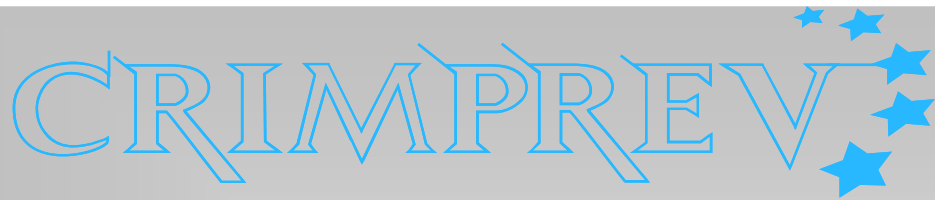


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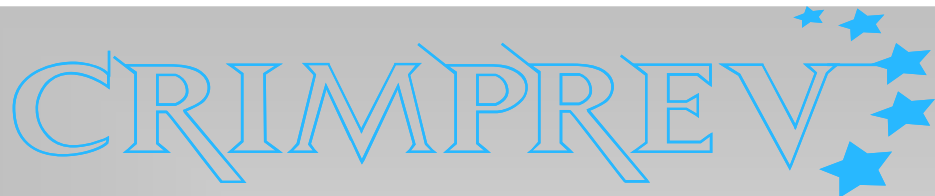
#### 5 thematic workpackages

- Factors of Deviant Behaviour
- Criminalisation
- Perceptions of Crime
- Informal economy
- Public Crime Prevention Policies

#### 1 methodological workpackage

- Measuring of Crime and Evaluating public safety policies

- 470 individual participants
- from 196 institutions
- from 31 European countries
- 46 meetings in 27 European cities

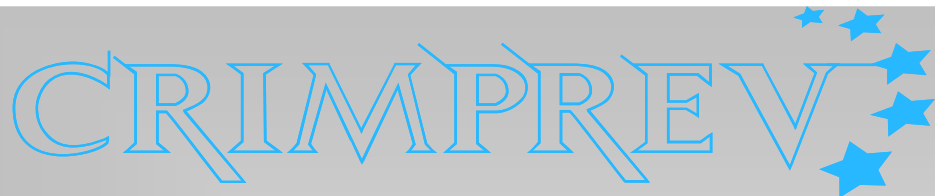


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Editorial output, many in English and/or French, as of today

- 18 edited books
- 8 special journal issues
- 24 chapters or peer reviewed articles
- 4 brochures
- 34 newsletters
- several reports and multimedia productions, among which the final conference synthetic report



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## **Trust in justice: an English historian's view**

**Blame the press?** Its overdramatising of criminal events during the Victorian era was as blatant as today but did not result in the same loss of confidence

**Blame the politisation of crime issues?** The current loss of confidence has possibly emerged with the placing of criminal issues at the centre of the political debate in Britain, since the 1970s

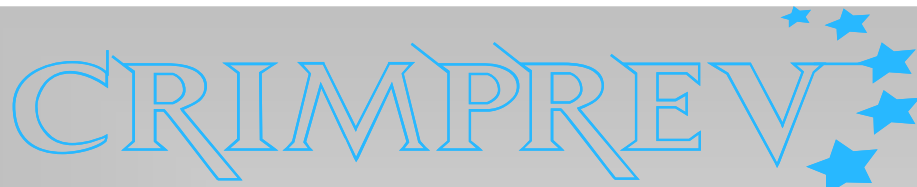


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## **Trust in justice: further reflections**

**From the *Criminalisation WP***, on the public's growing punitivity: criminal justice is but one of complex societies' institutions; societies with high social protection and low social inequality enjoy higher confidence and legitimacy levels which in turn promote normative compliance instead of sentence harshness



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**From the *Crime prevention policies* WP** : change from an inclusive model aimed at a fair allocation to citizens of order and security as a public good, to a model based on surveillance, personal data collection and exclusion of trouble makers.

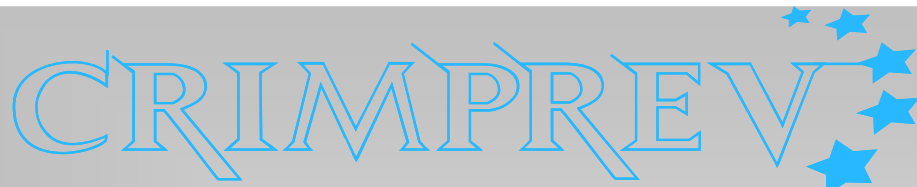


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**From the *Perception of crime* WP** : basing crime control policies on gross overestimation, due to flawed instruments, of public fear of crime, preempts the implementation of policies aimed at reinforcing trust in the criminal justice system



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## **Trust in justice: further reflections**

**From the *Measurement of crime and evaluation of safety policies* WP** : General population surveys on experience with crime measure

- actual relationship of citizens with criminal justice,
- point to discrepancies between their abstract judgement and their efficiency rating of police work
- are at their best when able to relate experience, expectations and structuring attitudes

The few threads I have tried to pull suggest that a model of public trust in criminal justice should not only draw upon the expectations citizens have with respect to this particular institution but should also factor in:

- actual contacts citizens have as clients-users of the system;
- the relationship to a wider social and political context, as pointed by a wide spectrum of research on political legitimacy.
- general attitudinal variables as mediators to interpret the meaning of expectations towards the CJS