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# PRoTECT Newsletter

## PRoTECT Concept

The PRoTECT project aims to strengthen local authorities' capabilities in Public Protection by putting in place an overarching concept where tools, technology, training and field demonstrations will lead to situational awareness and improve direct responses to secure public places pre, in, and after a terrorist threat. **This cross sectoral project is an initiative of the Core group of the European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS).**

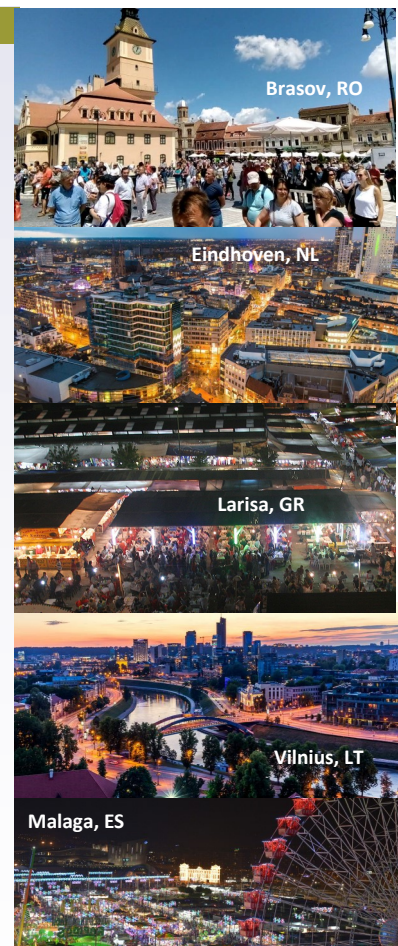
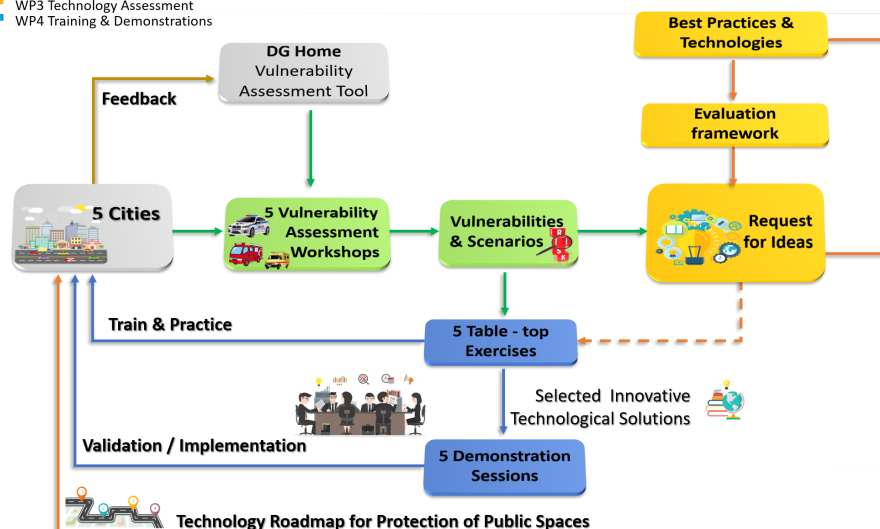
The main outcomes of the project are, as follows:

- Risk and Cost reduction
- Developing training materials related to the protection of public spaces for municipalities and LEAs
- Putting in place and implementing a pan European technology capability assessment tool for cities

Initiated by ENLETS, the PRoTECT project will support the policy of the European Commission by providing local actors -the cities in Europe- with guidance, training and awareness on the usage of technology as an indispensable tool for a secure municipality.

It will -in close cooperation with DG Home and the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)- use the developed Commission's Soft Target Site Assessment tool, and it will provide the Policy group, the Commission, the Practitioners network and the to be established Operators Forum with tangible results, such as valuable feedback and practical recommendations based on the technology and soft target site assessment tool.

**Legend**  
■ WP2 Vulnerability Assessment  
■ WP3 Technology Assessment  
■ WP4 Training & Demonstrations



## SAVE THE DATE

**17th July 2019**  
**Brasov, Romania**

**1st PRoTECT seminar on the  
 Protection of Public Spaces**

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## PRoTECT Activities

- Testing and Enhancing the DG Home EU self-assessment tool for cities to determine which public spaces or activities are vulnerable
- Assessment and field testing of relevant innovative research outcomes
- Train and raise the awareness of public authorities on technology concepts in the protection of the public and soft urban targets
- Develop training materials as part of table-top exercises

## Project Outputs

- 5 self-assessments conducted by beneficiary cities
- 5 field demonstrations of selected innovative solutions
- 3 European events:
  - 1 European event to discuss self-assessment processes,
  - 1 European event to exchange best practices,
  - 1 European showcase event to present the project results
- 5 virtual table top exercise to practice the technology concepts

## Foreseen Benefits

- Raise the awareness of municipal authorities on security concepts and adaptation of technology in the protection of public spaces
- Share best practices and lessons learned to efficiently apply technology concepts to protect public spaces
- Build a closer, permanent collaboration between municipal authorities and law enforcement via existing networks (ENLETS, EFUS)

# PRoTECT Objectives

The general short-term objective of the project is to provide all members of EFUS actionable European municipalities an actionable perspective on the PRoTECTion of their public spaces and other soft targets, by providing them with good practices and access to technology concepts, and the knowledge to tailor them to their needs. The strategy to do this is:

– to improve the PRoTECTion of public spaces and other soft targets in five European cities and respective LEA's by providing them with direct support from the project to conduct both a vulnerability self-assessment and technology assessment in their municipalities.

– to let municipalities, organize peer to peer exchange with other municipalities (EFUS

members) with technology solutions and best practices in place, to disseminate their experiences with implementing good practices and technology concepts, including validation through table top exercises and a technology roadmap.

At long term, we expect all EU local Municipalities to be familiar with the vulnerability self-assessment and with a broad range of good practices and technology concepts and willing to improve the PRoTECTion of their public spaces. The ENLETS network will be positioned to play a major role in providing technology advice via the organisation of targeted Workshops in close collaboration with the ENLETS National Contact Points (NCPs) and Working Groups.

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## Kick-off Meeting, s-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, December 2018

The partners of the PRoTECT project ("Public Resilience Using Technology to Counter Terrorism") for the protection of urban public spaces against terrorist threats met during the Kick-off meeting on the 10th and 11th of December 2018, at the premises of Stichting DITSS in the Netherlands.

During the two-day meeting an analysis was made on the main goals of the project, the management procedures and the way ahead for the next six months with a focus on the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) and the processes that had to be followed for the organization of the five Workshops that would be conducted in Eindhoven (the Netherlands), Larissa (Greece), Malaga (Spain), Vilnius (Lithuania), Brasov (Romania).



PRoTECT Kick-off Meeting, December 2018





*PRoTECT General meeting in Paris 2019*

## 2nd General meeting in Paris 2019

The partners in the PROTECT project (“Public Resilience Using Technology to Counter Terrorism”) for the protection of urban public spaces against terrorist threats met for the project’s second meeting on 28 February and 1 March, in Paris. The manual developed by the Dutch Organisation for Applied Scientific Research TNO, a partner in the project, and EFUS was presented to the partners. Its objective is to help local authorities use the tool developed by the European Union’s Directorate General Home Affairs to assess the vulnerabilities of urban public spaces.

### Learning to identify vulnerabilities

Titled Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT), this tool can be used on site to evaluate a public space. Areas identified by the VAT tool as potential targets of a terrorist attack are those where the public comes regularly for an activity, for example transport hubs, squares, shopping areas, places of worship, and cultural, business and institutional venues. They are targets because attacking them can help terrorist organisations reach their goals, for instance threatening the safety of the public, the values of democratic states or citizen rights and freedoms.

### The role of local authorities

As stated by the European Commission in its Action plan to support the protection of public spaces, “local and regional authorities are important stakeholders” and as such, the Commission promotes dialogue and exchange between national, regional and local authorities as well as support the development of operational projects such as PROTECT. As part of the PROTECT project, the manual and the VAT tool will be tested in five European cities with the support of EFUS: Brasov (RO), Eindhoven (NL), Larissa (GR), Malaga (ES), and Vilnius (LT).

### Upcoming Events

- Local Vulnerability Assessment Workshop in **Larissa**, **8-9 May 2019**
- Local Vulnerability Assessment Workshop in **Eindhoven**, **4-6 June 2019**
- Local Vulnerability Assessment Workshop in **Brasov**, **25-26 June 2019**
- Local Vulnerability Assessment Workshop in **Malaga**, **beginning of July 2019**
- 1st PRoTECT Seminar in **Brasov**, **17-18 July 2019**





## Project Details

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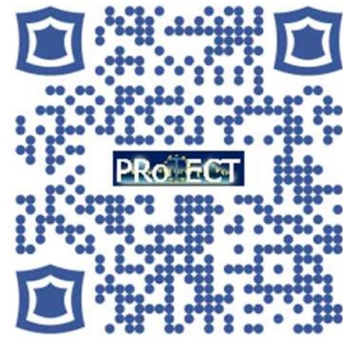
Starting Date: 1st November 2018  
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