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### Summary

#### **CRIME PREVENTION POLICY - ECHOES OF THE PAST AND MODERNITY OF UNDERSTANDING**

The acceptance of preventive strategies and technologies, in the broadest sense, is conditioned by their comparison with political aspirations, on the one hand, as well as their harmony with the values of culture, on the other hand. It is also important to consider the understanding of crime, order and security, with these three concepts being the key to the development of crime prevention and security in the community. Some of the older conceptions of crime prevention are presented, in the old century, to a huge time span from then to the period before modern times, when one can single out thoughts related to the period of classical liberalism in the 18th century, in England and part of Europe, all the way to the latest criminal-political understandings and the thesis that "nothing succeeds". All of them belonged to different philosophical schools or schools of criminal law, and among them were successful writers and theorists, who throughout their professional lives, in one way or another, dealt with issues of criminal justice and crime. A review of the approach of restorative justice and the importance of the application of restorative justice in prisons in order to prevent recidivism was also done.

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