

# FIDUCIA

## New European Crimes and Trust-based Policy

### Kurzbeschreibung des Projektes:

The FIDUCIA project will shed light on a number of distinctively „new European criminal acts that have emerged in the last decade as a consequence of technological developments and the increased mobility of populations across Europe. The objective of the project is to develop policy responses to new forms of deviant behaviours that are also highly relevant to responding to conventional forms of criminality. The FIDUCIA concept stems from the idea that public trust (in latin, „fiducia“) in justice is critically important for social regulation, in that it leads to public acceptance of the legitimacy of institutions of justice and thus compliance with the law. The project will investigate whether a change of direction in criminal policy from deterrence strategies and penal populism to procedural justice and trust-based policy is desirable, and in what terms. While traditional research is primarily concerned on why people break the law, the focus in FIDUCIA is on why people obey to the law.

The FIDUCIA consortium will conduct four case studies of new forms of criminality that reflect in various ways the development of supra-national structures and processes across Europe. The four crime categories are:

- a) Trafficking of human beings;
- b) Trafficking of goods;
- c) The criminalisation of migration and ethnic minorities;
- d) Cyber-crimes.

In addition, FIDUCIA will examine questions of criminalisation; assess the importance of public trust in justice and beliefs about the legitimacy of their own criminal justice system; and explore whether trust-based regulation makes sense at a supra-national level. The findings will inform an innovative model of trust-based policy with a raft of far-reaching recommendations for politicians and law-makers in Member States and the institutions of the European Union.

### Deutsche Partner in diesem Projekt:

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- The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford, UK
- Universidad de Salamanca, ES
- European Public Law Organization, GR
- Centre for European Policy Studies, BE
- The European Institute for crime prevention and control, affiliated with the United Nations, FI
- Magyar Tudományok Akadémia Politikai Tudományok Intézete, HU
- London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
- Birkbeck College - University of London, UK
- Ankara Strateji Enstitüsü Derneği, TR
- Center for the Study of Democracy, BG
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#### Funding Scheme:

Small or medium-scale focused research project

#### Research Area:

Activity 3: Major trends in society and their implications  
Area: Societal trends and lifestyles

#### Topic:

Criminal behaviour and policy responses in the European Union

#### Duration:

36 months

#### Start date:

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#### EC Contribution:

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#### Project Website:

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