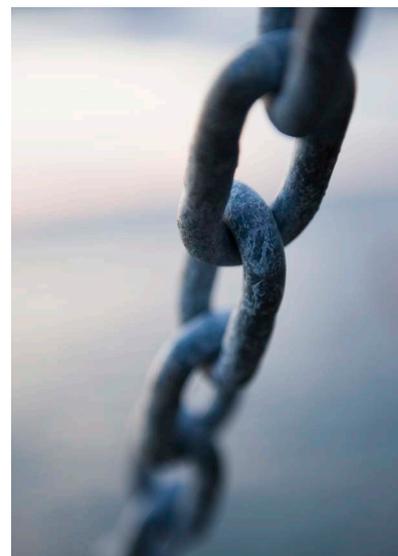


Crime prevention initiative

There is a major need to develop society's measures to prevent crime, not only in the judicial system, but also among other actors such as municipalities, the business sector and civil society organisations. The Government wants to create better conditions for structured crime prevention work throughout the country at local, regional and national level, and it is therefore advancing a national initiative for crime prevention.



Strengthened support and coordination at national and regional level

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention has been given greater responsibility for coordination and support at national level. The Government is investing SEK 15 million per year to strengthen collaboration between various actors and to develop the role of the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention. The Council is to establish a national network structure involving relevant government agencies in the crime prevention area. The Council is also to submit annual reports to the Government on how crime prevention has been carried out and developed.

As of 2017, the county administrative boards have been tasked with supporting and contribu-

ting to the regional coordination of crime prevention. The Government has set aside SEK 25 million per year for this work. The aim is to achieve long-term structured support that can meet municipalities' and other local actors' needs in terms of collaboration, professional development and expert support.

This year, the Government will also appoint a national coordinator to supplement the activities of the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention for a period of two years.

A new national crime prevention programme – Combating crime together

On 21 March 2017, the Government launched a new national programme for crime preven-

tion. The programme brings together the objectives of crime prevention efforts within the various policy areas. The programme aims to create the conditions for structured and long-term crime prevention work in the whole of society.

The full programme (in Swedish) is available at regeringen.se/tillsammansmotbrott

The background to the initiative

The causes of crime are many and multifaceted. Strong contributory factors include social and financial vulnerability, such as unemployment and poor school results. General welfare investments are therefore a fundamental part of crime prevention. But besides an inclusive welfare policy, more targeted measures

are needed to prevent crime. Although many important initiatives are already being carried out to prevent crime, the Government considers that there is major potential to improve crime prevention work. The

ambition is for crime prevention to be structured throughout the country. This work needs to be conducted at local, regional and national level and include a broad range of measures. This means social initiatives for

people who are at serious risk of resorting or returning to crime, but also reducing the likelihood of crimes being committed by making crime less worthwhile and more risky or difficult to commit.

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