



The European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) comprises 250 European authorities. Established in 1987 on the initiative of Gilbert Bonnemaïson, the network aims to:

- promote a balanced vision of urban security, combining prevention, sanctions and social cohesion,
- support local and regional authorities in the conception, implementation and evaluation of their local security policy,
- help local elected officials get recognition for their role in the development and implementation of national and European policies.

In this capacity, Efus provides support and inspiration for locally elected officials and their teams who are convinced of the necessity of working together, transcending political differences, for the benefit of long-term security. In accordance with the principle of 'cities helping cities,' Efus fosters the exchange of experience between authorities.

The Manifesto, the cities' political platform

The founding values and principles of Efus' members are gathered together in the 'Cities' Manifesto: Security, Democracy and Cities'.

By means of the Manifesto, local officials affirm that choosing prevention 'is a rational, strategic and cost-efficient option' and is an intelligent application of criminal law. Prevention must be favoured in order 'to guarantee that the security of future generations, indispensable to the quality of life in cities, is a basic right for all'. They also ask for the adoption of citizen participation as an interdisciplinary principle of security policies. They call for full participation from the youth who are 'too often stigmatised and victims of violence', as well as for the 'promotion of women's rights and sexual equality'.

By joining Efus, your municipality shows its commitment to these principles.

The Manifesto is reinforced by the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Action with public administrations

One of Efus' core missions is to represent local authorities in European debates within the domains of Justice, Freedom and Security. For many years, the Forum has established close ties to national, European and international institutions, thus promoting the voices of locally elected officials. By participating in Efus' activities, your local authority can contribute to the development of a European project on crime prevention and urban security.

Work topics

For 30 years, Efus has tackled more than thirty topics related to urban security. The work topics are chosen based on requests made by the member authorities and activities are developed as part of European working groups. Over the last five years, the network has notably worked on the following topics: police, nightlife, managing large events, at-risk behaviour, recidivism, collective violence, violent radicalisation, mediation, technology and security, security audits, violence against women.

Services for local authorities

- **Collaborative projects and working groups**

Efus implements and manages cooperative projects as well as working groups. These activities aim to strengthen the local authorities' knowledge of a particular topic, through the exchange of practices, communal reflection and expert contributions. Above all, these projects enable the operational implementation of methodologies which strengthen local policies (audits, evaluations, pilot projects). These activities conclude with policy recommendations which then benefit the whole of the network.

Such projects may be partially financed by the European Commission.

Currently, Efus is coordinating projects on the following topics: fighting against violent radicalisation, preventing discriminatory violence, drug and risk reduction, public spaces.

- **Information and technical assistance concerning European grants**

There are a variety of financing opportunities for local policies at the European level. However, these opportunities require management and the preparation and submission of complex applications. Efus informs you of the calls for proposals published within the security domain and supports you in the administrative and financial follow-up of submitted proposals.

• Supporting local policies

The European Forum's technical team and external experts can support you in constructing your local prevention strategy, completing a security diagnostic (audits) or an investigation into the feeling of insecurity, as well as implementing security measures (local mediation service, municipal police, etc.). These services are bespoke and have preferential rates.

• Promoting local experience

If you should wish to organise a local event (conference, seminar) on the topic of your choice, Efus can help you to create a programme and suggest relevant stakeholders and experts from its network. This type of event simultaneously highlights local practices, promotes the consolidation of ideas and provides a mean to participate in the development of a communal vision of urban security.

• Visits and study tours

Efus offers to organise visits or thematic study tours for you in one of the network's cities. These visits allow you to discover the details behind the implementation of a comprehensive strategy on the ground or a specific project which has been successfully implemented in a city facing challenges which are similar to your own. As such, you can meet and share with local stakeholders and benefit from their feedback. You can also host a delegation from another European city in order to highlight your local activities, mobilise your partners and benefit from a peer review.

• Training

Training is an essential tool for updating knowledge, for strengthening the capacities of elected officials and their collaborators, and also for supporting the development of innovative local policies for prevention.

On request, Efus can offer you a bespoke training programme with preferential rates. These training sessions are designed for elected officials, individuals responsible for local services, and for partners of urban security policies. These enable the appropriation of concepts and methods which are well-suited to the issues faced by local authorities.

• Access to Efus Network, a members-only, collaborative online platform for:

- direct contact and exchange with the representatives of 250 local authorities across Europe,
- accessing Efus' resource library: publications and practice sheets,
- knowing about the European Commission's call for proposals,
- following the life of the association,
- receiving invitations to events organised by, or in partnership with, Efus,
- freely consulting, downloading and ordering up to three copies of Efus' publications.

Governance and organisation

Efus is led by an Executive Committee which is representative of the diversity of its members; one third of these members are re-elected annually. As Efus' decision-making and political body, the Executive Committee directs the association's activities. As a member, you may participate in the political bodies of the association by submitting your application to be part of the Executive Committee and by voting in the annual General Assembly. A multilingual technical team based in Paris manages and brings dynamism to the network while coordinating the association's activities. The team is available to members for any requests they may have and helps facilitate contact between member authorities.

Membership

To join, please send us the membership form signed by the relevant authority. Your membership will be subject to the Executive Committee's approval.

The membership fee is annual. Its amount is calculated according to the local authority's number of inhabitants. 2019's rates are as follow:

Up to 10 000 inhabitants	685€
Between 10 000 and 30 000 inhabitants.....	1370€
Between 30 000 and 100 000 inhabitants.....	2730€
Between 100 000 and 200 000 inhabitants.....	4085€
Between 200 000 and 500 000 inhabitants.....	5440€
Between 500 000 and 1 000000 inhabitants.....	7510€
More than 1 000000 inhabitants.....	8055€
Regions et departments.....	8600€

Once your membership has been confirmed, you may request that one of Efus' members visit your local authority in order to present the European Forum to your teams and partners. On this occasion, it is possible to organise an activity such as: a working meeting with elected officials; a conference for all audiences or even a workshop on the theme of your choosing.

Contact

Upon request, we can arrange meetings with Executive Director, Elizabeth Johnston either in Paris or in your city. Do not hesitate to get in touch with us for any additional information on +33 (0)1 40 64 49 00 or email contact@efus.eu.