



# Welcome

## Newsletter SHIELD

Over the last 20 years, almost all European countries have suffered a direct violent attack on a religious building. The problem of the **safeguard of places of worship** and their **protection against different violent extremism threats** is obviously asymmetrical since not all countries are affected in the same way. Even if they have not always been the main target of the most serious terrorist attacks in recent years, or those that have caused the greatest number of victims, places of worship have a highly symbolic value, as places of spirituality, social gathering and as places of art, history and culture.



Places of worship are among the elements that characterise the European landscape and identity. To enhance the protection of this heritage made of buildings and social rituals is the focus of the SHIELD project, funded by the **European Union's Internal Security Fund** and implemented by a consortium made up of **18 partners from 10 EU countries**, engaged for two years: from January 2022 to December 2023.

Improving the coordination, cooperation, and communication between law enforcement agencies, public authorities, faith leadership and congregations, the SHIELD activities will be presented in this newsletter to assure a wide dissemination of the project results.

**Welcome** and, please, feel free to contact us for any further info or to join us as a stakeholder.

## SHORT OVERVIEW

SHIELD project foresees the following working packages (WP):



### analysis of critical points, resilience activities and risks.

The tasks of WP2 activities will lay the foundations for the definition of prevention and mitigation strategies, to be identified in WP3



### WP4 aims at developing training sessions and simulations to test.

Validate and evaluate the methodological, technological and procedural solutions identified in WP3



### identification of safety and security measures.

The aim of WP3 is to identify technologies and procedures that can meet the needs and mitigate the vulnerabilities outlined in WP2



### the dissemination and communication plan.

WP5 will ensure to reach and involve the stakeholders and target groups to promote and ensure the sustainability of the project outcomes

The project outputs will be publications, as factsheet and recommendations, and meetings, as workshops and conferences, to raise, in the target groups, the awareness and the information on the practical measures and tools for increasing the protection of places of worship.

# WHO WE ARE

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## NEWS

June 3, 2022

### SHIELD: preliminary achievements of the project

One of the first outputs of SHIELD an analysis of the state of the art of terrorist attacks on places of worship from the 21st century until today in order to establish a comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon.

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July 25, 2022

## Praying in safety: the Shield project to protect the sacred places of the three monotheistic faiths

The primary objective of such a project which aims at making religious sites safe is to create a widespread mentality about the need to be safe in all aspects of life, starting from places of worship which are critical targets of terrorist attacks.



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