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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter SHIELD

### NEWS

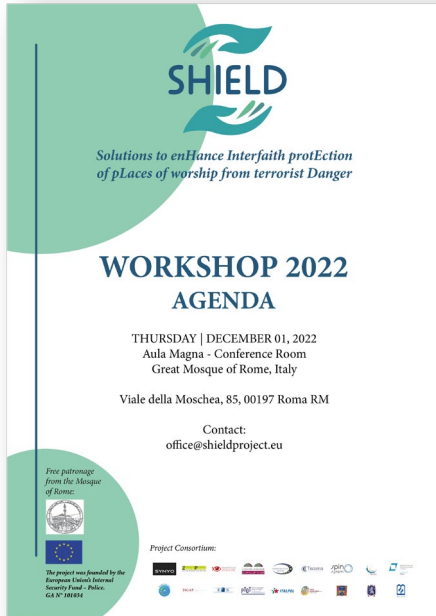
#### SHIELD Short Report on the Workshop in Rome



The 1<sup>st</sup> workshop of the **SHIELD project** took place on **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022** in the **Conference Room – Aula Magna of the Great Mosque of Rome, Italy**. The goal of the SHIELD workshop was to increase the **visibility of the project**, enhance the **dissemination** of its activities and **preliminary results** as well as create new synergies, both in terms of clusters and EC-funded projects.

On the occasion **prominent institutional, social, religious guest speakers** contributed to foster the interfaith efforts and brainstorm the complex phenomenon of violent extremism with aim to design **new measures and guidelines to ensure the safeguard of the places of worship** and the resilience of believers with different faiths.

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The true guardians of the city



On the occasion of the **first SHIELD Project Workshop**, at the Great Mosque of Rome on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, **Rav Scialom Bahbout** in his speech, highlighting the Shield's first results on physical security of the worship infrastructures, has reminded the fundamental problem: *educating the younger generations to respect human life.*

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## Praying in safety: Security means more than alarms and locks



Over the past few years, Europe was exposed to an asymmetrical progression of international terrorism threat comprising the carrying out of attacks inside or around religious buildings located in the densely populated urban public spaces.

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# PROJECT

**SHIELD** is a project funded by the **European Union's Internal Security Fund** aimed at protecting places of worship from the risks of violent extremism. Implementing risk factors' analysis, SHIELD is to enhance security postures at places of worship through improving the coordination, cooperation, and communication between law enforcement agencies, public authorities, faith leadership and congregations.



The combination of the Shield protective and risk factors' analysis brings together stakeholders and target groups to develop new measures to ensure the safeguard of these places and the resilience of believers with different faiths.

SHIELD's consortium is made up of **18 partners** from **10 EU countries**, engaged for two years: **from January 2022 to December 2023**.

## 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



**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



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

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



### **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.

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