

## Annex 3 – COPS and CPTED in Germany

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### **Criminological Regional Analysis (CRA)**

- CRA is a micro-analysis at local level that combines the geography of crime and crime control to identify the causes of crime.
- Development of the model started from 1975.
- It has a strong connection with the process of the German model of crime prevention on the local level.
- On this level e.g. the local authorities, police, citizens associations, politicians and other groups co-operate.
- The main aim is to provide the co-operating partners in the local crime prevention network with the necessary information to develop a common reasonable strategy.

## **Main content of a CRA**

### **Information about the regional situation eg:**

- Population (social structure, age structure)
- Labour situation
- Infrastructure
- Housing conditions
- Industrial enterprises and commerce.

### **Information about offences of main concern and the fear of crime in the population:**

- Crime statistics
- Police reports
- Citizen surveys about the fear of crime.

### **Description of the crime control agencies:**

- Police ( actual strength on the local level, responsibility assignment)
- Justice on the local level (courts, prosecutor, probation assistance)
- Youth welfare organisations
- Private security companies
- All information should be focussed on the main relevant offences and criminal hotspots
- The analysis has to go down to a micro level e.g. small districts of a town.
- It is not important to collect a lot of data, it is more important to collect the right data and to find the best way for the analysis of the data!
- Normally a CRA has to be limited, up to maximum of 100 pages, with a management summary.

### **Present situation**

- About 40 different CRAs have been carried out
- The methodology was optimised in the last 5 years
- At the beginning there was a reservation against this model, now it is more and more accepted in the federal states
- Now we combine the CRA with CPTED-Audits
- We also use new techniques like GIS systems
- For the citizens surveys we have standardised instruments.