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Youth recruitment into organised crime

Effective prevention requires understanding who is at risk, how recruitment occurs, and which individual, family, social, and environmental factors increase young people's vulnerability to criminal involvement.

The toolkit provides practical guidance, checklists and EU examples to support the development, implementation and evaluation of prevention initiatives.

Community-oriented interventions:

building trust and cooperation between police, young people and communities.

Family-based and school-based approaches:

strengthening parenting, family relationships and protective factors.

Focused deterrence:

combining targeted enforcement with support and clear communication to prevent serious violence and criminal involvement.

Online prevention:

addressing recruitment, exploitation and the influence of criminal content in digital environments.

Youth diversion schemes:

preventing further offending by offering alternatives to formal criminal justice responses.

Preventing youth involvement in organised crime means creating legitimate pathways to belonging, identity, recognition and purpose - not just disrupting recruitment.

Read the toolkit: https://eucpn.org/toolkit-organisedcrime

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