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Safer cities for women

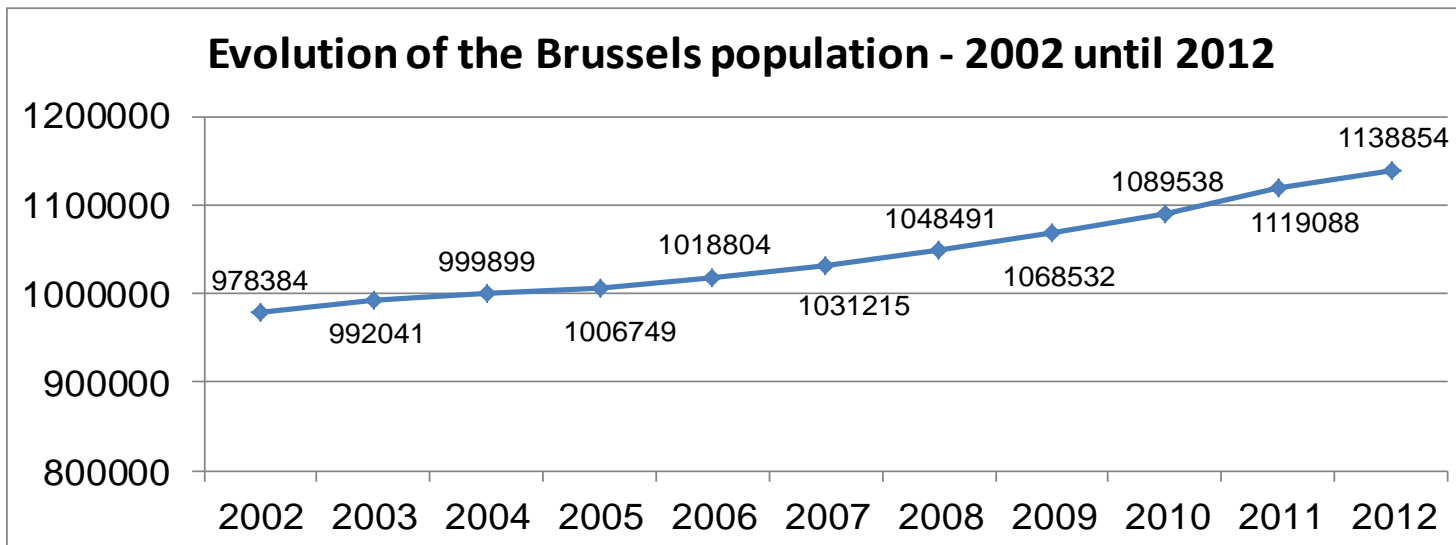
Metropolis
Women's networks

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1. The Brussels Capital Region: brief overview

- Population in 2012: 1.138.854 inhabitants (10% of the Belgian population)
- Surface area: 161,36 km²
- Evolution of the Brussels population



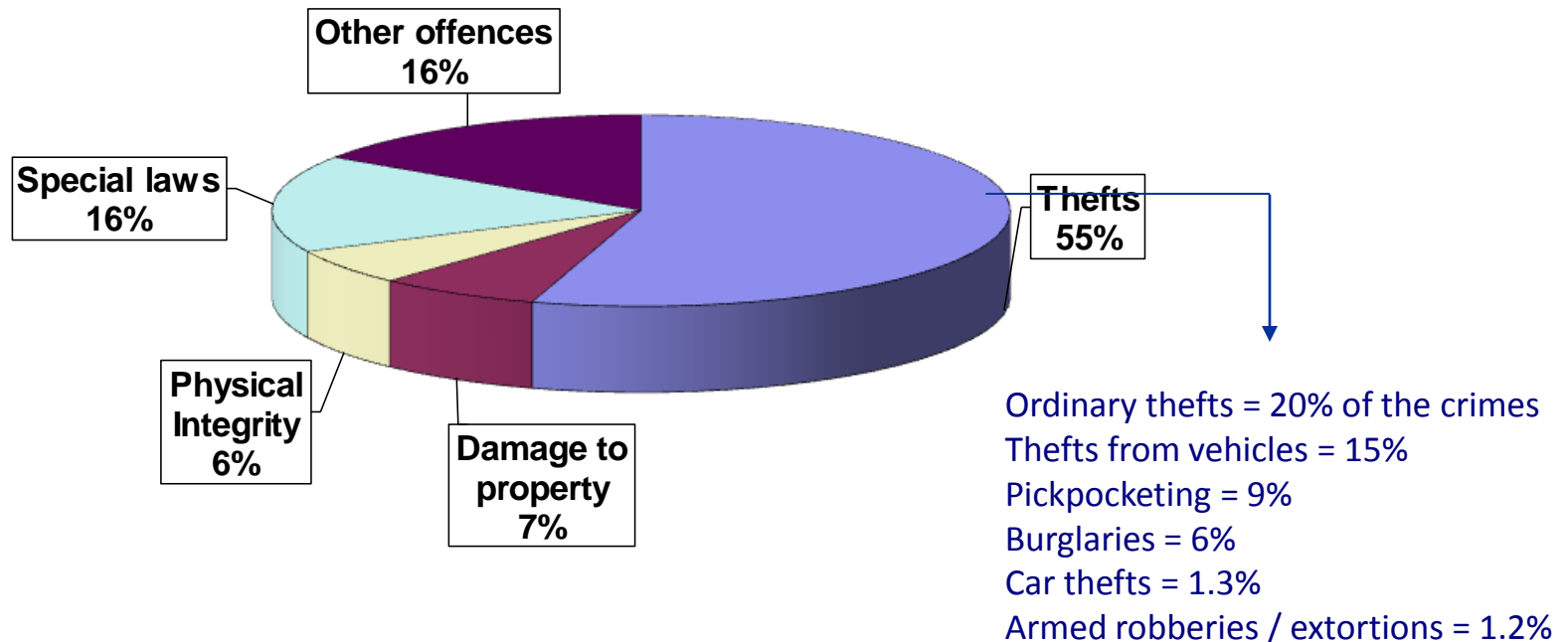
2002 >< 2012 : +16,4% (+160.470 inhabitants) >< +7% for Belgium as a whole (+726.223 inhabitants)



2. Crime rate in the BCR (1)

Breakdown of the crime rate – Brussels Capital Region - 2011

Total: 193.818 offences





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2. Crime rate in the BCR (2)

A few emerging phenomena we have noticed the past years:

- The insecurity in public transport
- Purse jackings
- Necklace snatchings
- Internet-related swindling activities
- Computer fraud connected with bank card theft



2. Crime rate in the BCR (3)

Number of murders and violent deaths registered in the BCR

1999-2002	2003-2006	2007-2009
100	151	144

Number of murders and violent deaths registered per 1,000 inhabitants

1999-2002	2003-2006	2007-2009
0.10	0.15	0.14



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3. Prevention and proximity plan 2011-2014

- **Preventive approach of the insecurity problems**
- **4 priorities:**
 1. Ensuring a visible and reassuring presence in public spaces;
 2. Fighting premature school drop-out;
 3. Fighting anti-social behaviour;
 4. Conflict mediation
- **Main resources:**
 1. Peacekeepers
 2. School mediators
 3. Municipal administrative sanctions
 4. Street educators
 5. Mediator



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4. Brussels Security and Prevention Observatory

- In 2012, an observatory was created to collect data and carry out studies on prevention and security in the Brussels Capital Region.
- A few of its missions:
 - monitoring and evaluating the regional prevention policy,
 - evaluating the security policy, based on depersonalised data,
 - formulating advice and recommendations,
 - conducting surveys and undertaking thematic studies,
 - elaborating a regional prospective action programme,
 - writing an annual report to the government.



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5. Asbl Garance: safety audits (1)

19 safety audits with women in various districts:

Safety audit = instrument for a gender analysis of the public space

- At the core of this approach: the intersection between gender, public space and subjective feelings of insecurity
- Goal: making women's ideas and desires visible and systemising them, so as to make the city accessible and pleasant for everyone



5. Asbl Garance: safety audits (2)

Results:

1) General recommendations:

knowing where you are and where you are going, questions about transparency and visibility, street lighting, hearing and being heard, getting help, presence, cleanliness, feeling you belong

2) Recommendations per district type:

residential, administrative, commercial

3) Recommendations on green spaces and mobility



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Thank you for your attention

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