

CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF EUROPE

Resolution 116 (2001)¹ concerning the manual on local authorities and urban crime prevention

The Congress, bearing in mind the proposal of the Chamber of Local Authorities,

1. Notes and welcomes the results of the series of conferences organised by the CLRAE on local authority policies for crime prevention in Europe:

– Erfurt (Germany), 26-28 February 1997, on Crime and Urban Insecurity in Europe: the Role and Responsibilities of Local and Regional Authorities;

– Newcastle-upon-Tyne (United Kingdom), 29 April-1 May 1998 on Tackling Crime and Urban Insecurity in Europe through Co-operation between Local Authorities and Police;

– Petrozavodsk (Russian Federation), 16-18 September 1999, on The Role of Local Authorities in Combating Crime;

– Stettin (Poland), 19-21 October 2000, on The Relationship between the Physical Urban Environment and Crime Reduction and Prevention;

2. Equally, welcomes the earlier CLRAE reports on the following subjects:

– Crime and urban insecurity, in 1996 (CPL (3) 6, Part II), rapporteur: Mr Roland Ries (France);

– Crime and urban insecurity in Europe, in 1997 (CPL (4) 5, Part II), rapporteur: Mr Jan Mans (Netherlands);

– Crime and urban insecurity in Europe: the role of local authorities, in 2000 (CPL (7) 6, Part II), rapporteur: Mr Jan Mans (Netherlands);

3. Notes with gratitude the organisation of the next conference in the series by the Mayor of Enschede (Netherlands), for the Conference on Local Authorities and Transfrontier Crime, 20-22 September 2001, to be held in Enschede;

4. Recognises that there was a need to bring together the main results of the conferences and reports into a single composite manual for local authorities and crime prevention policies in Europe;

5. Welcomes and adopts the manual on local authorities and urban crime prevention, appearing as Part II to this draft resolution, and asks its Committee on Social Cohesion to:

a. ensure a wide distribution of the manual to local authorities and their associations in Europe;

b. add case studies progressively to illustrate the different chapters of the manual;

c. arrange for its translation and publication into all the working languages of the CLRAE and subsequently in as wide a range of European languages as possible;

d. make appropriate changes or additions to the manual in the light of the continuing work of the CLRAE on the subject;

6. Asks the Bureau of the CLRAE to consider undertaking further work on crime in Europe, for example, on violence in schools and violence on urban transport;

7. Asks the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to consider the manual as a contribution to the proposals relating to urban insecurity and crime contained in the Secretary General's priorities, 2001-05 as a transversal project;

8. Asks the CLRAE to continue to co-operate with relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations with a valid work programme on crime prevention in Europe.

1. Debated and approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities on 29 May 2001 and adopted by the Standing Committee of the Congress on 31 May 2001 (see Doc. CPL (8) 2, draft resolution presented by Mr J. Mans, rapporteur).