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# PROTECTING THE PORT TOGETHER

## Public–Private Partnership as a crime prevention tool

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**PROTECT BUSINESS** | **CREATE OPPORTUNITY** | **SHARE RESPONSIBILITY**

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# WHY THIS MATTERS

The prevention challenge is wider than law enforcement.

### 1 PROTECT LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES

Criminal influence can target legitimate structures through coercion, corruption, insider exploitation and misuse of commercial processes.

### 2 STRENGTHEN YOUNG PEOPLE

Recruitment also targets people. Prevention therefore includes education, trusted adults, lawful work and a professional identity that offers a credible future.

**KEY QUESTION**

## How can authorities and the port economy reduce criminal influence while expanding legitimate opportunity?

ECPC focus: youth recruitment into organised crime + the administrative approach

Hamburg contribution: multi-agency cooperation + PPP + vocational-school awareness

*Source: ECPC 2026 programme – conference theme and session descriptions.*

# THE HAMBURG MODEL

Hamburg Port Security Center: three authorities, one operating picture.

## CUSTOMS

Main Customs Office Hamburg
SG-C control units
Customs Investigation Office Hamburg

## HAMBURG POLICE

State Criminal Police Office
Waterways Police

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shared situational awareness

coordination • support

## HPA / HARBOUR MASTERS OFFICE

Port authority / administrative perspective

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# FROM INFORMATION TO ACTION

A common picture turns fragmented information into coordinated prevention.

### UNDERSTAND

Daily situation picture
Monthly situation report
Annual threat assessment

### SHARE

National & international information exchange

### SUPPORT

Investigation & operational support

### CONNECT

Central contact for port economy
Anonymous reporting

### LEARN

Awareness measures
Cooperation formats

**PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP** **Enters the cycle where information, trust and prevention meet.**

# PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Not “information from business to authorities” — but a two-way trust infrastructure.

## PUBLIC SIDE

Situational awareness
Legal powers & competences
Operational coordination
Threat communication
Protected reporting channels

**TRUST**
shared language
clear contacts
feedback

## PRIVATE SIDE

Process knowledge
Workforce awareness
Access & supply-chain controls
Early warning from daily operations
Apprenticeships & workplace perspective

**THE ECONOMY IS A SECURITY PARTNER — NOT MERELY A REGULATED OBJECT.**

# PROTECTING THE ECONOMY

Protect businesses before criminal influence becomes embedded.

1

## COERCION

Pressure on employees or contractors to misuse legitimate access.

2

## CORRUPTION

Attempts to buy cooperation, silence or preferential treatment.

3

## INSIDER EXPLOITATION

Recruiting people with access, knowledge or credentials.

4

## PROCESS ABUSE

Using legitimate logistics, supply chains or companies for illicit purposes.

**PPP RESPONSE** RECOGNISE → REPORT → ASSESS → COORDINATE → FEEDBACK

Awareness and trusted reporting reduce the space for manipulation.

# MAKING PARTNERSHIP USABLE

Trust needs infrastructure.

**PREVENTION WORKS WHEN THE SAFE BEHAVIOUR IS ALSO THE EASY BEHAVIOUR.**

# YOUTH RECRUITMENT

Young people need more than warnings.

## WHAT THE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Vulnerability is shaped by multiple, accumulating risk factors.
- Recruitment can happen through in-person and online approaches.
- Prevention links young people to education, family, community and support.

*ECPC 2026 programme, pp. 6–7 and 10*

## OUR PRACTICAL TRANSLATION FOR A PORT ECONOMY

1. **MAKE RISK VISIBLE**
   Age-appropriate awareness in vocational schools.
2. **MAKE HELP REACHABLE**
   Trusted adults, clear reporting routes and low-threshold contact.
3. **MAKE LEGITIMATE OPPORTUNITIES VISIBLE & ATTAINABLE**
   Training and apprenticeship pathways into the legitimate port economy.

# OPPORTUNITY AS PREVENTION

Apprenticeships are not a security measure — but they can be a protective factor.

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**
skills • trusted adults

→

**AWARENESS**
risk literacy • reporting

→

**APPRENTICESHIP**
income • belonging • routine

→

**PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY**
competence • network • future

## PPP ROLE SPLIT

**COMPANIES** offer places and mentors

**SCHOOLS** identify needs and prepare students

**HSZ / AUTHORITIES** awareness, contact routes and risk perspective

**The goal is not to “securitise” education — it is to connect prevention with real opportunity.**

# AWARENESS IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

From “be careful” to practical risk literacy.

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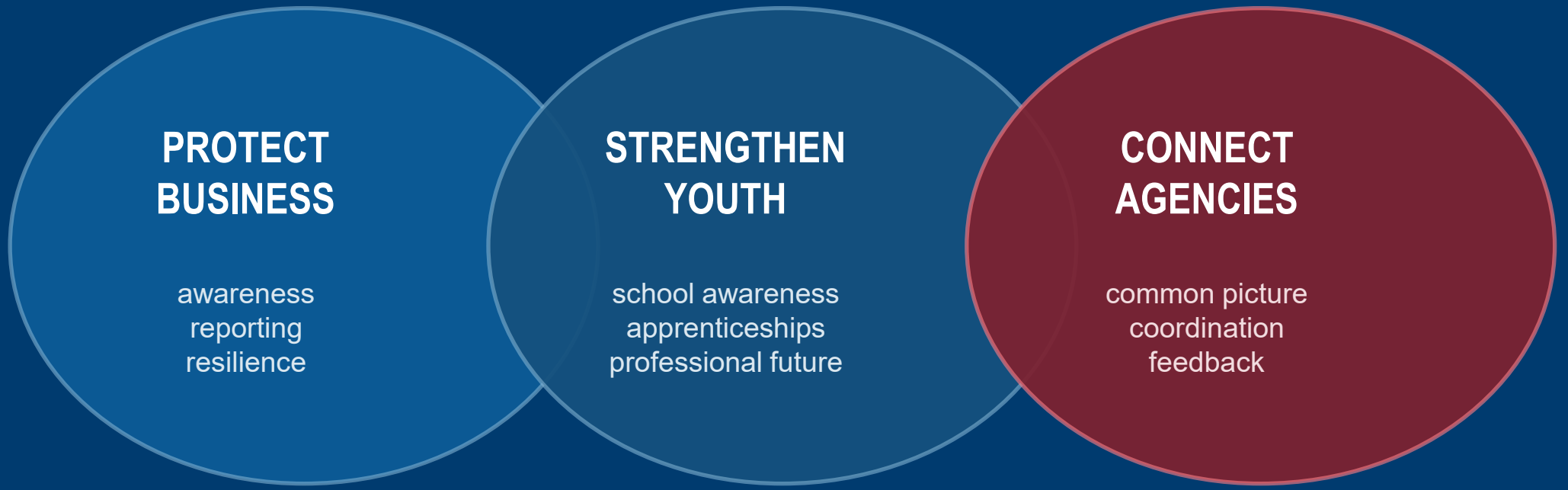
| **RECOGNISE** | How recruitment, pressure or suspicious approaches may look — offline and online. |
| **PAUSE** | Why access, credentials, devices and “small favours” can matter. |
| **RESPOND** | How to refuse, step away and seek support without escalating. |
| **REPORT** | Who to speak to at school, in the company or through a protected channel. |
| **SEE A FUTURE** | Connect security messages with real training and career opportunities. |

**DESIGN PRINCIPLE • practical • non-stigmatising • interactive • linked to help and opportunity**

# ONE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Business resilience, youth opportunity and multi-agency coordination reinforce one another.




**A PORT COMMUNITY THAT IS HARDER TO EXPLOIT — AND EASIER TO TRUST**

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# THREE TAKEAWAYS

1

## PROTECT THE ECONOMY

Companies need a trusted public partner before criminal influence becomes embedded.

2

## CREATE CREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY

Awareness is stronger when young people can see a lawful professional future.

3

## CONNECT THE SYSTEM

Multi-agency coordination + business knowledge + vocational education = prevention infrastructure.

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**SECURITY IS A SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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