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**NightSCOPE** is an online resource designed to help local policymakers and practitioners assess and strengthen their approaches to providing safe and healthy nightlife.

The resource can be used for a city, town or other specified nightlife area. It involves the completion of a short online questionnaire by representatives from up to ten local agencies. The questionnaire assesses four key areas:

- Knowledge of local nightlife issues
- Commitment to safe and healthy nightlife
- Partnership working
- Evidence-based practice

Responses from all questionnaires are brought together in a report. Results are provided using a grading system that shows where approaches appear well developed and where they could be strengthened.

Using NightSCOPE allows local partners to identify and prioritise action to improve their approaches to managing nightlife settings. Progress can be identified by repeating the NightSCOPE process at a later date.

## Benefits of using NightSCOPE

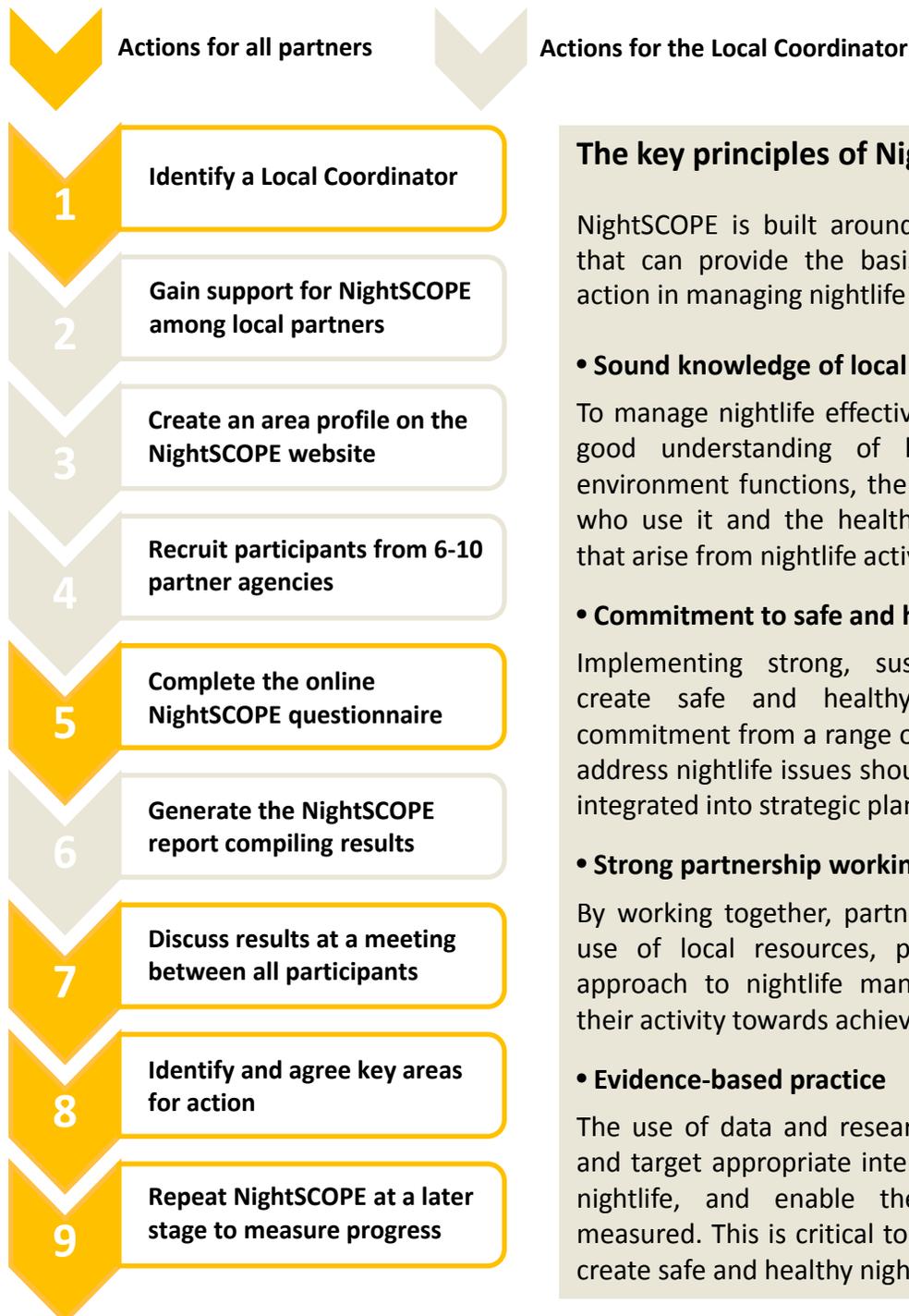
- NightSCOPE is a **fast and efficient** way of assessing local approaches to managing nightlife.
- It helps identify **strengths** in local approaches and identify **gaps** that can be targeted for improvement.
- NightSCOPE is **free** to use.
- It is **easy** to use – the questionnaire takes just 15 minutes to complete.
- NightSCOPE is **self-administered**. Participants get together to discuss their own results and identify areas for action.
- Using NightSCOPE facilitates **engagement and partnership working** across local agencies.
- Results are presented to you in an **accessible and user friendly** PDF.
- You can measure **changes over time** - the process can be repeated at any point to identify improvements.

## Partners involved in NightSCOPE

Mandatory Participants	Local Authorities	Health Services	Police	Trading Standards	Youth Services	Additional Participants
	Licensing Authorities	Emergency Departments	Substance Use Services	Sexual Health Services	Fire Services	
	Transport Authorities	Ambulance Services	Education Authorities	Social Services	Nightlife Industry	

## How to use NightSCOPE

NightSCOPE requires one individual, from any partner agency, to act as a Local Coordinator. The Local Coordinator sets up a NightSCOPE profile for the area being assessed and identifies representatives from between six and ten partner agencies to complete the questionnaire. The figure below shows the key steps taken by Local Coordinators and participating partners. Full guidance and instructions are available in the User Manual available at [www.nightscope.eu](http://www.nightscope.eu).



### The key principles of NightSCOPE

NightSCOPE is built around four key principles that can provide the basis for effective local action in managing nightlife settings:

- **Sound knowledge of local nightlife issues**

To manage nightlife effectively, agencies need a good understanding of how their nightlife environment functions, the behaviours of those who use it and the health and social impacts that arise from nightlife activity.

- **Commitment to safe and healthy nightlife**

Implementing strong, sustainable action to create safe and healthy nightlife requires commitment from a range of agencies. Action to address nightlife issues should be prioritised and integrated into strategic planning.

- **Strong partnership working between agencies**

By working together, partners can make better use of local resources, provide a consistent approach to nightlife management and focus their activity towards achieving shared goals.

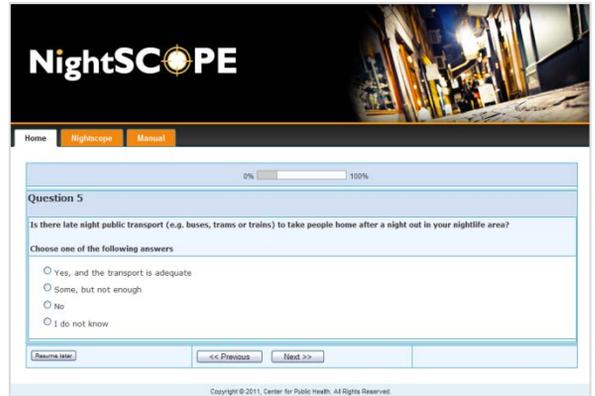
- **Evidence-based practice**

The use of data and research can help identify and target appropriate interventions to manage nightlife, and enable their impacts to be measured. This is critical to ensure that work to create safe and healthy nightlife is effective.

## The NightSCOPE questionnaire

The online NightSCOPE questionnaire contains a series of straightforward questions about knowledge of nightlife and working practices. All questions are answered using simple tick boxes.

The questionnaire should take participants around 15 minutes to complete.

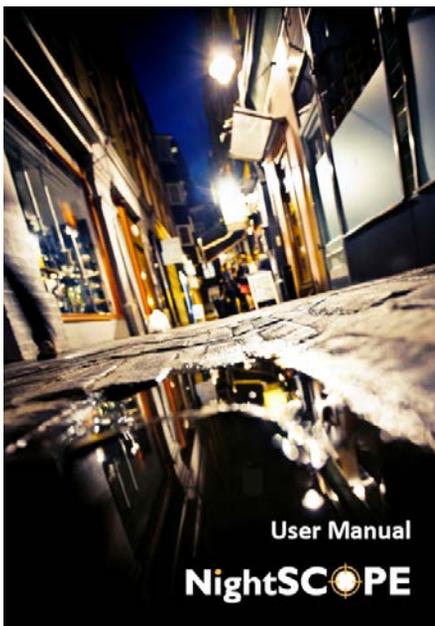


## The NightSCOPE assessment process

Once all participants have completed the questionnaire, NightSCOPE analyses the combined responses and uses a simple traffic light system to grade performance against the four key areas: **Knowledge, Commitment, Partnership and Practice**. Gradings are provided for each question and an overall grading is provided for each of the four key areas.

-  A green grading suggests that performance in the area is strong
-  An amber grading suggests clear progress with room for improvement
-  A red grading suggests that performance in the area is limited.

**NightSCOPE** does not intend to label areas as good or bad. Rather, it aims to help local partners identify where their practice could be improved and help them lay the foundations for effective practice to provide safe and healthy nightlife environments.



## The NightSCOPE Report and User Manual

Results from the NightSCOPE questionnaires are compiled into a report for the area being assessed. This shows each agency's response to the questions and provides the gradings received through the combined responses. The NightSCOPE user manual explains the NightSCOPE process and helps participants interpret their results.

All participants can then get together to discuss the results. This meeting enables partners to identify areas that have been graded red or amber and prioritise activity for improvement.

The NightSCOPE process can be repeated at a later stage to assess whether improvements have been made following action implemented by partners.



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