

Use of Eurogang Program Instruments

Investigators are invited to use the instruments developed by the Eurogang Program, including: the definition of "street gang", the youth or school survey, the experts survey, ethnographic guidelines and summary sheet, city level data compilation guidelines, and the prevention/intervention inventory. Instruments will be provided one at a time, through the procedure described below. The goal of the Eurogang Program is to promote comparative research through multi-method, multi-site research. Key to the Eurogang program is the use of the accepted definition of a gang as "ANY DURABLE, STREET-ORIENTED YOUTH GROUP WHOSE INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IS PART OF THEIR GROUP IDENTITY."

The Eurogang instruments represent a multinational, collaborative development and pre-testing initiative conducted since 1998. The instruments collect key information designated by Eurogang as critical to describing and understanding the groups of interest, and we encourage use of instruments in their entirety. Changes in item order, wording or substantial meaning, or the omission of core items, place our goal of the collection of comparative, multi-method, cross-national information at risk.

For those wishing to use any of the instruments, we have the following conditions:

- We ask that you submit the attached form identifying yourself and describing the research purpose for which you will be using the instrument(s) to Cheryl Maxson (cmaxson@uci.edu).
- You communicate with a member of the Eurogang Program so that we can be informed about design advancements. The facilitator of each working group (see individual instrument protocol description below) is the preferred contact for individual instrument design questions and to share your experience with use.
- If you make a new translation, you send a copy of the new translation to the instrument working group facilitator to be available to others needing a version in your language (you will be identified as the source of the translation).
- Presentations and written reports should acknowledge the instruments with: "Instruments developed by the Eurogang Research Program." Please make sure that your Eurogang contact has a copy of any reports or publications resulting from your use of the instruments; with your permission, these may be posted on the Eurogang website.
- These instruments have been developed in collaboration with researchers from many countries. They collect key information designated by Eurogang as critical to describing and understanding the groups of interest. Changes in item order, wording or substantial meaning, or the omission of items, place our goal of the collection of comparative, multi-method, cross-national information at risk. If you find it necessary to delete or otherwise change items offered in the instruments, please inform us of any changes you make. We appreciate your efforts to document alterations in these original instruments. We expect that items of special interest to individual researchers may be added.

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Request for Use of Eurogang Instruments

Your name: _____

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Name of Eurogang contact(s):

Instrument(s) that you wish to use:

Description of intended use of instrument(s):

To be completed by person providing the instruments:

Name of instrument: _____ Date: _____

Provided by: _____

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