

Partnership Security in Public Spaces

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Partnership composition

- **Coordinators:** City of Nice (FR), European Forum for Urban Security (Efus), City Council of Madrid (ES);
- **Partners:** Brussels-Capital Region (BE), City of Helsinki (FL), City of Mechelen (BE), European Investment Bank (EIB), Metropole Européenne de Lille (FR), Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets (HR), Regione Toscana (IT), Unione della Romagna Faentina - URF (IT), Riga City Council (LV);
- **Observers:** City of Toruń (PL), UN HABITAT, URBACT;
- **Other parties:** DG REGIO; Joint Research Centre, DG EMPL, DG HOME, DG RTD, EUROCITIES.

Key priorities

- **Urban Planning and Design 'to create safer cities';**
- **Technology and Security for Smart and Safe Cities;**
 - **Managing security and sharing public spaces.**

How did we select our Actions

- **Keep the focus on few Actions that has a European added value**
- **Inclusive shortlisting process**
- **Clear criteria for Actions selection:**
 - The Action is well placed in the UA context
 - The Action is realistic and can be implemented (feasibility)
 - The Action brings added value to what has already been done
 - The Partnership has expertise and capacity to implement the Action.

Overview of our Actions

- **Action 1** - Developing a Framework for a Self-Assessment tool dedicated to Urban Authorities
- **Action 2** - Recommendations on EU security strategy, multi-level governance and funding
- **Action 3** - Evaluate the application of AI technologies
- **Action 4** – Develop a capacity building training scheme about integrated urban security
- **Action 5** - Measure the impact of social cohesion on security in public spaces
- **Action 6** - Develop guidance for architectural and spatial design (security by design)

Action 1 - Developing a Framework for a Self-Assessment tool dedicated to Urban Authorities

Who is involved

Helsinki, Madrid, JRC, URF

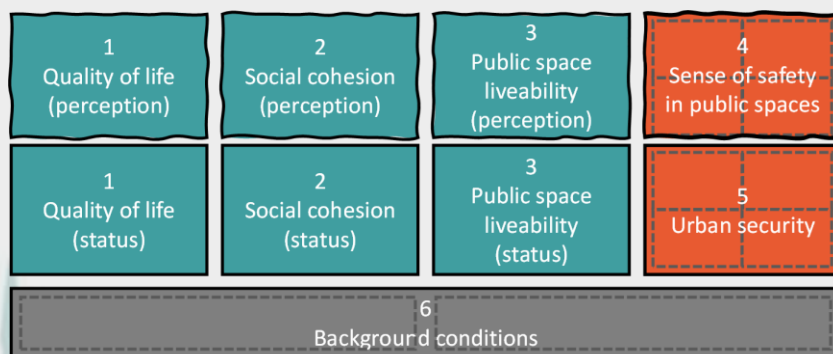
Objective

Better Knowledge

Status of implementation

Advanced

Outputs



- Study on approaches and tools to measure security and safety
- New framework for comprehensive assessment with 6 building blocks and related indicators
- A checklist to guide the data collection

Next steps

Piloting framework and checklist

Action 2 - Recommendations on EU Security Strategy, multi-level governance & funding

Who is involved

Efus, Nice, URF, EIB

Objective

Better funding

Status of implementation

Advanced

Outputs

	Social inclusion & civic participation	Governance & cooperation	Security by design	Technology & cybersecurity
Research activities	Horizon Europe (Horizon 2020)			
Innovation activities	European Urban Initiative (UIA)			
		Rights and Values programme	New European Bauhaus	
Implementation activities	Erasmus+	Internal Security Fund	URBACT III & IV	
		INTERREG		
	ESF+		ERDF	EIB Loans

- Letter to Commissioner Johansson: advocate for the involvement of cities in the definition of the EU strategy and security policies
- Joint declaration on PO 5 and Cohesion Policy
- Guidelines and training on funding instruments and lessons learned

Next steps

Webconference on EU funding opportunities - 25 June (links with Action 4)
 Efus' International Conference in Nice
 Ongoing exchange with the European Institutions

Action 3 - Evaluate the application of AI inclusive technologies

Who is involved

Nice, Madrid, Riga, Lille

Objective

Better Regulation

Status of implementation

Finalised

Outputs



- Contribution by the Partnership to the EU consultation on Artificial Intelligence led by DG Connect in 2020’,
- A survey on the use of artificial technology, use of data and issues/barriers encountered by cities,
- A study related to trends and practices related to the use of AI and facial recognition specifically in cities, and a set of recommendations for future EU regulations in this field.

Next steps

Dissemination of the Study

Action 4 - Develop a capacity building training scheme about integrated sustainable urban security

Who is involved

Regione Toscana, Unione della Romagna Faentina (URF), Efus Mechelen

Objective

Better Knowledge

Status of implementation

Intermediate

Outputs

Topics	Knowledge level	Knowledge Urban security as prevention activity	Knowledge level	Knowledge Urban security as integrated approach	Knowledge level	Interpersonal Urban security and community involvement
Targets		- ICT, CCTV and video surveillance - GDPR				
Political stakeholders						
City administrators	Basic	National and regional regulation framework about security and security prevention; Local police and Urban security prevention; National and regional regulation framework related to security prevention in - urban planning and infrastructure - youth - education and training - ICT, CCTV and video surveillance - GDPR	Intermediate	Social change and social conflicts public spaces organization and perceived insecurity; Working in team for social security; Cooperation with national institutions in charge for security i.e. national police	Intermediate	Perceived insecurity; Techniques and tools to engage citizen in security preventions; Working and teaching how to make qualified warning
Social and economic associations/representatives	Basic		Basic		Intermediate	
Other public institutions/agencies						
Healthcare system	Intermediate	National and regional regulation framework about security and security prevention; Local police and Urban security prevention; National and regional regulation framework related to security prevention in - urban planning and infrastructure - youth - education and training - ICT, CCTV and video surveillance - GDPR	Intermediate	Social change and social conflicts; Public spaces organization and perceived insecurity; Working in team for social security; Cooperation with national institutions in charge for security i.e. national police	Intermediate	Perceived insecurity; Techniques and tools to engage citizen in security preventions; Working and teaching how to make qualified warning
Education	Intermediate		Intermediate		Intermediate	
Public transport	Intermediate		Intermediate		Intermediate	
Local community/neighbourhood watch groups						

- Competences Matrix has been developed, agreed upon among local authorities and scientifically validate
- A methodological & pedagogical guide to elaborate training activities in the domain of security complemented by some guidelines on how to assess the learning outcomes
- Consultation to see what are the main (integrated) training needs that cities face

Next steps

Test-training sessions (in collaboration with ongoing EU projects and UrbSecurity Network Evaluation

Action 5 - Measure the impact of social cohesion and inclusion on security in public spaces

Who is involved

Mechelen, URF, Efus, Regione Toscana, Madrid

Objective

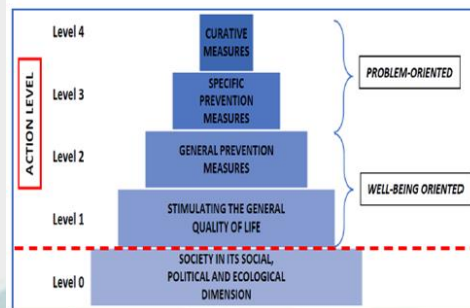
Better Knowledge

Status of implementation

Advanced

Outputs

Prevention Pyramid



Manual “How to use the prevention pyramid”

1. Visualises integrated crime prevention policies & coherence between social cohesion and problem oriented actions
2. Detection of gaps in existing integrated approaches → initiate new action

- Manual on how to apply the Prevention Pyramid Model in the domain of urban security
- The Manual has been tested in a number of volunteering cities (Munich, Cologne, Leuven, Madrid, Mechelen).
- The cities are also making use of the Qualiprev tool to evaluate the impact of the selected initiatives.
- Green paper on the Collective Impact Model

Next steps

Dissemination and synergies with Action 1 & 4

Action 6 - Develop guidance for architectural spatial design and planning (security by design)

Who is involved

Brussels Capital Region, Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets of Croatia, Mechelen, Helsinki, Madrid

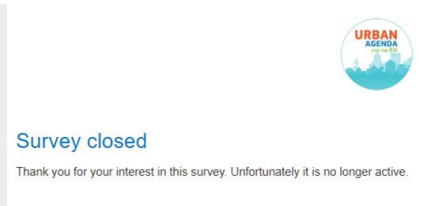
Objective

Better Regulation, Better Funding, Better Knowledge

Status of implementation

Initial stage of implementation

Outputs



- A questionnaire launched to collect insights, best practices as well as needs that cities face in the domain of security by design.

Next steps

- Analysis of the data & definition of best practices and rules of thumb
- Validation of the latter into a working session foreseen for the fall of 2021.

Our Achievements and impact I

- Mention of the Partnership in the EU Security Strategy
- Enhanced visibility via the network of Efus - 250 European local and regional authorities
- Mention of the Partnership in the Opinion of the CIVEX Commission of the CoR on the EU's CT Agenda
- Letter of Willy Demeyer, the President of Efus and Mayor of Liège to the President of CIVEX
- Synergies with ongoing European projects and initiatives: e.g. UIA - BSFS, ToNite; PACTESUR; BRIDGE; Secu4ALL; URBACT
- Potential new EC regulations on FRT?

Our Achievements and impact II

- **EU Pledge on Urban Security and Resilience**

“Cities as the backbone of urban security

Local and regional authorities play a key role both in the protection of public spaces and the prevention of radicalisation. In cooperation with the Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership for Security in Public Spaces and building on the successful initiative EU Cities against Radicalisation, **the Commission will propose an EU Pledge on Urban Security and Resilience**, setting out basic principles and objectives for local authorities in these areas, and will call upon interested cities to sign up to a positive agenda to prevent and counter radicalisation and reduce vulnerabilities in public spaces. Cities which take part in the Pledge will become part of an EU-wide initiative of Cities against Radicalisation and Terrorism, through which the Commission will facilitate the sharing of good practices and support projects led by cities and peer-to-peer advisory efforts. The Commission will mobilise all available funding instruments to support the implementation of the Pledge.”

Constant collaboration with external parties

- Align Actions implementation with the UrbSecurity Network
- Scoping collaboration avenues with the 3 UIA funded projects (e.g. BSFS, ToNite, Sure)
- Synergy with UN Habitat Safer Cities Programme
- Non-partnership members being involved in the testing of Actions (e.g. Action 5)
- URBAN Intergroup of the European Parliament
- CoR - CIVEX

Thank you for your attention!

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