

Crime prevention policy	
EU- priority	Organised Property Crime
Country	Spain
Year	2018

1. Overview of the field

Definition of the crime

Crimes against property (robberies, burglaries)

Assessment of trends and developments

Crimes against property, especially in the case of those committed with force, remain one of the most frequent crimes, which is due to different factors that have little to do with effective police action against this type of crime. The main handicap may be due, despite the latest reforms, to criminal and procedural legislation that is too "soft" with this type of facts. It is therefore detected a "dissonance" between the police effectiveness against these facts and the judicial response to them.

Recent overview of statistics and research

In the case of acts committed with violence against people, fortunately their number is not high, although this type of events deserves, given its seriousness and the risk it entails for people, a forceful police response, as fortunately has been achieved in recent years. In the last three years, burglaries, mainly committed by Georgians and Serbo-Croatians, have increased, being one of the most frequent crimes against property.

2. Crime strategy and coordination

Objectives of the crime strategy

Neutralize, or at least reduce, the proliferation of criminal groups or organizations dedicated to the commission of violent crimes against heritage and specialized crime. Strengthen national and international mechanisms for collaboration and exchange of information.

Role of prevention in the crime strategy on state/regional/local level

The prevention is important on every level, and the engagement to combat criminality is clear, but the response to crime has to be more forceful

Implementation of the policy (which level is responsible for the implementation and how is the implementation coordinated?)

The implementation of the policies and their coordination are the responsibility of the central agencies, with coordination powers at the national level

Stakeholders (working groups, specialised agencies, partners, etc)

Spanish National Police, Violent and Specialized Crime Central Unit, Property Crime Section

Participation in European/ international networks, working groups, etc.

Project Diamond (property crimes committed in jewelries by organised crime groups from East Europe)-
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3. Good practices

Overview of recent good practices, prevention programs, etc.

Action day on metal theft, 30th may 2018
Ongoing investigations against criminal groups
National Plan against mobile criminality