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# Local safety and security in Slovenia

(with the emphasis on Ljubljana)

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# Sweden, Malmö / Slovenia, Ljubljana



## Sweden:

Parliamentary monarchy

Area: 450,295 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 10 million

Population density: 23/km<sup>2</sup>

GDP: 528,929 B USD

GDP/inhabitant: 51.242 USD

Gini: 27

Currency: Swedish Crown

EU member: Yes



## Malmö:

Area: 158,3 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 303,873

Metropolitan area: 664,428

3rd largest city in Sweden

One of the oldest and most

industrialised cities in

Scandinavia

## Slovenia:

Parliamentary republic

Area: 20.261 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 2 million

Population density: 104/km<sup>2</sup>

GDP: 65.202 B USD

GDP/inhabitant: 30,840 USD

Gini: 23

Currency: Euro

EU member: Yes



## Ljubljana:

Area: 163,761 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 284,193

Metropolitan area: 537,712

Capital of Slovenia



# Before „Safety and security in local communities“ (2015-2018) and (2019-2024)

**Crime prevention Western Style** – post doc – Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, UK (2001) – emphasis on local/community crime prevention.

**National criminological conference** – Crime prevention – theory, practice and dilemmas (2003) – local perspectives matter!

**Council of Europe** (2002-2004) Prevention of everyday violence in a democratic society (also visited Stockholm – witness/victim coaching programmes for gang members).

Membership in the **EUCPN – European Crime Prevention Network** – 2018 – Austria – community policing and 2022 – prevention of peer violence in schools. Tools for crime prevention.

**Research on distribution of deviance in Ljubljana (GIS)** (2004); **local safety councils and community policing (2005)**, **Fear of crime and local safety (2010-2012)**.

**Local crime prevention (Beccaria centre for crime prevention, Hannover), a partner (2005-2008). Focus on urban municipalities.**

**GERN – CRIMPREV** (2006-2009) Assessing deviance, crime and prevention in Europe. Catching up with the best & and networking with other research institutions.

2009-2011 – Drafting a **national crime prevention programme** – adopted in 2011.

Urban security manager – EEMZS/EFUS (MA programme) (2010-2012). Focus on urban municipalities – **capital cities** of republics of former Yugoslavia.

**URBIS – urban security management** – towards a professional PhD programme (2012-2014). Focus on urban municipalities. Focus on urban municipalities – **capital cities** of republics of former Yugoslavia.

Fear of crime in capitals of former Yugoslav republics (2012). Focus on urban municipalities – a comparison of former **capital cities** of republics of former Yugoslavia.

**Legitimacy of policing**, CJS and execution of penal sanctions (2013-2016). Focus on urban municipalities. Young people and their perception of police legitimacy and trust in police (Ljubljana & Maribor), also Central, Eastern and Western Europe.



# About a project „Safety and security in local communities“ (2015-2018; 2019-2024)

Safety and security in local communities (2015-2018, 2019-2024).

Partners: The Slovenian Association of Municipalities, Police, Municipalities of Ljubljana, Murska sobota, Novo mesto, Slovenska Bistrica, Nova Gorica, Ljutomer, Podčetrtek, Celje and Kranj.

Researchers – fields of research: criminology, criminal justice, security studies, law, sociology, public administration, political science, research methods/mathematics.

Think globally and solve locally.





# A survey - 24 municipalities, 24 police stations

## **Variables/residents/the same questions (2011-2017-2022):**

- Duties and tasks of the municipality
- Social cohesion
- Responses to security problems
- Safety and Security
- Provision of safety/security
- Opinion about the police
- Willingness to cooperate with the police



# UN Sustainable development goals





# National conferences on local safety and security – 2019-2022

Four conference proceedings on local safety and security (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), and the edited monograph (2021).



# International biennial conference „Criminal Justice and Security in C&E Europe“

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Since 1996...

2014 – Understanding professionalism, trust and legitimacy

2016 – Safety, security and social control in local communities

2018 – From common sense to evidence-based policymaking

2021 – Perspectives of rural and urban safety, security and rural criminology

2023 – The UN Sustainable Development Goals – Rural and urban safety and security perspectives





# A motto: Learn from the best, share with the rest.

Cooperation with universities in Europe and the USA.

ASC – Division of International Criminology

ACJS – Section on Security and Crime Prevention

ESC – WG on policing

International student conferences since 2016 - Kentucky, Montenegro.

Joint crime analysis with the Slovenian police analysts;  
GIS laboratory - research and student projects.



# Students – national and international activities

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2016 – student project on local safety and threats to security in Ljubljana

2016 –International meeting in Richmond, Kentucky – presentation of crime prevention in Ljubljana, the role of the police and municipality of Ljubljana in the provision of security.

2017 – 2023 – annual student conferences on local safety and crime prevention (UM FCJS and Erasmus+ students)

Several PhD dissertations have been on local safety and security, crime prevention, and fear of crime since 2011 (fear of crime in Ljubljana, community policing, and patterns, causes and responses to crime in urban settings.).





# Thank you for your attention!

