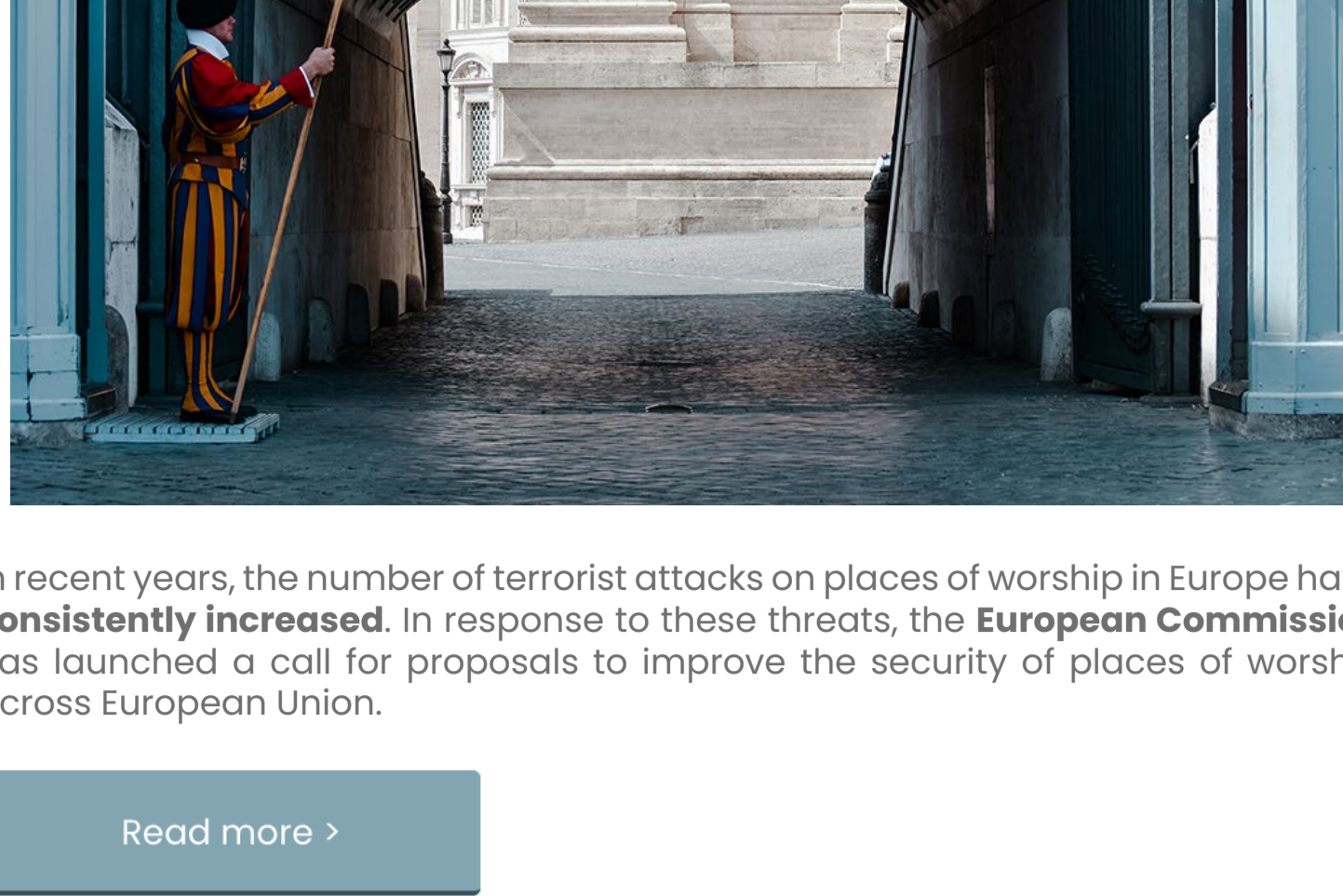


# Welcome

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter SHIELD

### NEWS

**Improving Security Measures for Places of Worship in Europe: Jews, Muslims and Catholics together in the fight against terrorism for the protection of believers**



In recent years, the number of terrorist attacks on places of worship in Europe have **consistently increased**. In response to these threats, the **European Commission** has launched a call for proposals to improve the security of places of worship across European Union.

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### SHIELD – RISE SD 2023



SHIELD project was present at the **RISE SD 2023 event**, held in **Rhodes, Greece**, between **May 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.

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### SHIELD Training Short Report



For the launch of **Work Package 4**, **University of Applied Sciences for Public Service in Bavaria – Department of Policing**, together with the **SHIELD project partners**, held a training session related to prevention and awareness raising for the protection of religious institutions and houses of worship on **May 17, 2023**.

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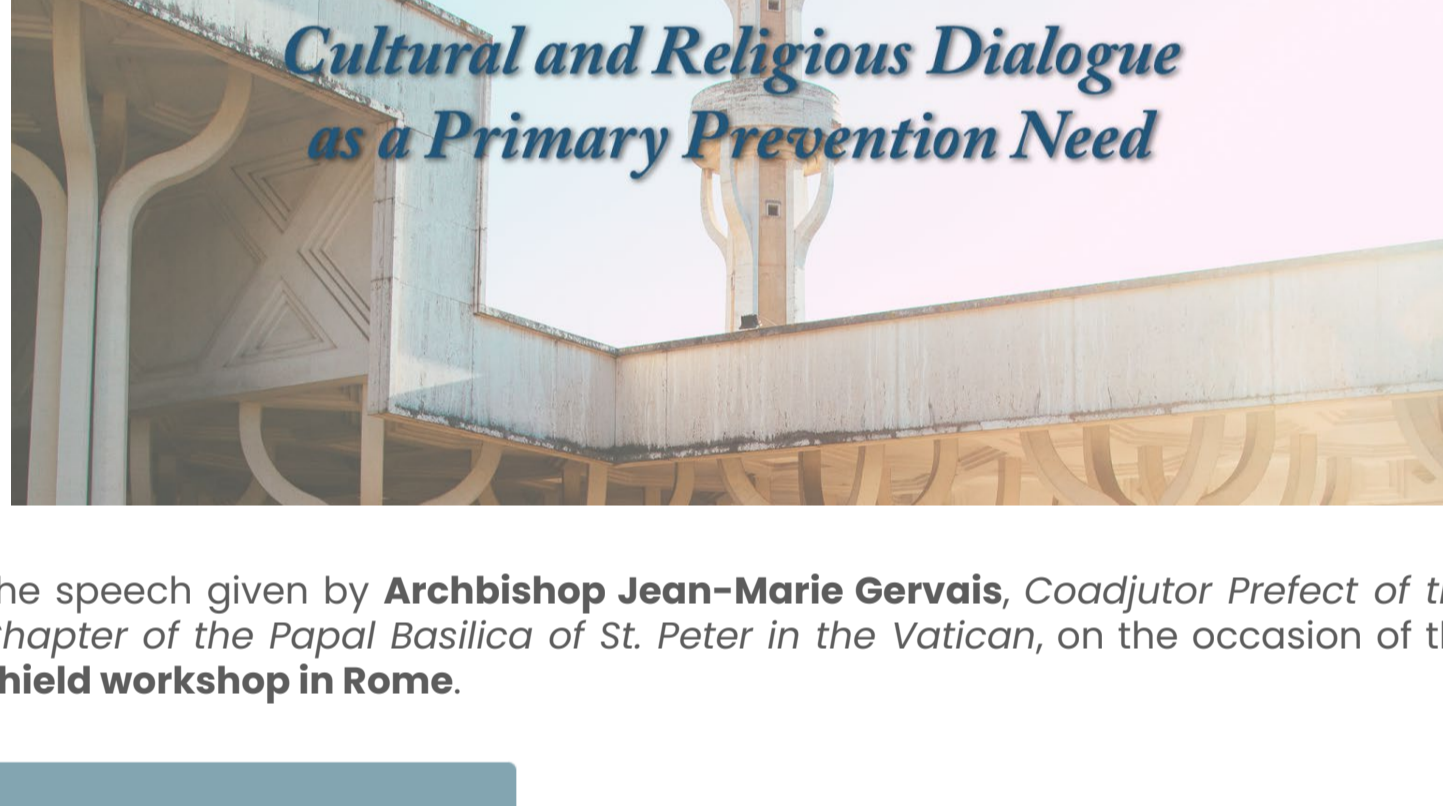
### Short report on the International Conference “Protect and Secure Worship”



SHIELD consortium has been invited, by the **sister Eu funded projects PROSECUV and PROTECTOR**, to attend their final conference in **Nicosia (Cyprus)** on **Tuesday 25 April 2023**.

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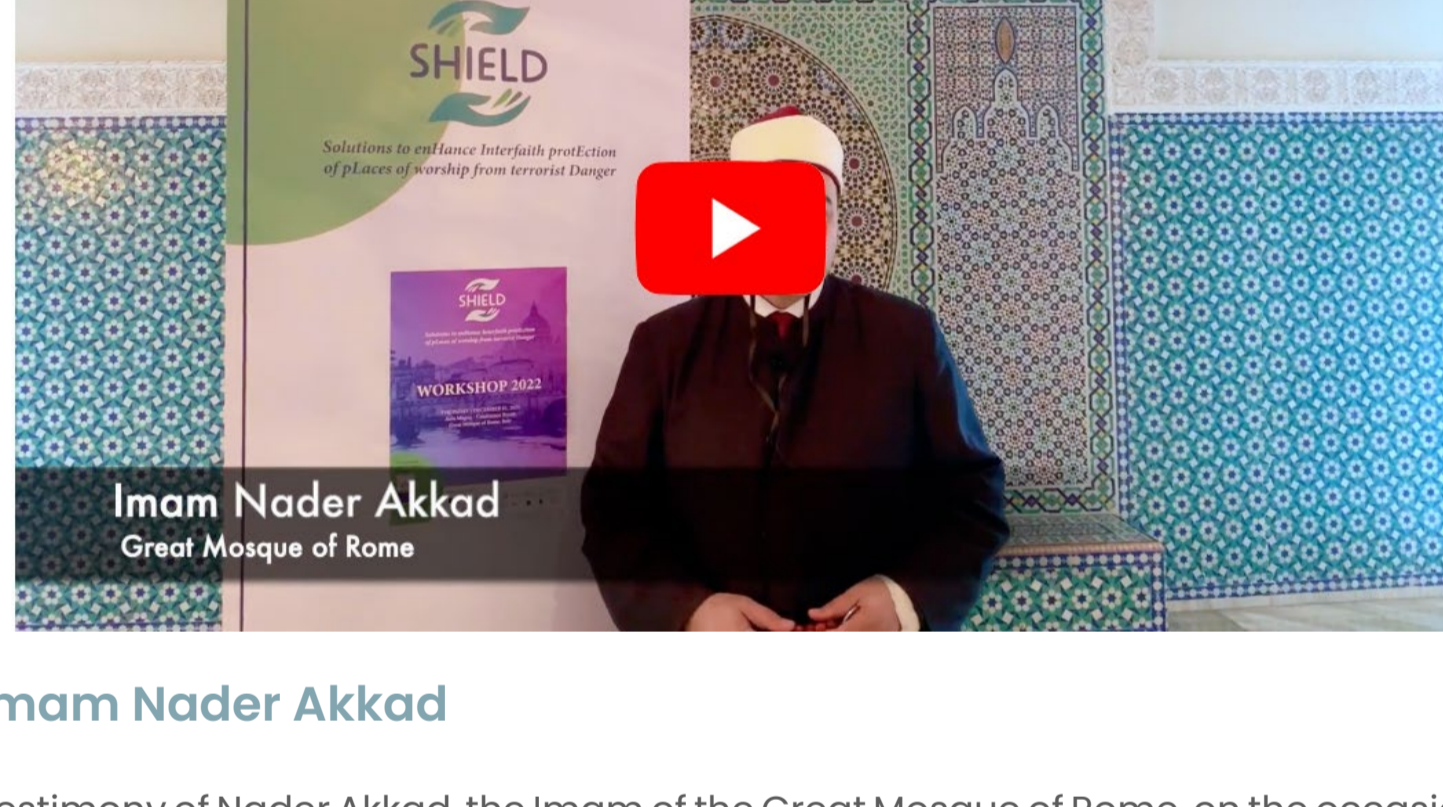
### Cultural and Religious Dialogue as a Primary Prevention Need



The speech given by **Archbishop Jean-Marie Gervais**, **Coadjutor Prefect of the Chapter of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican**, on the occasion of the **Shield workshop in Rome**.

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### VIDEO



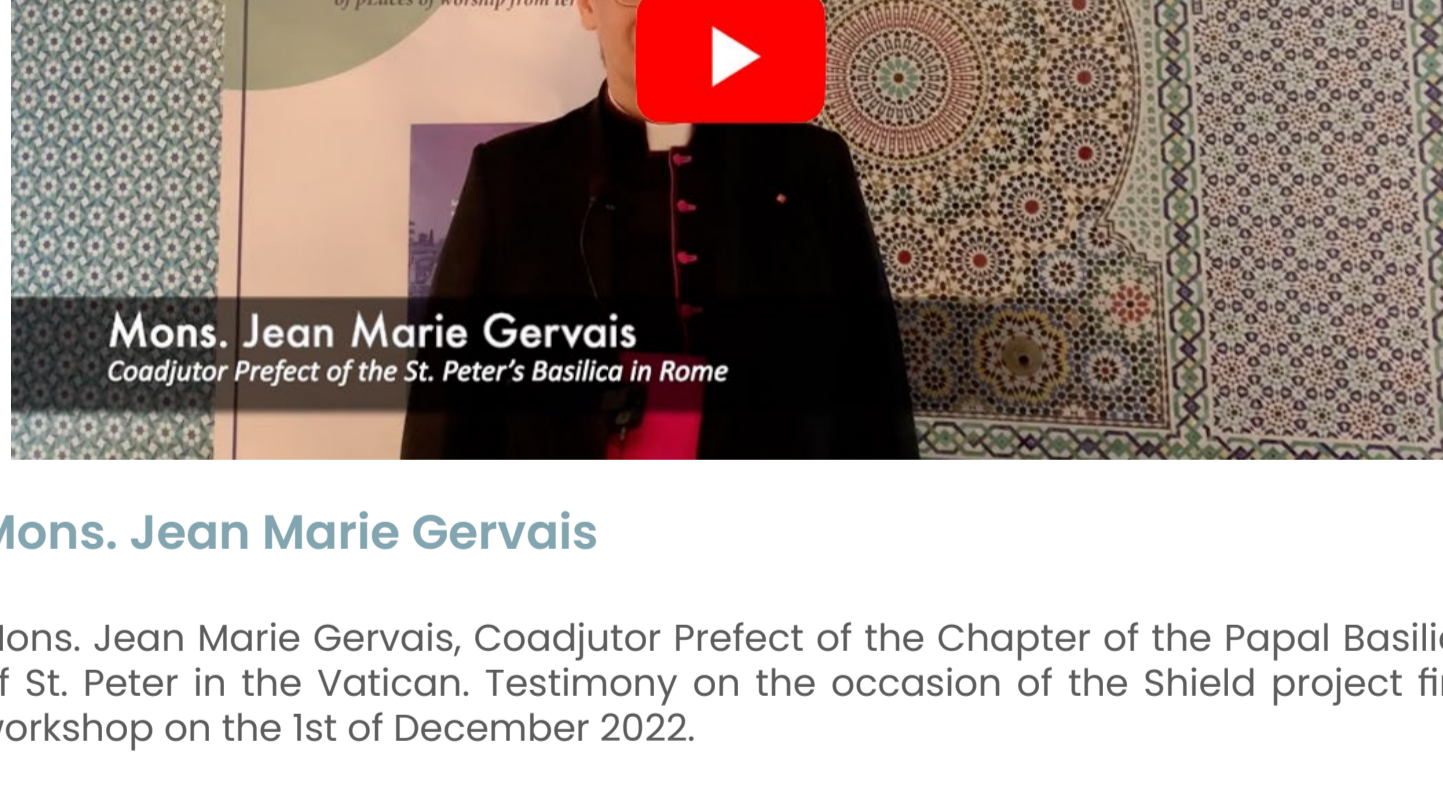
#### Imam Nader Akkad

Testimony of Nader Akkad, the Imam of the Great Mosque of Rome, on the occasion of The Shield first Workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2022.



#### Giacomo Zarfati

Giacomo Zarfati, National Security Coordinator of the Union of Italian Jewish communities. Testimony on the occasion of the Shield project first workshop.



#### Mons. Jean Marie Gervais

Mons. Jean Marie Gervais, Coadjutor Prefect of the Chapter of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican. Testimony on the occasion of the Shield project first workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2022.

### PROJECT

**SHIELD** is a project funded by the **European Union’s Internal Security Fund** aimed at the **analysis of critical points, resilience analysis and risks**. 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.

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):

**WP2 analysis of critical points, resilience analysis 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

**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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