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The *CT Public Spaces* team welcomes you to its third newsletter, covering the activities we carried out from July to December 2021

CT Public Spaces is funded by the European Commission through the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), implemented by the Spanish Guardia Civil and managed by the International and the Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP F.S.P.).

The general aim of the project is to prevent and reduce terrorist attacks and their impact in public spaces. Likewise, it is to collaborate with partner countries (Ghana, Kenya and Senegal) to protect possible targets.

The expected results from the project to protect public spaces are:

COOPERATION with national authorities to increase awareness and capability to protect people and goods at these sites.

COLLABORATION with law enforcements in partner countries to improve command and control systems, risk assessment, tactics, techniques and procedures for protection, reaction to and recovery from potential attacks.

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES for public sector cooperation with local venue operators and private security.



“There cannot be sustainable development without peace and security, and without development and poverty eradication there will be no sustainable peace”

European Security Strategy 2003

“Security is an issue that affects everyone. All government bodies, businesses, social organisations, institutions and citizens must fulfil their own responsibilities in order to make our societies more secure.”

European Security Strategy 2020



INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

During the second semester of the last year, the project team has proceeded with the activities planned and presented in the Tentative Workplan for 2021. The most relevant implemented activities have been specific training activities carried out both in Spain and in the partner countries. In this sense, since the beginning of the project a total of **29 different activities** have been carried out in all four countries (Ghana, Kenya, Senegal and Spain) and 182 personnel have been trained.

The project implementation with partner countries in the 2nd semester of 2021 has been as follows:

- National partner countries authorities from the three partner countries have visited the Spanish Guardia Civil's facilities in Logroño (Spain).
- Project team missions to the three countries have been carried out.
- Specific training in partner countries and in Logroño (Spain).
- Launch event organized in Madrid and Logroño (Spain) to officially present the *CT Public Spaces* project.

Furthermore, **in this second semester of 2021 all partnering countries have been visited by the project team and have also visited Spain, and all three of them have participated in different training activities carried out both locally and in Spain.** These efforts have produced different results in the selected partner countries. The situation can be summarized as follows:

GHANA



From September 29th to October 1st, the project team conducted its second visit to the Republic of Ghana.

From 25th to 29th of November, the focal point of the project from the Ghana Police Service visited the Spanish Guardia Civil's facilities in Logroño (Spain).

On November 29th, the Consul of the Republic of Ghana to Spain, visited the Spanish Guardia Civil's facilities in Logroño (Spain).

Five training activities have been conducted during this semester in both countries. Four of these activities were conducted in Ghana, while one took place in Spain.

A total of 34 national security professionals have been trained in the second semester of 2021.

KENYA



The project team visited the Republic of Kenya from the 13th to the 17th of September. During this visit the activities planned for the second half of the year 2021 were coordinated and promoted jointly.

On September 8th, the Consul of the Republic of Kenya to Spain visited the Spanish Guardia Civil's facilities in Logroño (Spain).

Six training activities have been carried out during this semester with the partner security forces. Five of these training activities have been conducted in Spain and one in Kenya.

A total of 34 national security professionals have been trained in the second semester of 2021.

SENEGAL



From the 20th to the 26th of October, the project team conducted its fourth visit to the Republic of Senegal, in order to coordinate the next activities to be carried out.

From the 25th to the 29th of November, a representative from the Senegalese National Police visited the Spanish Guardia Civil's facilities in Logroño (Spain) and was informed of all the aspects of the project and police operations.

During this semester, three training activities have been conducted with Senegalese security forces, all of them in Senegal.

A total of 38 national security professionals have been trained in the second semester of 2021.

ACTIVITIES

14 activities have been conducted in the last six months of 2021. They all belong to output 2 of the project, that is linked to the “Improved capacities of law enforcement for the use of command and control systems, risk assessment and TTPs for protection, reaction and recovery”:

DATE	ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPANTS
GHANA		
27 Sept - 1 Oct 2021	Risk analysis methods training in Ghana	10
18 Oct - 5 Nov 2021	Command & Control training in Spain	6
8 Nov - 12 Nov 2021	Tactical training for Precision snipers in Ghana	6
8 Nov - 12 Nov 2021	Tactical training for intervention dog handlers in Ghana	6
15 Nov - 19 Nov 2021	Tactical training for explosives detection dog handlers in Ghana	6
KENYA		
27 Sept - 1 Oct 2021	Tactical training for precision snipers in Spain	4
27 Sept - 1 Oct 2021	Tactical training for intervention dog handlers in Spain	4
4 Oct - 8 Oct 2021	Tactical trainings for explosives detection dog handlers in Spain	4
4 Oct - 8 Oct 2021	Risk analysis methods training in Spain	8
22 Nov - 10 Dec 2021	Command & Control training in Spain	4
22 Nov - 26 Nov 2021	Risk analysis methods training in Kenya	10
SENEGAL		
18 Oct - 29 Oct 2021	Tactical patrol training in Senegal	18
18 Oct - 5 Nov 2021	Command & Control training in Senegal	10
18 Oct - 22 Oct 2021	Risk analysis methods training in Senegal	10

Training of trainers in Logroño to protect public spaces

The CT Public Spaces project is providing “training of trainers”, aimed at staff selected by the authorities in the partner countries. These activities are being carried out at the PEFE based in the CAE in Logroño, Spain, a Guardia Civil’s specialized center for counter-terrorism trainings.

Through these trainings, a nucleus of experts in public space protection is being created at the heart of the security forces in the partner countries. These experts replicate the trainings in their countries, making the project sustainable over time.



Training in Logroño carried out by the Spanish Guardia Civil.

During this period, 6 training of trainers have been implemented aimed to Ghanaian (1) and Kenyan (5) security forces. This means that a total 30 specialists of both countries in different subject focus in public spaces protection have been trained in the Guardia Civil facilities in Logroño (Spain).

Since the beginning of the project, 18 trainings of trainers have been carried out with 92 experts in public spaces protection from the 3 partner countries.

Trainings to protect public spaces in partner countries

Following the philosophy of developing a sustainable project, the activities in the partner countries are carried out by the experts of the security forces of the three countries trained in Spain together with the Guardia Civil and with the support of the EU-HRSN experts.

During this period, 8 trainings implemented aimed to Ghanaian (4), Kenyan (1) and Senegalese (3) security forces. This means that a total 76 specialists have been trained in different subject focus on public spaces protection in Ghana, Kenya and Senegal.

Since the beginning of the project, 11 trainings have been carried out with 94 experts in public spaces protection from the 3 partner countries.



CT Public Spaces official presentation launching event



To officially present the CT Public Spaces project and to raise awareness in the protection of public spaces among partner countries' authorities, a launch event was organized and held in Madrid (Spain) on the 24th of November 2021, where the project was formally presented in the General Directorate of the Guardia Civil.

The event was attended by the director general of the Guardia Civil, María Gámez, and Anna Terrón, the director of FIIAPP, as well as by representatives from the partner countries and the European Union, such as Natalie Pauwels, Head of the Unit Stability and Peace at the European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI).



The CT Public Spaces project is designed to prevent and reduce terrorist attacks and their impact in public spaces. The director general of the Guardia Civil, María Gámez, pointed out that the project is undoubtedly necessary, as many lives can be saved, in addition to improving stability and security, basic tenets which promote the development of any country. Public spaces may reflect both conflict and coexistence; they are critical places and must be protected.

CT Public Spaces' launch event on November 24th and 25th, in Madrid and Logroño (Spain).

"Security is a prerequisite to any process of stabilisation and inclusive development. The development community is clear that the priority is on ensuring that people can develop their daily lives in a dignified way" underlined Anna Terrón, director of FIIAPP. Javier Hernández, Guardia Civil Colonel and the project director, added that "security and development always go hand-in-hand. There can be no development if there is no stability".

In the words of Natalie Pauwels, "This project has, like many others, faced challenges due to the Covid 19 pandemic. But, despite these challenges, the project team has been able to carry out several assessments and establish contact with national counterparts between 2020 and 2021. We see today the results of this work."

Furthermore, taking advantage of the presence of many relevant authorities from the partner countries in the event, a visit was organized to the Guardia Civil unit which is implementing most activities of the Project, in coordination with the EUHRSN, in Logroño (Spain). This visit took place on November 25th, 2021, with representatives from the delegations of the European Union, Ghana, Kenya and Senegal.



Closing the official launch of the project in Logroño.

CT IN THE MEDIA

#CTPublicSpaces #StrongerTogether #EU

The [CT Public Spaces project website](#) has been regularly updated with articles regarding the project's activities, trainings and other relevant updates. The social media accounts, on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), have also been active during this second semester, helping increase the project's visibility and sharing all project-related information weekly.

The number of followers and visit/engagements on both pages has increased considerably from August to December. In the last months of 2021, the interaction with partners in Ghana, Kenya and Senegal through social media has experienced a significant increase too, as also shown below.

Top Tweet earned 2,413 impressions

We start an exciting busy week at [@UAR_GAR_CAE](#) with a command & control training of trainers for partners in [#Kenya](#) [@NPSOfficial_KE](#) [@NCTC_Kenya](#). These activities contribute to the creation of a group of experts in public spaces protection [@FIIAPP](#) [@guardiacivil](#) [#StrongerTogether](#)
pic.twitter.com/Pw27dE0LoV



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¿[#SabíasQue](#) nuestra Unidad de Acción Rural, está presente en Senegal🇸🇳, Ghana🇬🇭 y Kenia🇰🇪?

Compartimos experiencias para proteger los espacios públicos (mercados, plazas, estadios...) de ataques terroristas. Un proyecto europeo [@CTPublicSpaces](#) junto a [@FIIAPP](#)
[#UAR](#) [#GAR](#) [#CAE](#)
pic.twitter.com/ojQlbjlo3Q



Our top tweet during the month of November earned 2.413 impressions. With the support of the Guardia Civil's official twitter account, as well as other partners' social media accounts, our followers and engagements keep growing monthly.

Top mention earned 72 engagements

Spain in Ghana
 @EmbEspGhana · 23h

Today we received a team from @guardiacivil cooperating in capacity building against terrorism with Ghanaian security forces in the framework of EU funded project @CTPublicSpaces @FIIAPP pic.twitter.com/8Y1eP1u3t



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Retweeted by Irchad Ramiansoa Rozaly EU @IrchadR

#EUinGhana supports Ghana Police Service to prevent terrorism and violent extremism. Delighted to meet with the officers who will be trained in the coming weeks. Thanks to #FIIAPP and @EmbEspGhana for good collaboration!

CT Public Spaces @CTPublicSpaces · Sep 27

We've just launched our first training in #Ghana for the protection of public spaces with members of @GhPoliceService. Big thanks to the @EuropeanGhana Ambassador @IrchadR & @EmbEspGhana Ambassador Gutiérrez for being there with us too. #StrongerTogether #EU @FIIAPP @guardiacivil

4:05 PM · Sep 27, 2021 · Twitter for Android

Retweeted by Henriette Geiger

CT Public Spaces @CTPublicSpaces

@HGeigerEU, EU Ambassador @EUinKenya and her team met with #CTPublicSpaces in Nairobi last week to follow up on the project activities in the country. Together we are working to improve the protection of public spaces #StrongerTogether #EU @FIIAPP @guardiacivil @interiorjob

1:42 PM · Sep 24, 2021 · Twitter Web App

During the past months, the project's account has been mentioned by -or retweeted/reposted by- different project partner's accounts, specifically EU Ambassador to Ghana, Irchad Ramiansoa; EU Ambassador to Kenya, Henriette Geiger; the Embassy of Spain in Senegal or the Embassy of Spain in Ghana.

Delegación del Gobierno de España en La Rioja @DelGobierLaRioja

Al encuentro han acudido representantes de las delegaciones de Ghana, Kenia y Senegal y Natalie Pawels, jefa de la Unidad de Paz y Estabilidad de la Comisión Europea

Esta acción formativa se realiza dentro de los cursos del Proyecto CT-PS Public Spaces de @guardiacivil

Ministerio del Interior @interiorjob

La @GuardiaCivil está presente en Ghana, Kenia y Senegal para prevenir ataques terroristas en espacios públicos, como mercados, plazas o estadios

@CTPublicSpaces es un proyecto europeo de cooperación internacional financiado por @EU_Commission and gestionado por @FIIAPP

Guardia Civil @guardiacivil

La Directora General, @Maria2Gamez, presenta el proyecto de la @GuardiaCivil y la FIIAPP "CT Public Spaces" para prevenir ataques terroristas en espacios públicos de Ghana, Kenia y Senegal

guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noti...

FIIAPP @FIIAPP

#LIVE

Estamos en la Dirección General de la @guardiacivil presentando el proyecto de #cooperación @CTPublicSpaces.

- Directora GC, @Maria2Gamez
- Directora de la #FIIAPP, @annaterronc
- @pauwels_natalie @EU_FPI
- GC profesionales del proyecto.

During the Launching Event of the CT Public Spaces project, on November 24th and 25th, the project's partners and other significant allies posted information about the initiative and its results and future actions in their accounts, contributing to the project's visibility and communication efforts.



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CT Public Spaces, protection of public spaces

The fight against terrorism is a priority for the European Union. Public spaces have become the main target of terrorists and that is why their protection is essential. CT Public Spaces works to improve this protection in some African countries.



NEWS
 25/11/2021
Una mayor seguridad contra los atentados en los espacios públicos

Garantizar la seguridad en los espacios públicos es extremadamente importante ya que por constituyen un objetivo principal para los terroristas



Se ha presentado formalmente en la Dirección General de la Guardia Civil, el proyecto CT Public Spaces, cuyo objetivo es prevenir y reducir los ataques terroristas y sus efectos en los espacios públicos de Ghana, Kenia y Senegal.

Aunque, debido a la pandemia, el acto oficial del lanzamiento del proyecto se ha retrasado, las actividades ya han comenzado sobre el terreno con formaciones específicas en protección de espacios públicos para el personal de los cuerpos policiales de los tres países africanos en los que se trabaja.

La Guardia Civil tiene una valiosa experiencia en prevención de atentados terroristas en espacios públicos, y esto puede aportar un gran valor a otros países. El proyecto CT Public Spaces, apunta por la movilidad de este conocimiento a otros lugares del mundo donde hoy la gestión de la seguridad en eventos con gran afluencia de público supone un reto.

Articles and reports about the activities project were published in local and international press with the support of partner countries, Guardia Civil and FIIAPP. In the month of October, a radio coverage in Radio Nacional de España was issued featuring the project.



lido, entre una demanda a la UE, por parte de algunos de ellos, para colaborar y cooperar en la mejora de la seguridad entre posibles actos terroristas.

De cuántas fases se compone y en qué lugar nos encontramos?

El Proyecto, con una duración prevista de tres años, consta de tres fases: una inicial de estudio de parámetros, contactos, presentación del programa y elaboración de un calendario de actividades; otra fase de implementación, en la que nos encontramos y donde se desarrollan la mayor parte de las actividades programadas y otra final, en la que se contemplan diversas manifestaciones y acciones que recogerán los conocimientos adquiridos así como propuestas medidas y otras actividades que proporcionen sostenibilidad a los acciones del Proyecto más allá de la duración del mismo.

¿Cómo es la cooperación entre los países implicados?

Exactamente, con interés sincero por parte de las distintas autoridades de los tres países socios, así como por los distintos Cuerpos policiales implicados, aunque la pandemia nos ha condicionado. Cada país tiene unas características propias, a las que el Proyecto debe adaptarse para en todos los casos encontrarnos una gran receptividad y ganas de colaborar, lo que redundará en la mejora de la Seguridad de nuestros ciudadanos. Se trabaja con distintas Unidades armamentistas la Gendarmería y de la Policía de Senegal, con el Servicio de Policía de Ghana y con el Servicio de Policía de Kenia, así como con el Centro de Intervención y de Coordinación Interministerial del Operativo de Lucha Anti Terrorista (CICOT) de Senegal, el Counter Terrorism Fusion Center (CTFC) de Ghana y con el National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) de Kenia, organismos equivalentes, de alguna manera a nuestro CICCO.

¿Qué papel para nuestra institución dirige este Plan?

Es un reconocimiento de parte de la Comisión Europea hacia la Guardia Civil, a la que pide que lidere un Proyecto de estas características, lo cual nos debe hacer sentir especialmente orgullosos. Nuestros Cuerpos, acumulados una tradición de colaboración y cooperación en la seguridad de todos, trabajando en Proyectos europeos como el GARRI Sahel, o bilaterales con diversos países a con presencia de compañeros nuestros en Proyectos importantes como CT Sahel o el NECTO. Por otro lado, nos vemos a la altura internacional y nos hace sentir de la lucha antiterrorista donde podemos aportar una importante experiencia. También nos pone en contacto con otros países, con los que podemos cooperar en el futuro. Además, el Proyecto genera un rico acervo de experiencia, formación y experiencia que en el día a día es muy importante.



The director of the CT Public Spaces project was interviewed in the month of November regarding the project's objectives, phases and main partners, for the Magazine of the Spanish Guardia Civil.



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PERSPECTIVES

During the second semester of implementation of the Project, the CT Public Spaces team has continued dealing with Covid-19. Due to this unforeseen risk of global scope, planned activities such as visits and training activities were canceled during the first months of 2021, due to the limitations of movements in the partner countries.

Despite all the difficulties encountered, activities have been successfully carried out during this second semester with all partner countries, specially highlighting the launch event organized in Madrid (Spain) to officially present the “CT Public Spaces” project on November 24th. In addition, the Project’s planned actions continued during this semester with Ghana and Senegal and activities also started with Kenya. In this sense, a total of 14 training activities have been carried out from August to December 2021, both in Spain and in partner countries. The number of performed activities is therefore considered very positively.

In the second semester of 2021, fluent contacts with the partner security forces involved in the project were maintained. After the various visits and Project team missions to the countries, **all support has been received from the local authorities of all partner countries for the proper implementation of the CT Public Spaces project.** In addition, the contacts maintained and the visits and assessment missions continue to contribute to strengthen Ministries and national authorities’ awareness of the protection of people and goods in public spaces in the selected partner countries.

During the launch event and during the different visits carried out both by the Project team but also by local and national authorities of partner countries, the different local police authorities expressed their concern about the terrorist threat and great interest for the protection of public spaces. According to the satisfaction surveys carried out by those attending the training actions, these have been valued very positively and have been considered of great interest for their work. It can therefore be affirmed that the trainings do contribute to the improvement of public spaces protection capacities.

In the next semester, the project will **finalize the training actions with Senegal, and will continue with Ghana and Kenya.** Fluent contacts and necessary efforts will be maintained with the Project’s focal points on the partner countries in relation to the donation of equipment and the selection of trainees and participants in the planning of different activities. The participation of EUHRSN experts in specific training activities in Spain and in the partner countries will also continue. Technical visits of partner countries police authorities to police operations dedicated to the protection of public spaces will be organized during 2022. Other actions may be developed in order to ensure the sustainability of the project and to continue improving police capabilities sharing experiences and procedures among members of the Network.

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