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The European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) aims to connect the local, national and European level and to promote crime prevention knowledge and practices among the EU Member States. To improve crime prevention at the local, national and European level, the EUCPN has several tools at its disposal. Fundamentally, the Network shares information and good practices regarding crime prevention. Yet, despite all foundational documents referring to 'effective', 'evidence-based' or 'evaluated' information, there has been no clear understanding of what the Network should share – or not. No fixed criteria or assessment procedures have ever been established and, as a result, there has been no quality assurance on what the Network shares among its members and the wider public. This presentation will lay out the framework for addressing this predicament and how it aspires to further improve the field while strengthening and supporting an evidence-based approach throughout the European Union. Among other things, this framework includes the establishment of minimum criteria before labelling prevention activities as 'good practice' and the set-up of a new crime prevention registry, offering a platform for practice and policy to select evidence-based interventions which they can then adapt to their local context.