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Mobilizing civil society to prevent delinquency and crime

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Introduction

The mobilization of civil society is at the heart of crime prevention strategies and programs. The main challenge of collaborative approaches remains. Agreeing on a common vision, identifying points of convergence between the mandates and priorities of the stakeholders involved, and defining how each can contribute are the first challenges of a successful approach.

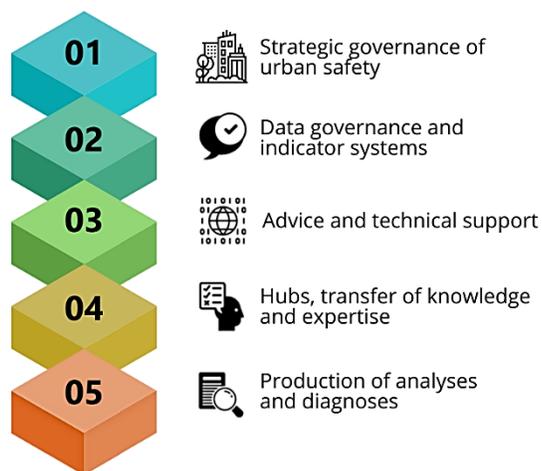
Program Objectives

- Identify stakeholders' engagement levels and specify how each can collaborate in a local public safety framework.
 - Improve local diagnostic practices by incorporating citizen consultation tools such as exploratory walks, participatory mapping, and mobile workshops.
 - Diversify actions to bridge the gap between the community and the police.
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Program

Day 1 - USLab: A model for mobilizing civil society and law enforcement agencies to meet the challenges of preventing delinquency and serious crime

Active in Montreal since 2020, the Montreal Urban Safety Laboratory (USLab) was developed under the leadership of the ICPC, in collaboration with the City of Montreal and local stakeholders. Funded by the Government of Quebec and the City of Montreal, this initiative promotes participatory approaches. The Lab includes five components:





Section 1: Strategic governance of urban safety

The **strategic governance of a city's urban safety** is essential to ensure the coherence, complementarity, and implementation of integrated intervention and prevention measures based on evidence and best practices. This requires the establishment of a decision-making committee comprising, but not limited to, city directors, health, justice, and education departments. Montreal's is led by the city's management. What could be the challenges? How do we get there?



Section 2: Data governance and indicator systems

The **need for evidence-based documentation of urban safety issues** is recognized and often prioritized. Identifying available data, contributing to the development of agreements with stakeholders for the access and the development of an administrative and ethical framework, as well as developing indicator tables that consider local realities and available data are all part of the mandate of an Urban Safety Lab. Presentation of the agreements, databases, and indicator dashboards developed by the ICPC for the USLab-Montreal and for countries where data has not yet been collected.



Section 3: Advice and technical support

Advisory and technical support is a **component that assists managers** in clarifying an issue, providing guidance on selecting best practices, and facilitating knowledge transfer or study results through management meetings or small decision-making committees. Technical support also aims to assist in conducting an urban safety diagnosis or problem-solving activity by the personnel of a city, neighborhood, or region.



Section 4: Hubs, transfer of knowledge and expertise

The creation of collaborative spaces for learning, innovation, and experimentation **bridges the gap between research and action in urban safety**. Participants are invited to share their experiences. What are the keys to success?





Section 5: Production of analyses and diagnoses

The Lab prioritizes and plans **knowledge development activities** in the form of best practice reviews, crime profiling, local safety diagnoses, problem solving and collaborative evaluation of crime prevention activities. Several tools, such as exploratory walks, mobile workshops, participatory mapping, and safety surveys will be presented and discussed.

Day 2 - Practice of engagement with civil society

1. The community policing model in Quebec: 25 years of practice and challenges to ensure everyday safety. The lessons that have been learned.

2. Local safety committees: from siloed collaboration to genuine partner mobilization. Presentation of case studies.

3. Linking police, citizens and the community: best practices.

a. Mobility safety is an issue often prioritized by cities. It covers the safety of public transport, but also the safety of our streets. The results of several meetings with citizens from various cities in Quebec will be presented and discussed.

b. The projects from the 'By and For Youth' program of the City of Montreal, consisting of 52 projects funded and selected by a committee of 11 members, including 4 youth under 30, will be discussed. The results of several of these projects have been praised by Mayor Valérie Plante and presented to the Montreal community.

c. Improving police-community dialogue: A concern shared by several cities. To ensure that the training is firmly rooted in local issues, we establish a partnership with an association working locally in this field. The association will be invited to share its experience, and the results will be discussed.

4. Key considerations for effective integrated prevention projects: the living space approach, the complementarity and fluidity of preventive approaches from the first to the third line, and finally, the conditions for success.



Training Format

- Target audience: public officials, field workers and anyone involved in public safety and security of communities.
 - Capacity: 20 to 25 people.
 - Length: 2-day accelerated training course.
 - Prerequisite : None.
 - Teaching approach: knowledge transfer through case studies and knowledge sharing.
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Cost: Price upon request.

Note: Themed training courses are available upon request.

About the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime

Founded in 1994 in Montreal by the governments of Canada, Quebec, and France, the ICPC is a unique resource centre and international forum for the exchange of knowledge on crime prevention and everyday safety. Since its creation, the ICPC's mission has been to promote and support the development and implementation of effective policies, programs and tools, fostering the development of more inclusive and safer societies and communities. The actions of this non-governmental organization are supported by a team of experts to encourage the transfer and use of inspiring practices, support fruitful international exchanges between countries and cities, the judicial system, and civil society organizations.

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