The Structure of Crime Prevention in Germany

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Development Prevention

General Prevention

Community Prevention

Special Prevention

Situative Prevention
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2. Receiving the Picture of Crime

Offical Records

1. Police Records (Polizeiliche Kriminalstatistik, Political Motivated Crime)

2. Statistics of Courts, Prosecutors, Lawyers, Penal Institutions


Inoffical Records / Criminological Research

1. Official numbers of recidivism are missing. Research has some studies on recidivism but not systematically for Germany.

2. Official numbers on unreported cases are missing. Research has some studies on unreported cases but not systematically for Germany.

3. Official criminological research is assigned to the Federal Police Department (Kriminalistisches Institut) and is located also in the Ministry of the Interior (Referat Kriminologie). Besides that there are private and national institutes of criminology.
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3. Structure of Crime Prevention

App. 2,000 crime preventive bodies are present in Germany on four levels:

1. **Federal level:** The German government gives money to certain projects, initiatives or institutions. **Examples for institutions are:** working groups at ministries, The German Forum on Crime Prevention in Bonn, Federal Police Department, German Youth Institute in Munich. **Example for projects are:** "Youth for Tolerance and Democracy Against Right Wing Crime, Xenophobia and Antisemitism (Since 2001 a budget of 205 Million Euros and 3,600 supported projects).

2. **State Level:** There are so called **State-Prevention-Councils** in all 16 states. They consult, coordinate, inform, implement and support crime prevention within the states. Money is provided mostly by state ministries.

3. **State-Federal Level:** Initiatives and institutions paid by both the states and the federation. **Examples are** the Criminological Center in Wiesbaden, The Program 'Crime Prevention by the Police on State and Federal Level', The Federal and State Coordination Center for the Prevention of Drug Addiction.

4. **Communal Level:** So called **Communal Crime Prevention Councils** are active in many cities in Germany that coordinate and finance crime prevention project.
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4. The German Congress on Crime Prevention

Annually congress in Germany organized by the German Congress on Crime Prevention – DPT Ltd. as well as the German Foundation for Crime Prevention and Offender Support (DVS).

Objectives are:
- Presenting and exchanging current and basic questions of crime prevention and its effectiveness
- Bringing together partners within the field of crime prevention
- Functioning as a forum for the practice and fostering exchange of experiences
- Helping to get into contact at the international level and to exchange information
- Discussing implementation strategies
- Developing and disseminating recommendations for the practice, politics, administration and research

Target Groups are: administration, health system, youth welfare, judiciary, churches, local authorities, media, politics, police, prevention committees projects, schools, organizations and associations, science etc.

Upcoming 11th German Congress on Crime Prevention taking place May 08. and 09. 2006 in Nuremberg. International guests are more than welcome!
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