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Micro segment analyses as an impulse for urban safety – Project MIKUS

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Increasing the population's sense of safety through precisely targeted crime prevention. Crime in public spaces appears to be a widespread phenomenon and has a large impact on public perceptions of public spaces. Studies show that citizens often feel unsafe in public spaces. Moreover, it is shown that 50 percent of the crime occurs in about four to five percent of the street segments (micro segments) of a city. These findings are a strong argument for the necessity of crime analyses that are as small scale as possible and were the occasion for the Criminological Research Department of the State Office of Criminal Investigations North Rhine-Westphalia to conduct the project "MIKUS" (micro segment analyses as an impulse for urban safety). The aim of this project was to develop a crime prevention micro place walk-through program to increase the population's sense of safety through precisely targeted crime prevention. We developed a process to increase the attractiveness of problematic micro places through an improved and intensified cooperation between various actors of crime prevention. The process we developed includes the identification of problematic segments (1), a quantitative and qualitative situation report (2), an evaluation by police and local stakeholders with the help of a joint walk-through (3) and finally, the further processing of the results generated in the steps before (4).