German Congress on Crime Prevention & Annual International Forum on Crime Prevention

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The German Congress on Crime Prevention (GCOCP) was founded in 1995 as an annual national convention for the field of crime prevention. The aim of the GCOCP is to present and strengthen crime prevention within a broad societal framework and to contribute to reduce both the number of victims of crime and the fear of crime. The main objectives of the Congress are to:

- Present and exchange current ideas and knowledge about crime prevention and its effectiveness
- Bring together partners within the field of crime prevention
- Function as a forum for the practice of crime prevention and for fostering the exchange of expertise
- Help establish contacts at the international level and to exchange information
- Discuss implementation strategies
- Develop and disseminate recommendations for practice, policy, administration and research in the field of crime prevention

These are also the aims of the Annual International Forum (AIF) within the GCOCP, which was established in 2007, to brings together an international audience to share their experiences in crime prevention. At the AIF, international experts from all areas of crime prevention share and discuss their ideas, goals, outcomes, and projects with other experts from around the world and learn about crime prevention in Germany.


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