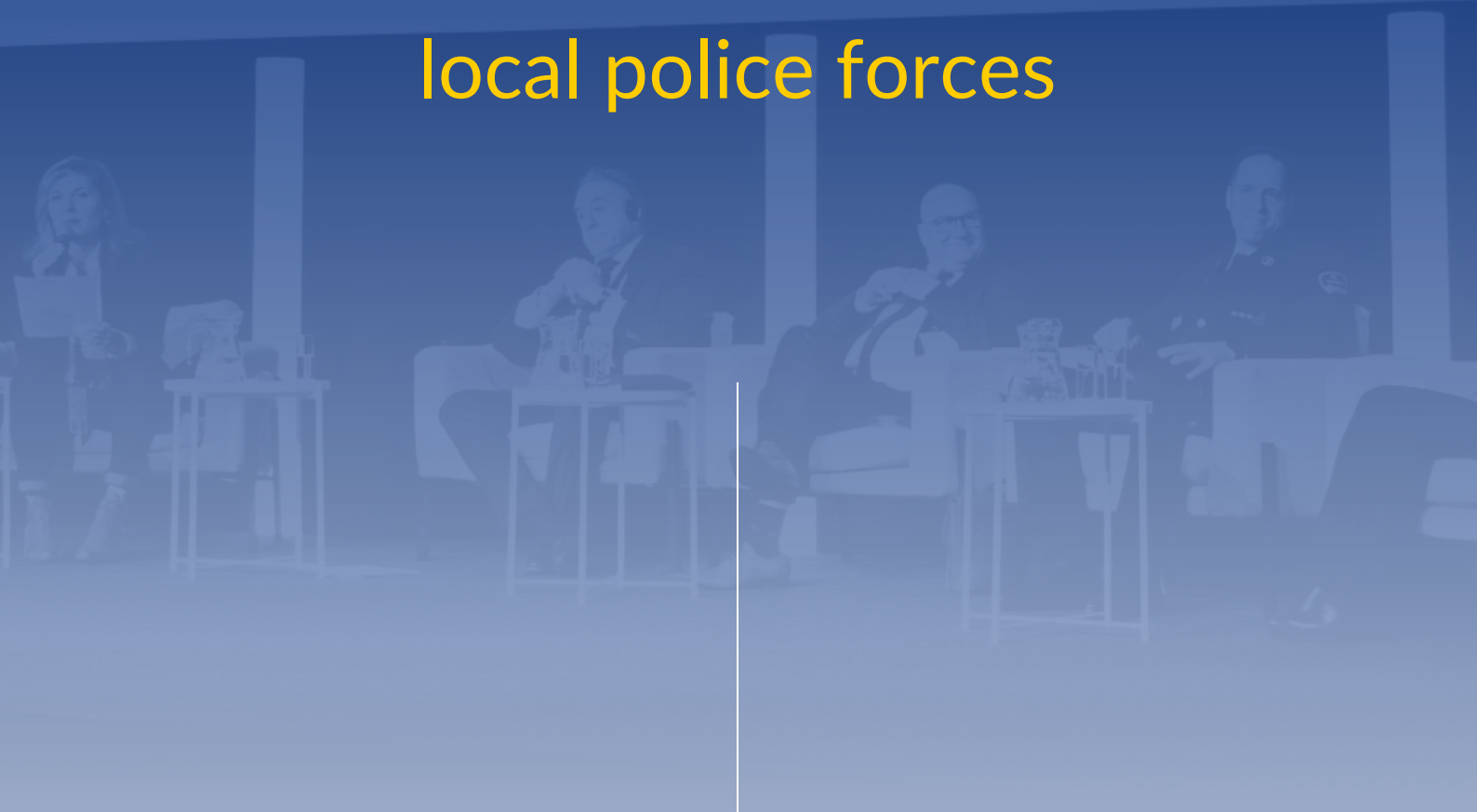




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Presenting EU-POLNET

A European network of
local police forces





What is EU-POLNET?

Operating within Efus, EU-POLNET is a **European network of local police forces** that aims to develop local police forces' **expertise and promising practices** through peer-to-peer exchanges, and to promote the role of local police forces in urban security at a European and international level.

Efus has been working on policing issues since it was founded in 1987. It emphasises the importance of "basing the doctrine of police action on the principles of **co-production and community policing**" and "organising the police on the basis of a **partnership approach** and starting from the ground up". It calls for "institutions to operate and be organised" in such a way as to ensure that "the **expectations and needs of citizens** for their day-to-day problems are given the same priority as emergencies and major crime issues".

At Efus' Conference on Security, Democracy and Cities, at the initiative of the City of Nice (2021), a European network of local police forces was created within Efus. The local (municipal or regional) police forces of Efus member cities are invited to join this group, with the aim of sharing experience and exchanging best practice, as part of a process of **continuous improvement in urban security and strengthening the sense of belonging to a network of cities that support each other.**

Objectives



To promote the role and doctrines of local police at European and international levels



To organise training sessions & field visits among local and regional police forces



To foster the exchange of promising practices among local and regional police forces



To develop partnerships between police forces and local crime prevention services

Priority areas

- Safer public spaces
- Police-population relations and community policing
- Diversity within local police forces
- Attractiveness of the profession (recruitment, training and retention)
- Coordination with all other local services involved in the security chain
- The role of local police in preventing crime and risk behaviours
- Technological innovation

Calendar



25 September 2024: Webconference 1: How to improve diversity in local and regional police forces



21 October 2024: Webconference 2: Lessons learnt from the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics – Insights from the Paris Municipal Police



12-14 Nov 2024: PACTESUR2 Police Academy in Madrid



3-5 June 2025: PACTESUR2 Police Academy in Turin



17-18 June 2025: PACTESUR2 Final conference and Efus/EU-POLNET General Assembly, Gdańsk



23-24 June 2025: German Prevention Congress, Presenting EU-POLNET & PACTESUR2 in Augsburg



The dates for the upcoming web conferences will be announced soon, stay tuned!

More information



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Quotes

"We are aiming for human security, advocating a cross-disciplinary approach to policing, in collaboration with the citizens, and a police force that is transparent, empathetic and confident with its population."

Pablo Enrique Rodríguez Pérez

Director General, Madrid Municipal Police

"In Catalonia, the Gaylespol Association advocates for officers who identify as gay or lesbian, encouraging them to express their identities openly while seeking respect for their choices."

Àngels Bosch

Deputy Head of the General Office of Institutional Relations, Prevention and Mediation, Police of Catalonia – Mossos d'Esquadra

"The Police must be a reflection of the community's diversity"

Patrick Gistelincx

Director of Training, Police Brussels
CAPITALE Ixelles

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