

Communities That Care (CTC) in Europe Community Diagnosis and Prevention Programmes: Introduction

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Communities That Care:

community planning system / intervention at community level:

- to prevent multiple juvenile problem behaviours
- by tackling common risk and protective factors
- through community coalitions and evidence-based programmes (Hawkins, Catalano et al. 1992, Hawkins et al. 2002)

implementation model:

- providing instruments, training and technical assistance for community prevention coalitions to adopt a prevention science approach

CTC – implementation strategy:

- mobilizing community stakeholders and empowering community coalitions for strategic prevention planning (Phase 1 and 2)
- need and resource assessment: measuring profiles of risk and protection at community level (CTC - Youth Survey), focus on the most pressing r/p factors and assessment of existing resources and services (Phase 3)
- matching of effective prevention programmes to community needs, developing measurable goals, community action plan (Phase 4)
- monitoring and evaluation of results of programme implementation, adjustment of action plan (Phase 5)

**Science-based
Prevention Planning
on Community Level**

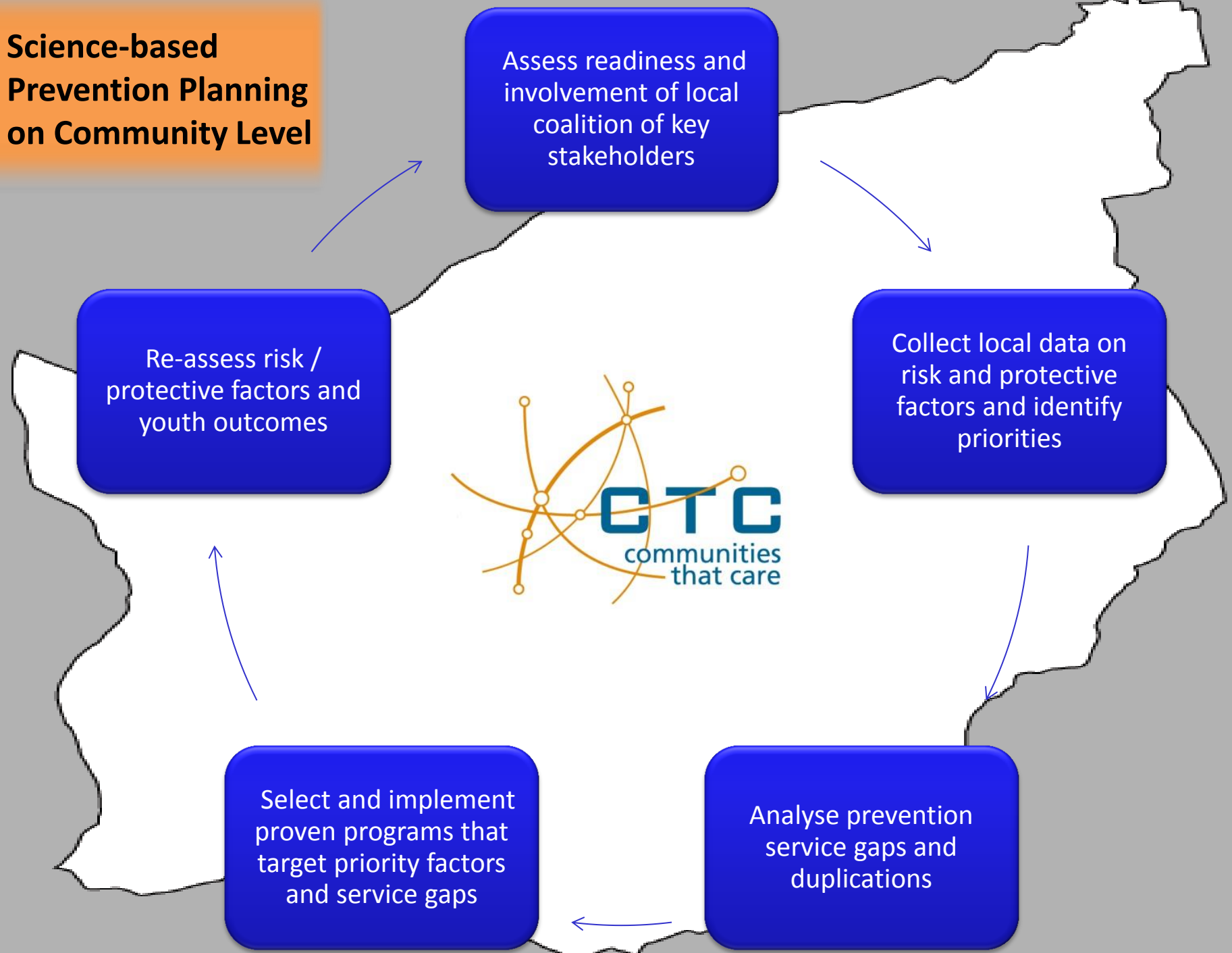
Assess readiness and
involvement of local
coalition of key
stakeholders

Collect local data on
risk and protective
factors and identify
priorities

Re-assess risk /
protective factors and
youth outcomes

Analyse prevention
service gaps and
duplications

Select and implement
proven programs that
target priority factors
and service gaps



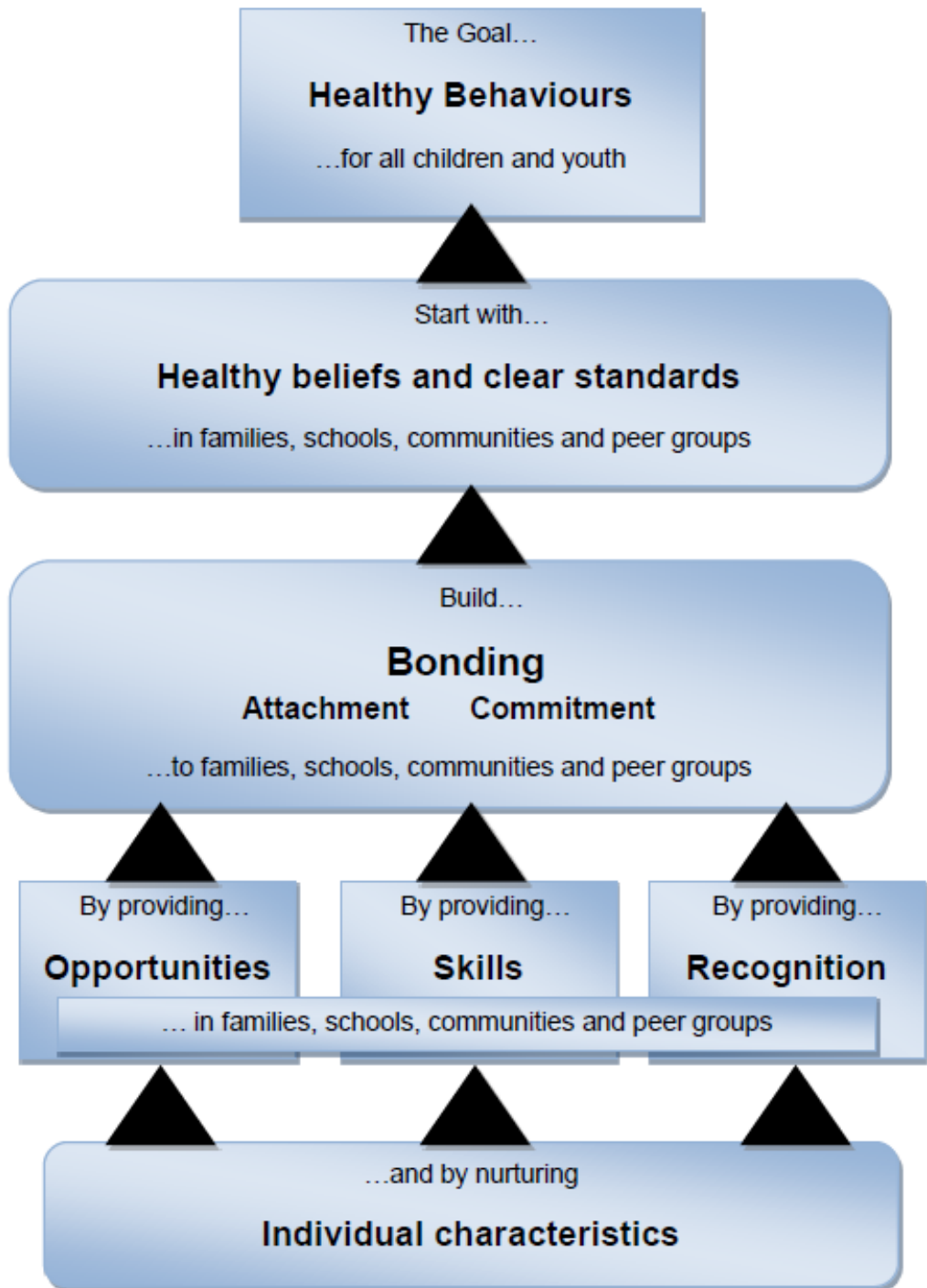
Risk Factors

	Violence	Delinquency	Substance Abuse	School Dropout	Teenage Pregnancy	Depression and Anxiety
Family						
Family History of Problem Behaviour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family Management Problems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family Conflict	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behaviour	✓	✓	✓			
School						
Early and Persistent Antisocial Behaviour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Academic Failure Beginning in Late Elementary School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lack of Commitment to School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Peers and Individual						
Rebelliousness		✓	✓	✓		
Friends Who Engage in the Problem Behaviour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Favorable Attitudes Towards the Problem Behaviour		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Early Initiation of the Problem Behaviour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Constitutional Factors	✓	✓	✓			✓
Community						
Availability of Alcohol and Drugs	✓		✓			
Availability of Weapons	✓	✓				
Laws and Norms Favorable Towards Problem Behaviour	✓	✓	✓			
Media Portrayals of Violence	✓					
Transitions and Mobility		✓	✓	✓		✓
Low Neighbourhood Attachment / Community Disorganisation	✓	✓	✓			
Extreme Economic Deprivation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Social Development Strategy:

Enhancing common protective factors in all socialising units

(Hawkins / Catalano 1996)



main issues for transferring CTC in the (West-) European context

- 1) generalizability of the underlying R / P - model
- 2) number and quality of prevention programme evaluations, availability of menus and databases about effective programmes
- 3) legal, political and structural differences, e.g. prevention service planning and delivery

Addressing this issues:

EU-funded project „Making CTC work at the European level“ (2013 – 2015):



Partners from Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden and United Kingdom:

- cross-national comparison of CTC – Survey results
- building up a European databank of effective and promising prevention programmes
- comparison of CTC evaluation results - developing a European CTC implementation guide

Project Partners:



Austria: Institute for the Prevention of Addiction and Drug Abuse

Croatia: University of Zagreb

Cyprus: University of Cyprus

Germany: Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony

The Netherlands: Verwey-Jonker Institute, Seinpost Adviesbureau,
University of Leiden

Sweden: City of Malmö

UK: Social Research Unit at Dartington

Chair of the Advisory Board: David Farrington, UK

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Working Structure:

Topic	Procedure	Responsible for Products / Host Organisation	Main Result
1) CTC – Survey	cross – national comparison of existing CTC Youth Survey data	Verwey – Jonker - Institute	Research report about relationship r/p-factors and behavioral outcomes
2) Effective Programmes	rating of available prevention programmes in Europe against the „standards of evidence“	Social Research Unit Dartington	web-based databank about effective programmes
3) CTC - Implementation	analysis and comparison of CTC evaluation studies and implementation experiences	Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony / Seinpost	European CTC Implementation Guide