

Presentation title:

Local safety Measurement System - an introduction

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Surveys is a very fundamental prerequisite for successful crime prevention work in Swedish municipalities. This clear assessment of safety measurements is based on experiences on one of the most extensive and long-standing studies in the field of public safety surveys in Europe. Two thousand municipalities, divided into over four thousand districts, have been surveyed 1998 – 2023, when each survey occasion counts over the 25 years. The Swedish Police have conducted the majority, on a larger scale complemented by several Local Governments, County Administrative Boards, NGOs, and other actors. Enhancing the value of survey data requires consensus and standardisation. By defining structures from open standards and strict vocabularies we see a great benefit for policing and the administration of the municipalities as well as academic science to produce greater insights. Therefore, data has been collected over time with the same questions, sequencing, data collection methods, and where the only changes have been five added questions over time. When introduced, they are always placed last in the survey. Unique is, also, the size of the data, over one million answers from respondents until now. In 2022, approximately 100,000 survey responses were added throughout Sweden. And the planning for at least the same amount for 2023 is already executed. The panel is divided into four semi-independent parts with four lecturers who all have a common denominator – years of use of the identical local safety survey. The content of the presentations is important for the Swedish municipalities' new statutory of crime prevention responsibility. The time required for the panel can be estimated at 75 - 90 minutes including questions from the audience. The intended time required for each speaker will be 20 minutes.