



Security is the common good of cities and citizens

For more than twenty years, the **European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)** has been bringing together the actors of urban life in European cities. It encourages a range of activities, from prevention to enforcement, from dissuasion to education, with respect for minorities. Its philosophy is to start from the problems on the ground and to return to them by nourishing action with thought, and vice versa; a dialectic process that constitutes the Forum's authority on the international stage.

Created in 1987 under the auspices of the Council of Europe, the **European Forum for Urban Security** is the oldest non-governmental organisation of local authorities working in the field of urban security.

If the twenty-first century is that of the city and of citizenship, it is therefore also the Forum's century.

Ours, yours.

Cities helping cities

A network

EFUS acts for its network and through its network. It aims to be a focus-point for study, dialogue and cooperation between its 300 members, to identify and to share good practices and to assist cities in their everyday analysis and the improvement of the effectiveness of their action.

Diversity of themes, of partners and of tools

Its vocation being to address all aspects of urban life, **EFUS** develops its expertise and leads its lobbying activities through programmes dedicated to various themes: drugs, local politics, mediation, migration, training, prostitution, organised crime, youth, terrorism, schools, police, etc.

This work is undertaken in partnership with local elected representatives, judges, police officers, project managers, coordinators, social workers, diverse institutions (academic and research institutes, assistance and prevention foundations, ministries, universities etc.)

Services adapted to the needs of local authorities

To become a member of **EFUS** is to benefit from a range of high-quality services:

- Access to a vast network of knowledge, experts, contacts and experience
- Personalised training solutions, advice and technical assistance on questions of security
- Participation in cooperation programmes and exchanges, co-financed by the European Commission.
- Invitation to conferences, seminars and training programmes
- Regular publications and newsletters
- Access to the website, its discussion forum and practical documents

Led by the cities through democratic management

EFUS' management is led by an executive committee comprising 27 local authorities, elected by direct, universal suffrage by the entirety of the network of members. It is financed by membership fees, by European Commission project funds, as well as various governmental and international contracts.

EFUS has inspired the creation of numerous National Forums throughout Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain) and across the world (Africa, Latin America). Its headquarters are in Paris, with offices in Brussels and Budapest.

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