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The European landscape of evaluation



Frameworks for crime prevention policies

- The emergence of a European crime policy funded by the European Commission
- The perspective of creating a European Observatory, collecting data on crime and crime prevention policies throughout Europe
- The development of partnership structures at the national and local levels such as the Community Safety Partnership (UK), Safety protocol (Italy), etc.



An example of national strategy: Sweden

A National Crime Prevention Council (since 1994) which includes a special division in charge of supporting local prevention actions.

A National action plan, "Our Common responsibility program" (to develop actions of prevention and their effectiveness, promote citizens' participation, services co-operation at the local level..)

Specific actions plans concerning_Sexual exploitation of children, violence at school, trafficking of human beings,

Thematic instances

- The National Clearinghouse on Violence against Women,
- The Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority,
- The Council on media violence



Working with regional and local authorities

Regional level

regional centres of police, support for the elaboration of local partnerships projects,

Local authorities in charge of

 Local police, Social services, Local councils for the prevention of criminality (200 in 2001) chaired by the Mayor.



Evaluation Tilting at windmills?

- Tendencies of evaluation policy
- Two obstacles to evaluation
- Who evaluates and where?
- The use of evaluation studies