

Call for proposals ISEC Prevention of and fight against crime 2007- 2013 Action grants 2011

Efus will submit a project in the framework of the call for proposals "Prevention of and fight against crime" of the Directorate General Home Affairs of the European Commission.

Theme of the project: Methodological tools for the planning of local security policy

Project leader: European Forum for Urban Security (Efus)

Duration of the project: Three years maximum

Project partners: Ten cities and regions of Europe, national governments, European universities and European experts

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Building a local plan of action for the prevention of and the fight against crime requires a series of methodological tools such as local security audits, victimisation surveys, surveys on the feeling of insecurity, and local monitoring systems among others. Many European cities already work with local security audits and diagnoses, and are thus able to better analyse the phenomena of crime. However, these common diagnoses, if they are to be improved, require a common definition of objectives, the use of consistent methods, and a coherent data-collecting system. It is imperative to consolidate local partnerships and make sure they are sustainable in the long run, in order to obtain a common, exhaustive knowledge of urban crime, its causes and its forms. The idea is to widen the scope of local security audits so that rather than being a mere technical tool, they can be used by all local stakeholders as a basis for decision-making.

The objectives of the project will be to analyse the data used by local actors, compare the methodologies used by the various partner-cities, analyse relations among local partners and between them and other decision-making levels (national, regional and local levels), analyse how information is shared among all the above-mentioned actors, strengthen local actors' skills in the definition and implementation of security diagnoses and other methodological tools, foster the exchange of knowledge in the various sub-themes covered by the project, and finally define a series of common principles for the conception and use of these methodological tools.

WORKING METHOD:

Efus will build this project on the basis of the local security audits it already carries out.

The project will have a two-pronged approach: research and investigation on the one hand, and field work on the other. A "study committee" will be formed, which will include European universities, representatives of national governments, and three independent experts. Throughout the duration of the project, the "study committee" will follow the work of the "technical committee", which will include local coordinators of the cities and regions who will be partners of the project.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

The project will allow to analyse and compare the various methodological tools (local audits, monitoring centres, surveys...) currently used in the field of security in various European countries, as well as the methods they use. Based on this analysis, we will define a series of recommendations on methodology, as well as a guide for local authorities.

Other "products" of this project will include practice sheets, a methodological guide, and common recommendations.

This project will be submitted on February, 24, 2012.

If you would like to have more information or participate in this project, please contact us at: judice@efus.eu

