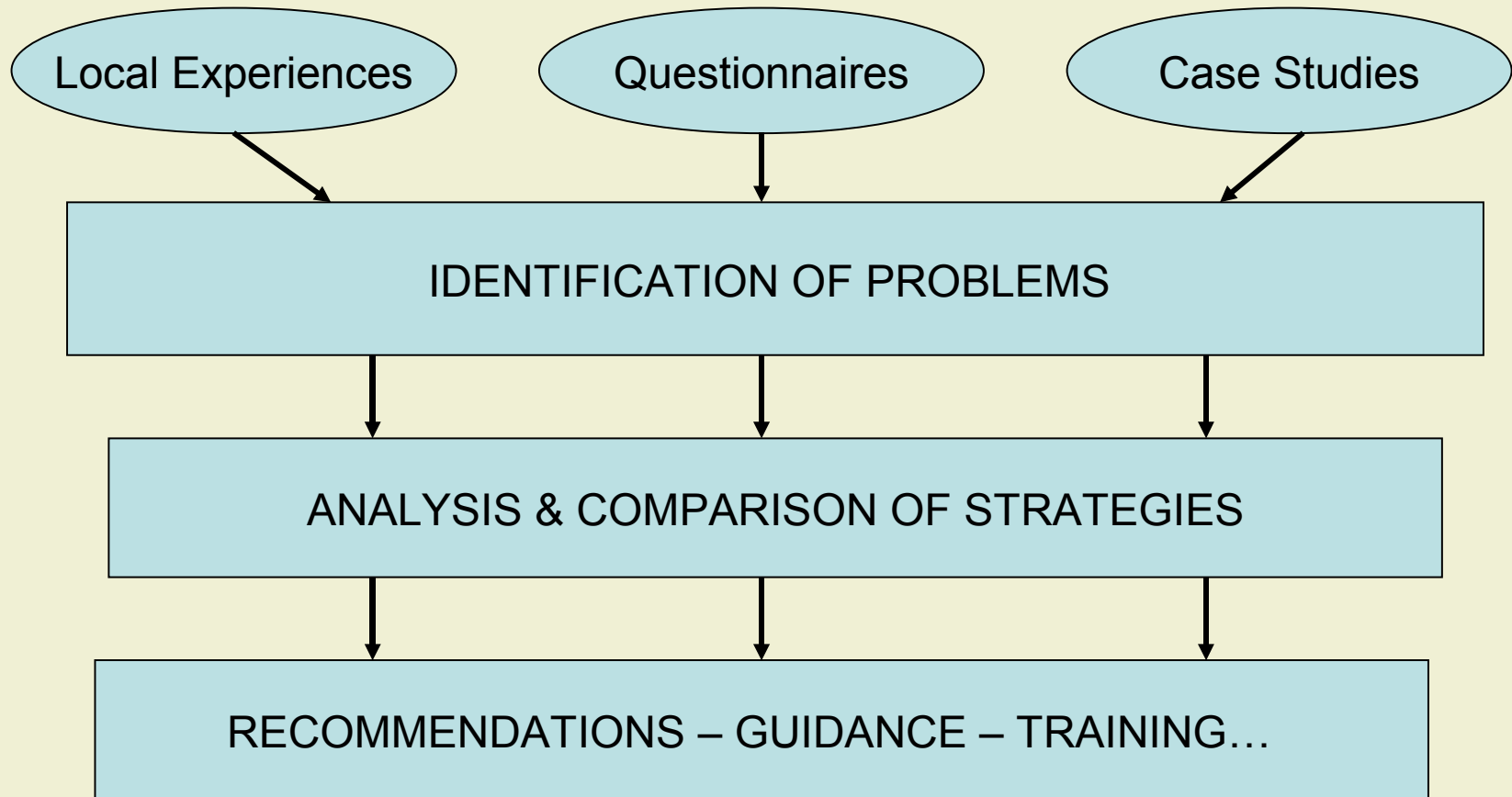
1. Strengthen local crime prevention policies

« *Cities helping Cities* »

The exchange of **practices** and **expertise** takes the form of :

- European programs, training sessions, policy seminars, conferences for political and technical staff.
- Technical assistance (audits, evaluations..)
- Over 350 good practices available
- 35 publications on various topics in different languages,
- A multi-lingual website
- International interdisciplinary events (Paris 1991, Naples 2000). The last conference took place in Saragossa in Nov. 2006 on the theme « Security, Democracy and Cities » and brought together more than 800 participants from 220 cities

Exchange of expertise



Main thematic

Diagnosis

Drugs

Fear of crime

Large events

Mediation

Migrants, Minorities

Police

Prison

Public spaces

Role of local elected

Schools

Technologies

Terrorism

Trafficking in Human beings

Training

Women

Youth

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2. An integrated vision of security

« *Security as a common good* »

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

- Safety as an essential part of urban development
- Facilitate work between local representatives, judges, policemen, social workers, universities...

3. Promote the perspective of cities

« *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.



Partners within and beyond the European Union



- Founded under the auspices of the **Council of Europe**
- Formalized cooperation with **national governments**
- Partnership with the **European Commission** – Expert status in the field of Justice, Liberties and Security, on Trafficking in Human beings; Expert of URBACT programme
- Participation in the **European Union Crime Prevention Network**
- Vice President of the **International Center for the Prevention of Crime**
- Support to the **creation of Forums** in Africa and South America
- **United Nations**: Collaboration with UN Habitat, UNODC, Member of the ISPAC (International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council, Crime Prevention programme)

Proximity policing in France

- No proximity policing as a genuine body with specific missions, skills and training
- A national and a municipal police with some missions of proximity policing

Training program

- 1) Partnership-based approach and local tools
- 2) Urban knowledge
- 3) Victimology