



The European and French Forums for Urban Safety

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Who are we?



- Non governmental organization
- Founded in 1987 (EFUS) and 1992 (FFUS)
- National branches of the European Forum for Urban Safety
- Network of 300 local authorities (120 for the FFUS)
- Urban Safety : prevention, repression, solidarity



Our main aims

- To build a network of local authorities through the exchange of practices and information.
- To integrate the local safety policy in the National and European policies.
- To reinforce the role of local authorities and their representatives in the partnership that is dealing with safety policies.



French local authorities and school violence

- **A fact** : Since the decentralisation and the development of local autonomy, local authorities are in charge of physical building of schools (as well as public school transport).
- **A principle** : School violence is not cut off from its external environment.
- **A vision** : Transform urban space into true educational space.



Is safety and security on schools a problem in France?

- **YES** if you consider:

The several national programs dealing with school violence, the efforts to have an institutional data's collection, the Medias...

- **However, there are still some problems:**

The lack of victimisation and self report investigations, the difficulty to set up a whole school community partnership...



What types of problems are we dealing with?

TOO MANY!

- What kind of school violence are we talking about?

Insults or physical violences, increasing collective violence, the rise of anti-school violence...

- What kind of problem are local authorities dealing with?

Damages of the buildings and of transportation;
school surrounding's;
fear of crime in population and students



What kind of solutions do we have?

NOT SO MANY!

- To create and stimulate the partnership;
- To share a diagnostic;
- To write some contracts;
- To set up actions;
- To create new jobs and profiles.

Let's take an example



Is CPTED part of the solution ?

NOT REALLY!

- CPTED is not part of the diagnostic;
- CPTED is not part of the actions :
 - Not a lot of reconstruction as it costs a lot;
 - Some measures to adapt school environment;
 - A question about the implementation of alarms and CCTV.