Development of Crime Prevention and its Local Coordination in Germany

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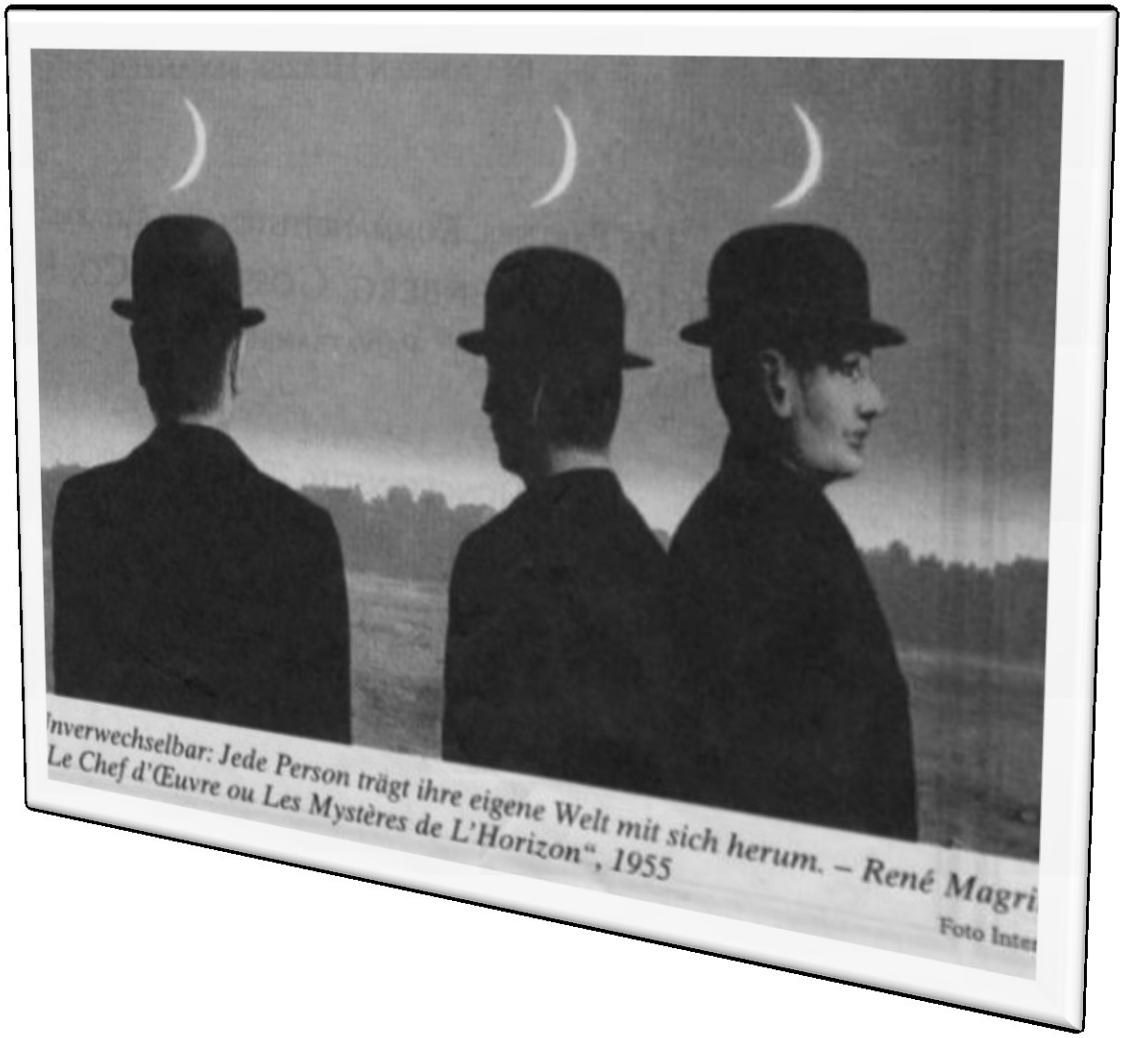


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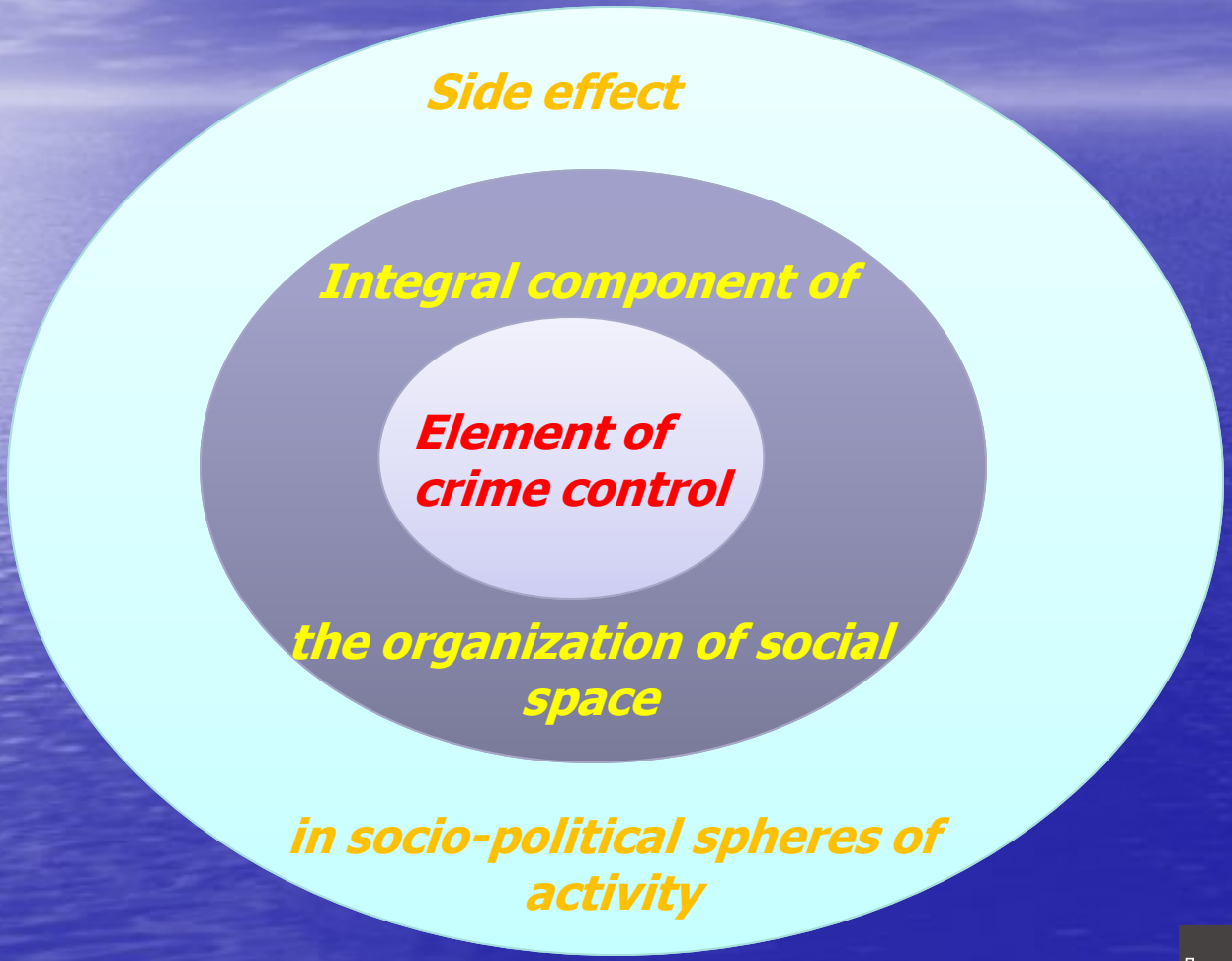
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Answers depend on the perspective of the observer and his comprehension of the „matter of interest“



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Le Chef d'Œuvre ou Les Mystères de L'Horizon", 1955
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(Crime) prevention as ...



Relationship Levels

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Outline

- Information to DFK
- Concept of 'Local Crime Prevention'
- Review of the concept through science
- Success of cooperation
- „Systematic approach" and scientific supervision/ support
- Potentials of local crime prevention

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Foundation German Forum for Crime Prevention

- **National body for Crime Prevention**
- **2001 founded through national and state governments**
- **Office: Staff of 6 colleagues coming from Police and Justice**



situated in the Ministery of Interior in Bonn

Budget: about 100.000 EUR

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Purpose and Tasks

Purpuse of the foundation:

support Stakeholders of Crime Prevention on different levels: national, regional, local

tasks:

- **Networking and Co-operation, Bundeling**
- **Management and Transfer of Knowledge**
- **Advice for Security Policy**
- **Public Relations**



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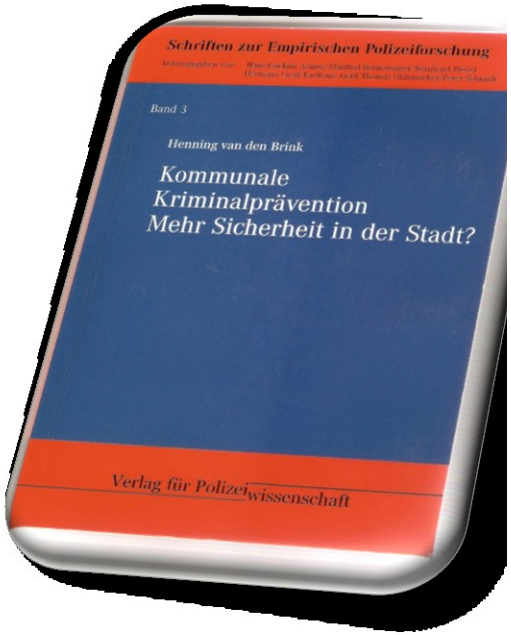
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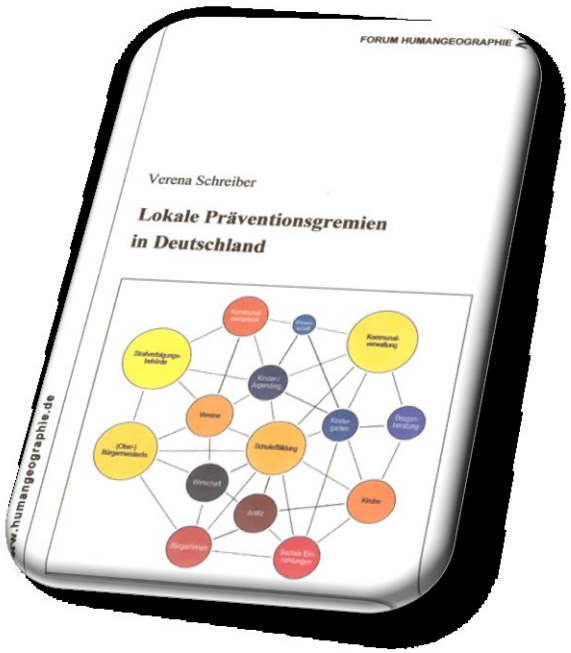
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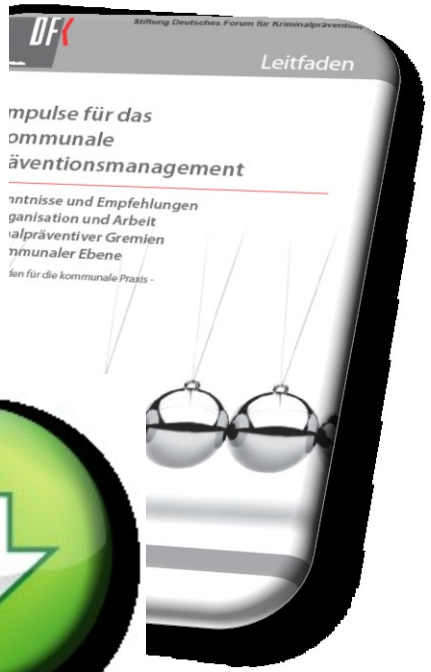


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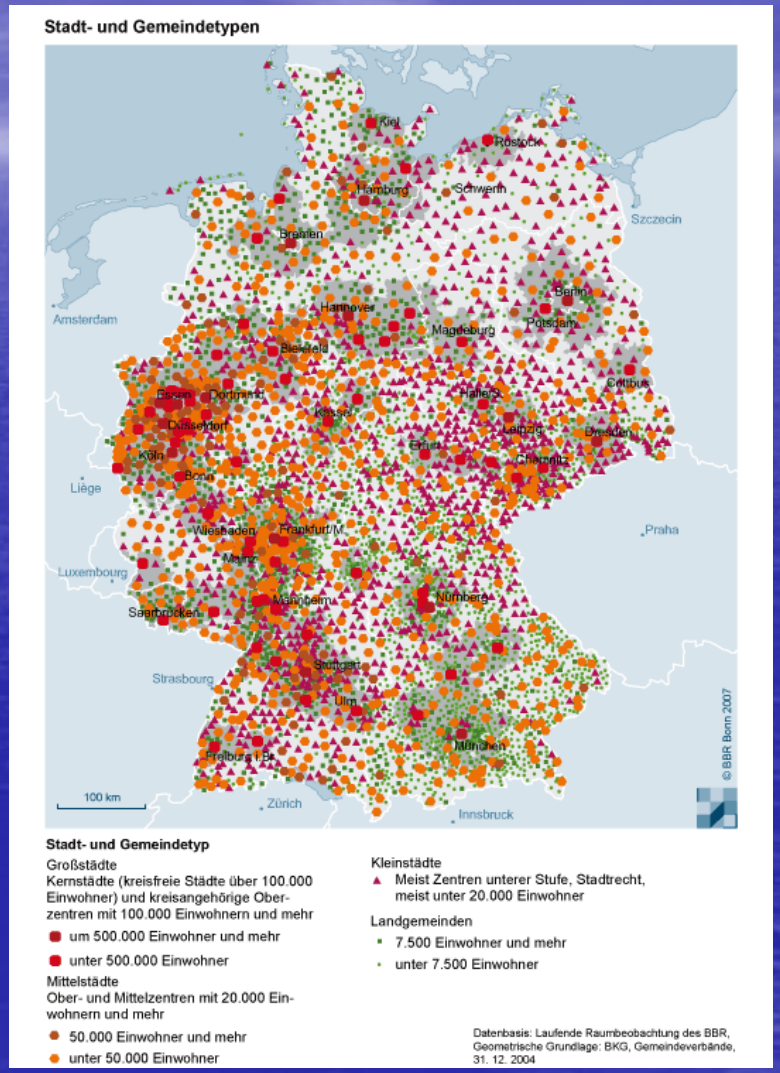






General facts about population, political and governmental system in Germany

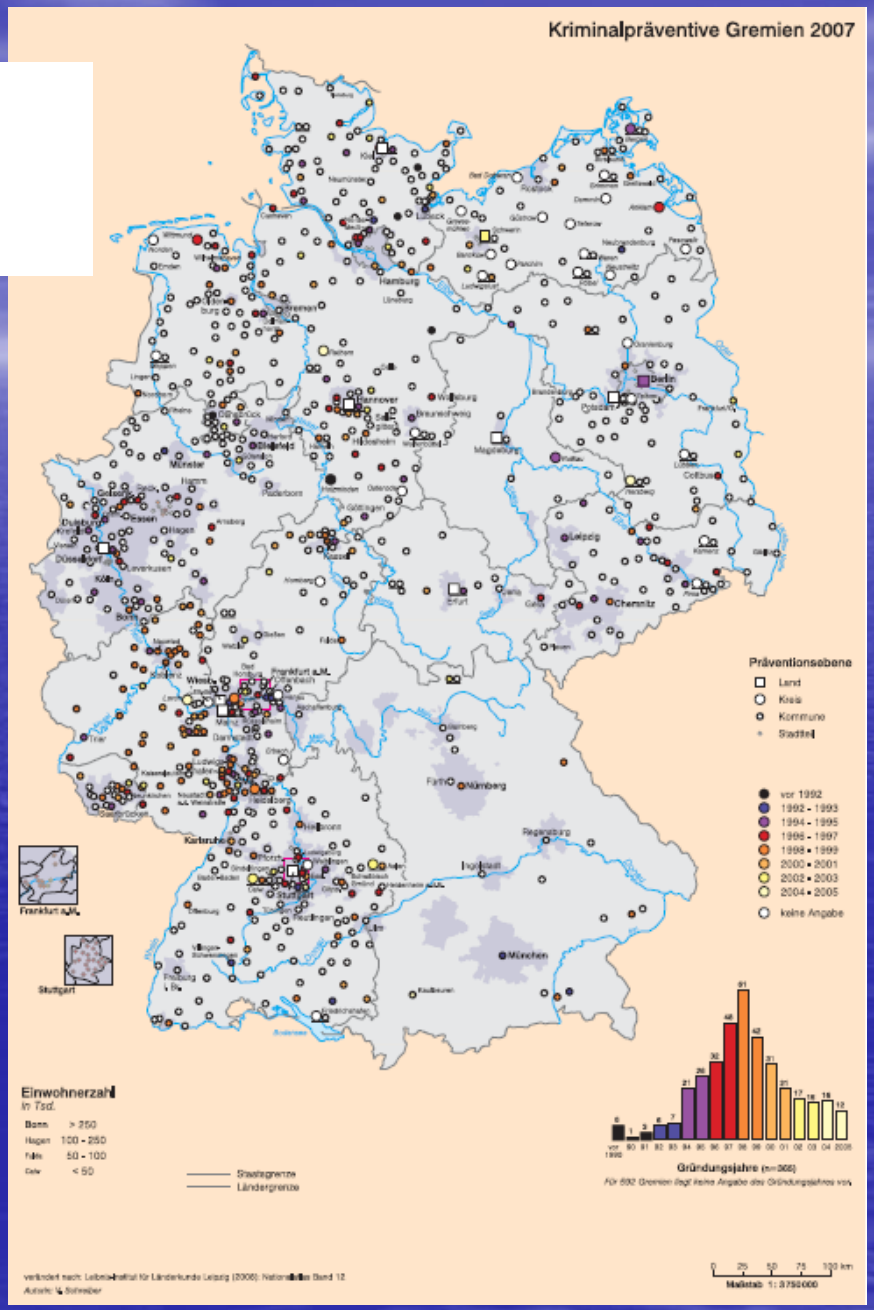




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Local boards for crime prevention in Germany (2007)

- ca. 1000 boards (?)
- The majority of large cities has a crime-preventive board.
- „colorful field“
- Little empirical insight



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Concept „local crime prevention“:
Structural principles



Local coverage → **Prevent crime where it occurs / develops**

The general public is the focal point of local crime prevention ← **Participation of citizens**

Institutional anchoring → **Prevention is a duty of the mayor**

Crime has multiple causes ← **Interdepartmental approach & networking**

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Basic idea of local crime prevention boards

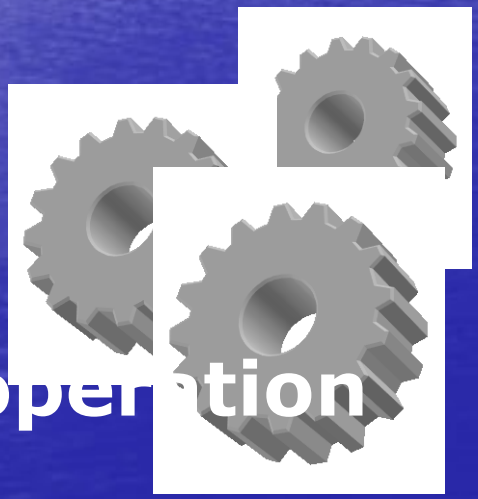
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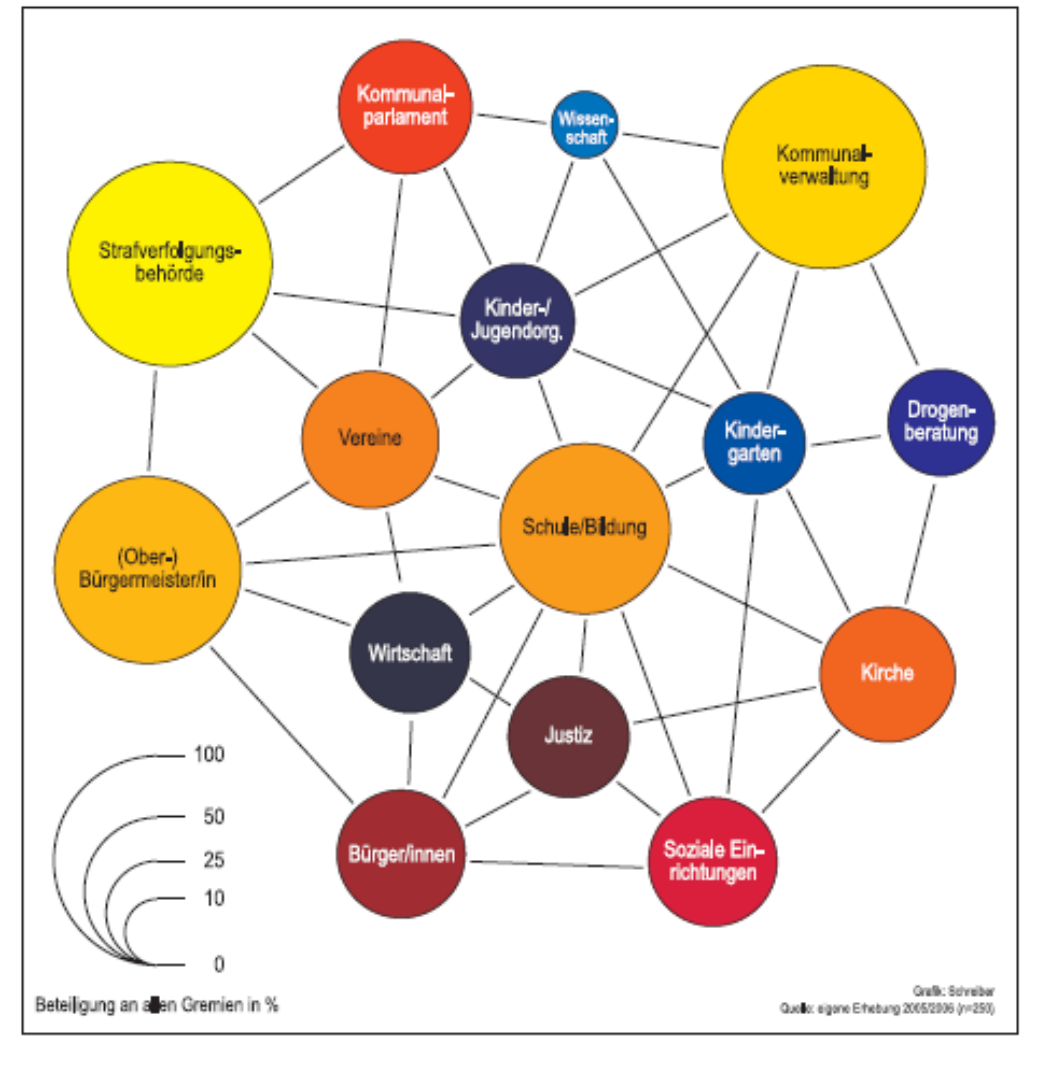
Coordination



Cooperation



partners in the local crime prevention

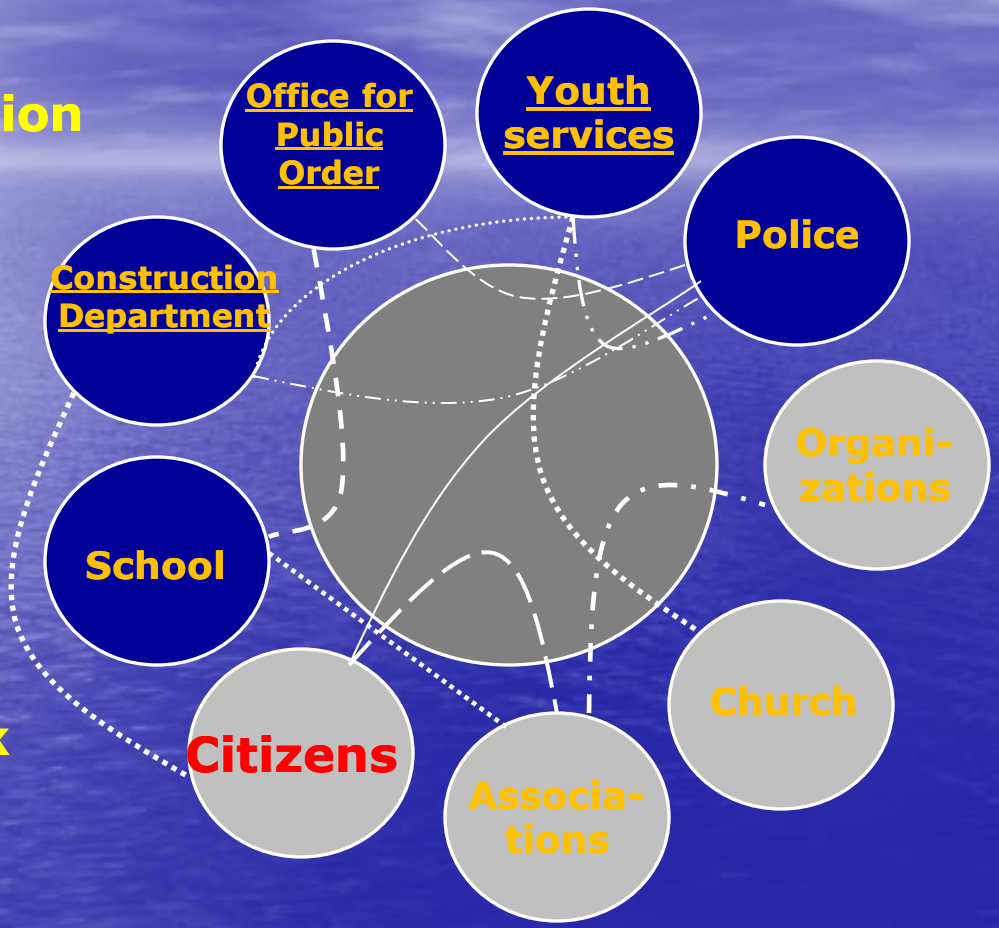


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Networking / crosslinking between the partners

Communication

Cooperation



Project work

Coordination

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Functions of local crime prevention boards

Contact exchange

Arranging cooperation partners for projects of stakeholders

Coordination

Avoiding the double use and grouping of competences and capacities

„Framing"

Developing formal framework and incentive structures for informal stakeholder action

„Hinge"

Interface and contact point for citizens and local stakeholders

Information exchange

Exchanging expert knowledge as well as knowledge of the milieu and location

Networking

Cooperation with „key stakeholders" and „propagators" in the district

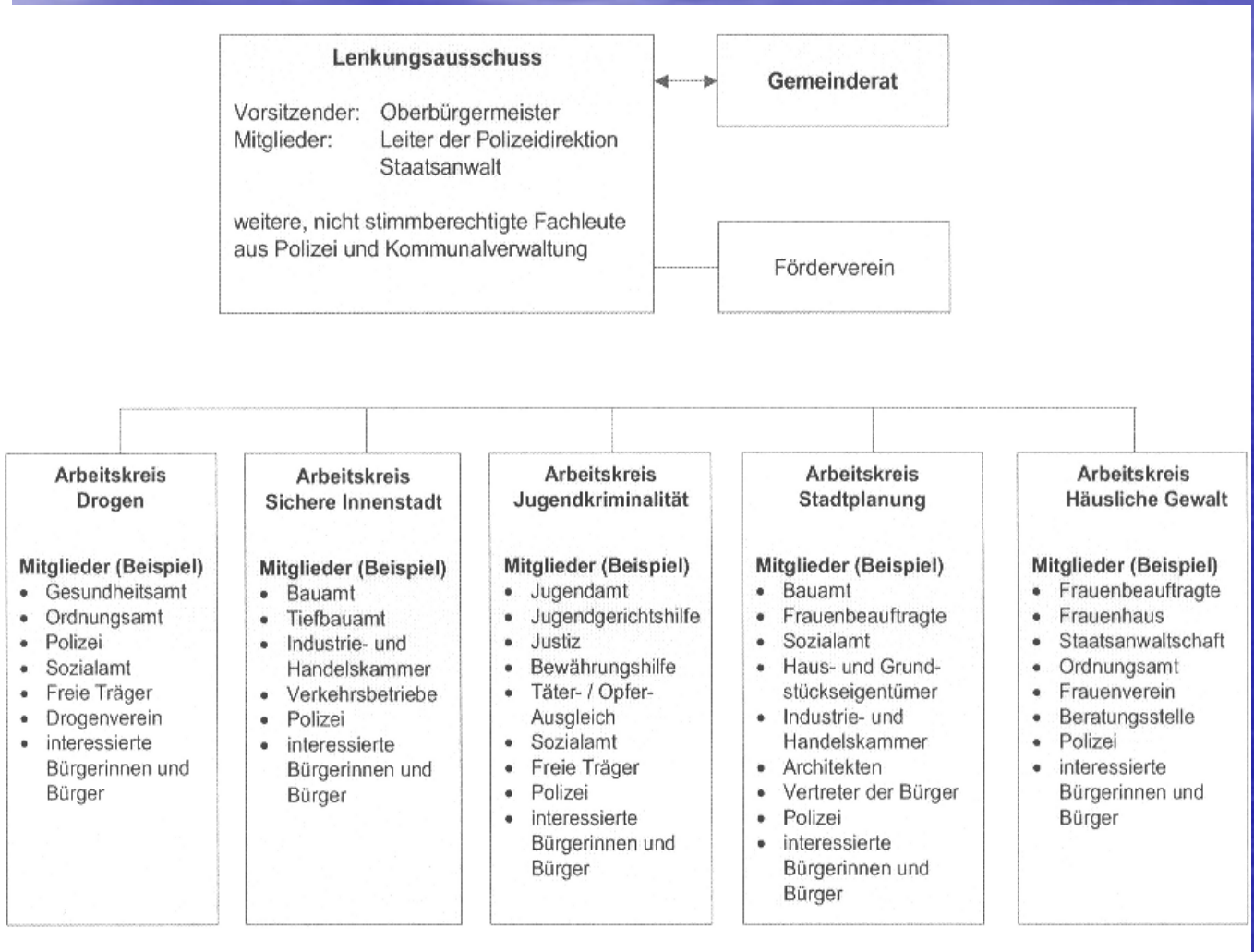
„Connecting piece"

Bridge between the differentiated and specialized institutions

Action forum

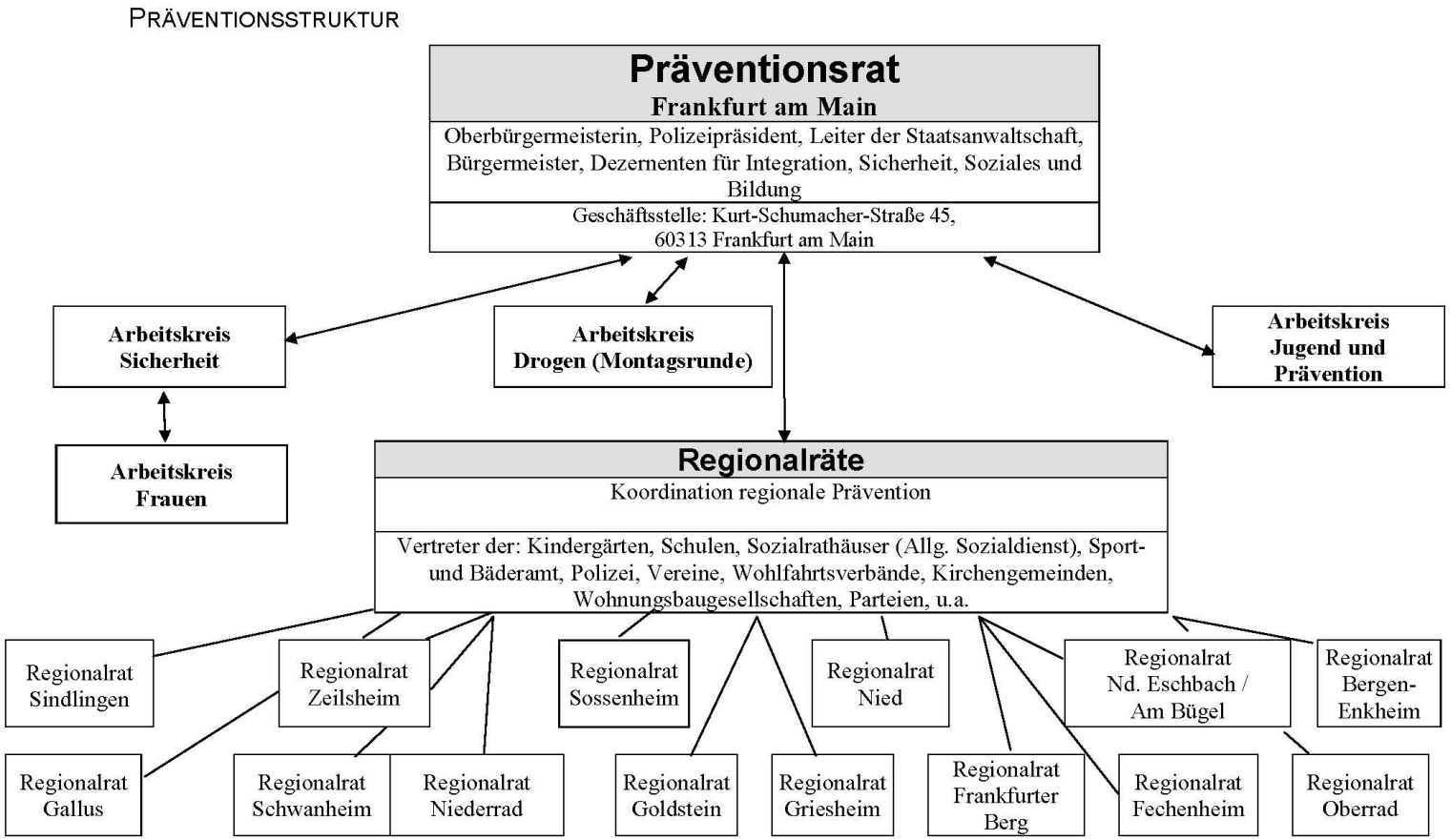
Platform for suggestions of prevention measures in the district

typical organisational structure



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typical organisational structure: district boards



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What are they doing? Projects in Frankfurt a.M.

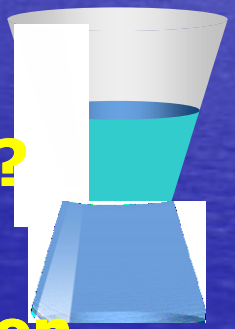




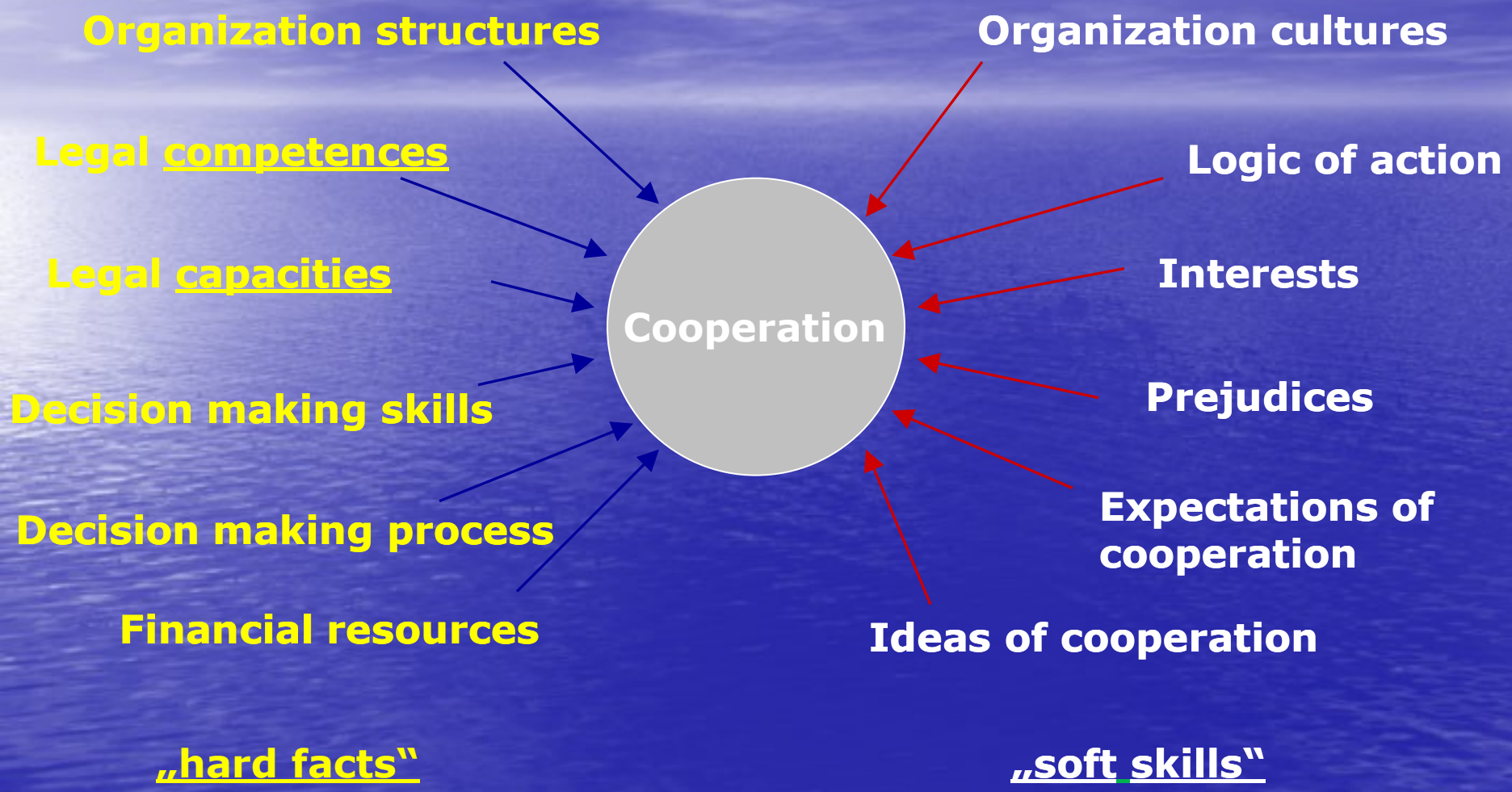
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Review of the concept „Local Crime Prevention“: Research questions?

- How does the perception and interpretation of a problem happen?
- How are needs for action, based on these interpretations, identified?
- How do these needs lead to actions?
- How are these cooperatively implemented?
- How are these cooperations organized?
- In which form (communication, coordination and cooperation) is the collaboration implemented?
- Are the methods evaluated and which evaluation criteria are developed?



Cooperation between actor-specific...



Barriers to Cooperation

„Wait-it-out mentality" versus „Profile neurosis"	„Internal management quarrels/ disputes "	Local political instrumen-talization	Competition between agencies for funding
Too high expectations by the members due to goals set too high	Too high expectations by the public based on false promises	Lack of knowledge of the partners` internal structures, work and method logic	Lack of knowledge of how networks operate
Steering group as the only drive mechanism of the network	Lack of representation of own organization in the network	Lack of representation of the network in own organization	Imbalance between rights and responsibilities, input and output, engagement and benefits

Requirements for Cooperation

Personal continuity at the interface	Moderator with sensible „antennas" for network developments	„Small-steps strategies" instead of „fast-track strategies"	„As much structure as necessary, as little formalization as possible"
Clarification of one's ideas and expectations of cooperation	Development, negotiation, revision and adaptation of binding guidelines	„The unwritten law of voluntary engagement"	Agreement on concrete goals and on ways to achieve these goals
Regular „face-to-face" contacts	Transparency and acceptance: good coexistence for good cooperation	Combination of political „top-down" implementation with „bottom-up" integration of practitioners	*„Cooperation needs in addition to the necessary resources also a long, deep breath"*

What makes success?

Goals are achieved…

a question of perspective and benchmark …





… as concrete as possible definition of goals, that:

- is comprehensible, clear and transparent,
- will be supported by all,
- was possibly developed together,
- includes measurable criteria,
- is accessible.

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Systematic goal selection and project planning:
Example: „analysis of risk and protection conditions"

„Communities that care" in Lower Saxony

DIE CTC - PHASEN UND DIE DAZUGEHÖRIGEN ZIELE

Phase 1: CTC vorbereiten
- Die Einbindung einer begrenzten Anzahl von Personen / Organisationen in CTC
- Die Definition von Rahmenbdingungen für eine gut verlaufende Einführung von CTC
- Der Überblick über die Faktoren des jeweiligen Gebietes, die den CTC-Prozess beeinflussen können
- Die Vorbereitung der CTC-Schülerumfrage

Phase 2: CTC einführen und Rückhalt für CTC schaffen
- Die Durchführung der CTC-Schülerumfrage
- Die Zusammensetzung und Gründung einer CTC-Lenkungsgruppe
- Die Zusammensetzung und Gründung eines CTC-Gebietsteams
- Die Information und Einbindung des betreffenden Gebietes in den CTC-Prozess

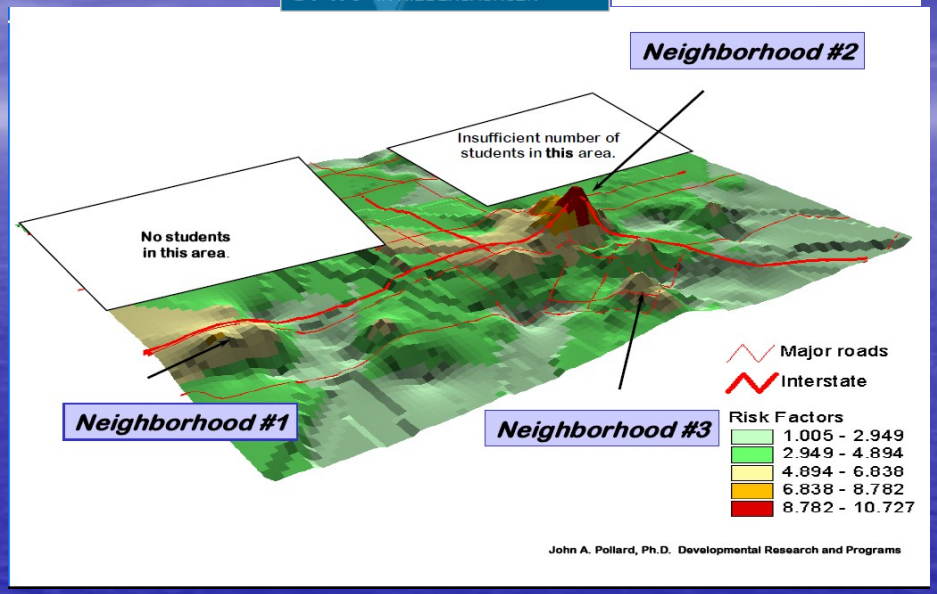
Phase 3: CTC-Gebietsprofil erstellen
- Das Sammeln und Analysieren von Daten über Problemverhalten, Risikofaktoren und Schutzfaktoren im Gebiet
- Das Priorisieren der Risikofaktoren und der Schutzfaktoren
- Die Beschreibung und Analyse der bestehenden präventiven Programme und Aktivitäten in dem Gebiet
- Die Erstellung eines CTC-Gebietsprofils

Phase 4: CTC-Aktionsplan erstellen
- Das Formulieren der Ziele, welche die CTC-Strategie im Hinblick auf Problemverhalten, Risikofaktoren und Schutzfaktoren langfristig erreichen will.
- Die Erstellung eines Planes, in dem Akteure und Einrichtungen in dem Gebiet ein integriertes Angebot bereitstellen, um die Risikofaktoren abzuschwächen und die Schutzfaktoren zu verstärken.
- Rückhalt für den CTC-Präventionsplan schaffen.

Phase 5: CTC-Aktionsplan einführen
- Die Schaffung einer Organisationsstruktur für den CTC-Prozess, welche die Einführung des CTC-Aktionsplans unterstützt
- Die Durchführung von Evaluationen und die Nachbesserung des CTC-Aktionsplans
- Die langfristige Sicherung des Rückhalts für den CTC-Prozess an dem Standort

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CTC communities that care





Systematic goal selection and project planning:

Example: „coaching“

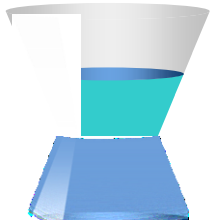
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1. Re-adjustment of local preventive work
2. Scientific consultation and supervision / coaching
3. Systematic approach with certain method elements: e.g. moderated workshops
4. Board an network developed in the sense of cooperation management



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Local Crime Prevention: What makes „the success"?



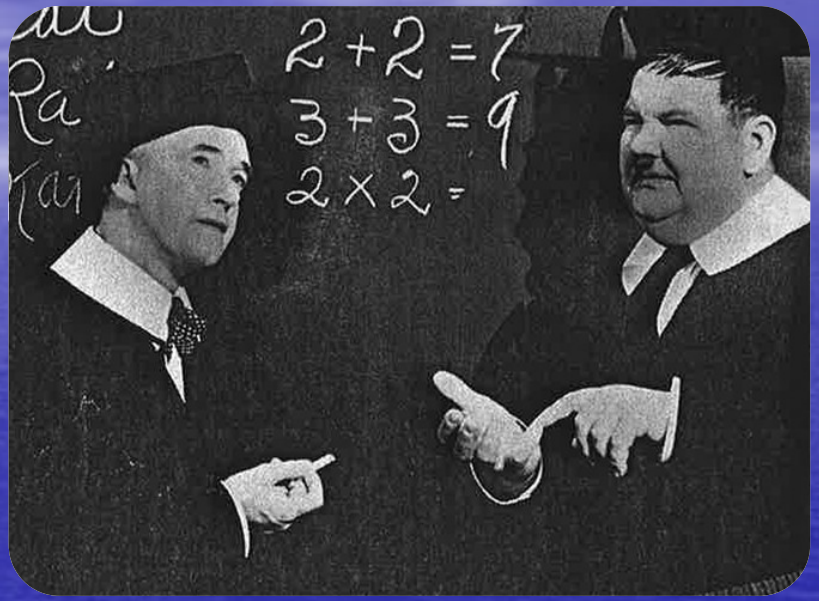
Conlusions:

1. Systematic analysis of the security conditions and of the social space / living environment
2. Thorough analysis of actors' potential
3. Setting clear goals and courses of action
4. Effective cooperation with clear areas of responsibility, rules of procedure and cooperation management (board and coordinator/manager)
5. Living environment orientation: Prevention at district / quarter level
6. Involvement of citizens in projects at district level

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Any questions?



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