

# STRUCTURAL INTERDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION ON CRIME AND SECURITY RESEARCH

The ‘Crime, Criminology & Criminal Policy’ consortium



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## CRIME, CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL POLICY

One of the four interdisciplinary Social Sciences & Humanities research consortia at Ghent University in Belgium.

Its thematic focus lies on deviant (including criminal) behaviour and its (policy) reaction bringing together **16 professors and their staff** from **6 departments** at **4 different faculties**.

### COMBINING OUR STRENGTHS

- ▶ BOTTOM-UP APPROACH: RESEARCHER IS CENTRAL
- ▶ INDIVIDUAL TAILOR-MADE SUPPORT
- ▶ LIGHT CONSORTIUM STRUCTURE
- ▶ FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTIVE TOWARDS NEW DEVELOPMENTS

FACULTY OF  
LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY  
AND EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

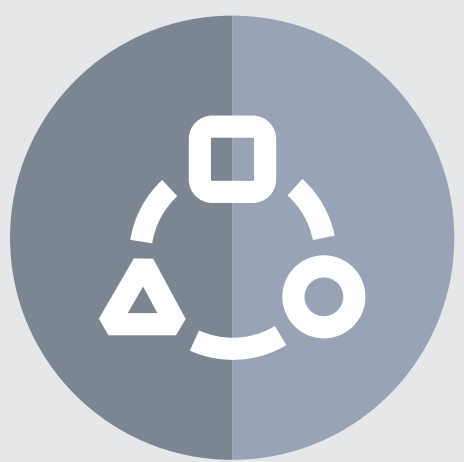
FACULTY OF POLITICAL  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FACULTY OF MEDICINE  
AND HEALTH SCIENCES

### WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS 4 GOALS



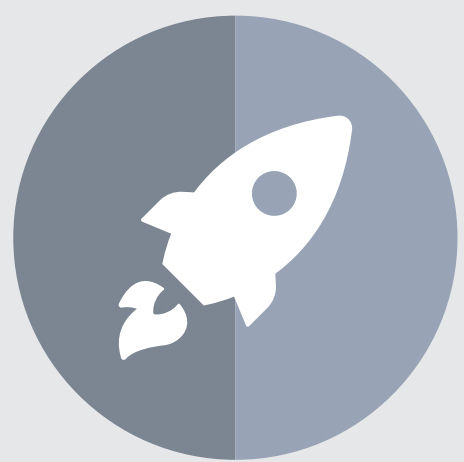
**ENABLING RESEARCHERS**  
to conduct more interdisciplinary research, apply through diverse funding channels and plan valorisation and societal impact



Detecting and stimulating **SYNERGIES AND COOPERATION** within the group and with partners from different disciplines (including STEM)



Obtaining **RESEARCH FUNDING** for interdisciplinary projects to conduct excellent research



Strengthening **SOCIETAL VALUE CREATION** initiatives and pathways to impact, including impact measurement

### TO TARGET SOCIETAL IMPACT AT ALL STAKEHOLDERS

ACADEMIC  
COMMUNITY

GHENT  
UNIVERSITY

POLICYMAKERS

INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS

PRACTITIONERS

GENERAL  
PUBLIC

STUDENTS

#### ABSTRACT

The structural interdisciplinary ‘Crime, Criminology & Criminal Policy’ consortium at Ghent University brings together researchers from different disciplines and faculties focusing on crime and security related research. A coordinator and 16 professors and their staff build the bottom up structure in which cooperation and tailor made support services are set-up with the goal to enhance societal impact among different stakeholder groups.

The consortium is embedded into the University structure, collaborates with other thematic consortia and is flexible and adaptive towards new societal developments. The researchers are aimed to be enabled to conduct more interdisciplinary research, apply diverse funding channels and plan societal value creation initiatives and societal impact. Synergies and cooperation within the group and with external partners from different SSH and STEM disciplines are identified, stimulated and reinforced.

Next to identifying (international) research funding opportunities for interdisciplinary projects the consortium's goal is to strengthen societal value creation leading to societal impact, identify pathways to impact on individual, project and group level and to approach impact measurement.



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