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1 • Identity

SAFE offers high-level technical and strategic support for the definition and implementation of projects in the fields of security, internal affairs and governance, to build a SAFEr world for future generations.



Ex-Mulino, abandoned building refurbished by SAFE and now one of HQ of the Foundation – Soave (Verona)

SAFE is an independent Italian non-profit foundation

SAFE is an independent Italian non-profit foundation established at the beginning of 2018. With its own funds and participating in calls for proposals financed by the European Union and other international donors, SAFE promotes high-impact non-profit activities in the sectors of security, defense, peacebuilding and promotion of fundamental rights.

SAFE is made up of specialists, institutions and companies that have been working for over 25 years in the “rule of law” sector at international level for the implementation of strategic and operational projects in:

- Security Sector Reform (SSR);
- Defense, peace and stability;
- Freedom and fundamental rights;
- Monitoring and Evaluation.

SAFE offers public and private institutions specialized in the Security and Defense sectors the opportunity to find the most suitable funding and receive support in the implementation of projects with a high technical and innovative impact.

SAFE aims to establish a multidisciplinary European hub, which allows to operate with reduced costs, combining technical skills with many years of experience in the preparation and implementation of EU projects. Its multidisciplinary hub aims to establish itself as a privileged interlocutor towards public and private institutions in the field of security.

SAFE brings together different realities, belonging to heterogeneous levels of design and operation, interested in expanding their range of action through constant networking and training.

SAFE therefore sets itself up not only as a consultancy provider in the design phase, but as a facilitating body for the exchange of information, materials, good practices and technological, operational and process innovation.

SAFE collaborates with:

- Governmental bodies at all levels, such as Municipalities, Metropolitan Areas and Cities,
- Regions, Ministries, the European Union and other international donors;
- Institutions and Law Enforcement Agencies such as Gendarmerie-like forces, military actors, prosecutors and judiciary actors;
- Stakeholders from the private sector such as experts and leading industries in research and development in the security sector;
- Public sector and research actors such as universities and research centers.
- SAFE as by the end of 2021 signed 8 MoUs with public institution and law enforcement authorities.

Technical Focus on CBRNe



SAFE is a partner in charge of the fundraising of the Italian CBRN-P3 Cluster (technological, industrial and institutional cluster for the Preparation, Prevention and Protection of the population and the environment from CBRNe risks). This Italian Cluster is a symptom of the need to link the various Italian and European realities active in the prevention and reduction of the Chemical, Bacteriological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive risks.

In line with the above, SAFE has committed to strive to take contacts and establish cooperation with the most important players in the Italian panorama of Security, Defense, Rule of Law and, in particular, of the CBRNe context, with the aim of stimulating the establishment of a stable coordination structure for the CBRNe sector itself.

The importance of the CBRNe thematic area is its structural propensity to be a driving force for growth and an incentive to invest in Research & Development of new technologies, production processes or safety procedures.

In this context, SAFE is configured as a support body for decisions and for the practical and operational implementation of policy lines decided in the political and legislative seat. Ultimately, SAFE works hard to make CBRNe research less expensive, more widespread and interconnected, breaking down the barriers between public and private actors and encouraging collaboration in the CBRNe industrial fabric, combatting fragmentation.

SAFE leads 6 projects in the CBRN field, for a global value of more than 8.5 million Euros and with the participation of more than 14 partners.



Real-life exercise RESIST, Casaccia, 2021

2 • Actions

Security and freedom are fundamental values for our society. The challenges of the last decade have promoted the idea that greater security and stability can only be achieved through a limitation of personal freedom.

SAFE aims to overturn this misleading paradigm by showing that only an improvement in the security environment allows citizens to fully enjoy their freedom. At the same time, only a free society can properly address the new security challenges, involving all social groups in a confrontation for a better and SAFER tomorrow.



Meeting of BAMIN, 16 Asset Management Offices and Europol present, Tirana, 2021

Security Sector Reform

NETWORKING OF LEAS

Bridging Law Enforcement Agencies is crucial to enhancing cross-border cooperation and facilitating the exchange of information, skills and best practices.

SAFE is engaged in supporting and managing networks amid Law Enforcement Agencies, where it covers the role of management coordinator and partner in charge of the fundraising.

SSR TRAINING

SSR Training is fundamental in consolidating the operational capacity and skills of Law Enforcement Agencies (and their personnel) but also of Public/Private Operators of Critical Infrastructures (CIs), ensuring the relentless provision of key services.

SAFE provides highly specializing SSR training against CBRNe events to Personal Guards and Public/Private Operators of CIs.

POLICE REFORM



SAFE activities span from mentoring and on-the-job coaching of police officers to the development of LEAs and community policing in Europe and beyond.

Sectors of reference are fight against organized crime, financial investigations, prevention and fight against terrorism, forensic investigations, cybercrime, environmental crimes, seizure and confiscation of illicit proceeds.

INNOVATION IN SECURITY SECTOR

SAFE actively supports innovation in the security sector, both through own funds as well as helping public and private actors to join forces and design/implement high-impact EU funded projects.

MEDI-THEFT – Data sharing and Investigative Platform against Organised Thefts of Medicines




-  1.579.251 Euros
-  11/2021-10/2023
-  Italy, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro

Pharmaceutical theft represents an increasingly threatening phenomenon due to the high commercial value and to limited access to some medicines. The nature of this crime has become transnational with medicines often being stolen in one country and then reintroduced in the official market of another country.

The MEDI-THEFT project aims at boosting the operational activities of LEAs and other public and private stakeholders in counteracting the theft and reselling of medicines and investigating of suspicious activities.

The project consortium, composed by national health authorities, law enforcement, drug regulatory authorities, anti-counterfeiting and security systems organizations, and specialized research centres, will develop an intelligence-based platform available to EU LEAs for more effective investigations through enhanced data collection, analysis, and sharing in the context of the organized theft medicines.

OPFA-CULT - OPerational FACility supporting the fight against illicit trafficking in CULTural goods

-  441.946 Euros
-  04/2021-04/2023
-  Italy, Belgium, Romania

Illicit trafficking in cultural goods represents an increasingly threatening phenomenon. On the one hand, Organized Crime Groups (OCG) approach this kind of trafficking as a relatively low-risk/high-return market (inter alia for money laundering). On the other hand, cooperation among EU and foreign OCGs is becoming an opportunity of income for local organizations as well as a potential bargaining chip for illicit transactions.

OPFA-CULT project aims at fostering international police cooperation in the field of illicit trafficking in cultural goods, providing practitioners from EU LEAs with financial operational support to ongoing investigations and facilitating networking to set harmonized investigation methodologies.

Building on the successful intelligence-led investigations carried out by Arma dei Carabinieri (Protection of Cultural Heritage Unit) and the Romanian Gendarmerie, OPFA CULT will promote peer-to-peer cooperation among specialized LEAs, financing ad-hoc training, mentoring and exchange activities.

Since January 2022 OPFA-CULT is an Operational Action of EUROPOL EMPACT.

Project Partners:



Funded by: Directorate-General Migration And Home Affairs



Co-funded by the European Union

Project Partners:




Funded by: Directorate-General Migration And Home Affairs



With the support of



RUNNER – dRone UNit Network against Environmental cRime

 74.000 Euros

 04/2021 - 04/2022

 Italy

Environmental crimes are widely recognized among the most profitable forms of transnational crime, with a monetary value estimated at 18-25 billion EUR per year, most likely the fourth largest criminal area after drugs, counterfeits, and human trafficking. Typically conducted by large, organized crime groups that operate globally with the assistance of legal business structures and within an environment characterized by corruption and money laundering, Illicit waste trafficking (IWT) represents an increasingly threatening crime to citizens' well-being and the financial interests of the European Union alike.

In this context, the RUNNER project will promote networking and encourage the exchange of information between local and national LEAs in the effort to scale-up investigative methodologies against environmental offenders.

Benefitting from the production of operational guidelines, a three-day workshop facilitating the exchange of information, networking and an open discussion on how to best integrate local police using unmanned vehicles as well as novel technologies to support national Illicit Waste Trafficking (IWT) investigations, the support of the dronEUnit network, as well as the EU-funded project OPFA-WASTE for tackling illicit waste trafficking, RUNNER will strive to promptly identify deposits and transport streams while making available a high-level platform for practitioners.

Implemented by:



With the support of the dronEUnit Network




Funded by: Directorate-General for European Anti-Fraud Office Call HERCULE-TC-AG-2020



Support to BAMIN (Balkans Asset Management Interagency Network)

 504.000 euros

 03.2020 - 09.2022

 Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Belgium, Ireland, Slovenia, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

BAMIN is a network of Balkan national Asset Management Offices aiming to enhance the effectiveness of efforts in managing and eventually selling, returning or otherwise disposing of confiscated criminal benefits. Membership of the group aims to improve cross-border and interagency cooperation as well as information exchange, within and outside the region.

To enhance the possibility to recover the value of an acquired criminal asset, BAMIN aims at bringing together asset management experts within its member jurisdictions ensuring effective management, in particular when cross border asset management cooperation is required. BAMIN practitioners can be in contact, discussing the practicalities of operational cases requiring cross border management. BAMIN contacts exchange strategic technical information and good practices enhancing the management of criminal assets.

SAFE is in charge for the management of BAMIN Secretariat ensuring coordination of activities.

Implemented by:



Funded by:



OSCE Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

RESIST Project REsilience Support for critical Infrastructures' through Standardized Training on CBRN

-  1.101.064 Euros
-  11/2019 – 04/2022
-  Italy and Romania

Operators of public spaces and Critical Infrastructures (CIs) are more and more confronted with many and varied types of events, natural or man-made, threatening the functioning of the infrastructure, the security of its operators and general public. In this frame, CBRN events are gaining relevance, due to their potential disruptive impact on the availability of basic services for the public and/or on the safety of end-users themselves.

RESIST engages public and private operators in the set-up and testing of a tailor-made CBRN capacity building programme for the creation of the first 10 European “CBRN Intervention Groups”, trained and equipped to operate in contaminated environments.

The entire process sets the basis for proposal of a voluntary certification at EU level, the CBRN Resilience Label, for public and private operators of CIs.

10 real-life exercises are planned for 2022, engaging 10 critical infrastructures in Italy and Romania.

Project Partners:



Funded by: Directorate-General Migration And Home Affairs Call “ISFP-2018-AG-CT-PROTECT”



TRANSTUN Project TRANSnational TUNnel operational CBRN risk mitigation

-  1.021.892 Euros
-  10/2019 – 11/2021
-  Italy, Spain, Belgium, France

TRANSTUN is a public-private initiative which addresses the concrete CBRN risk of chemical events (connected or not to explosions and fires) within EU cross-border tunnels.

Engaging private operators and end-users from France, Italy and Spain, TRANSTUN aims to improve the level of preparedness of tunnel operators, emergency responders, law enforcement agents, and Member States by defining, producing and testing standardized operational guidelines designed to tackle the aftermath of a CBRN event.

It not only provides a platform to discuss and agree on minimum common standards (for processes and equipment) but also a live testing opportunity at a European transborder tunnel.

As such, TRANSTUN strives to develop a network of operators tasked with responding to chemical accidents in a context characterized by the sharing of best practices/information and the development of a standardized toolkit for MSs, operators and emergency responders.

In September 2021 TRANSTUN completed a major CBRN transporter exercise in the Bielsa Tunnel.

Project Partners:



Funded by: European Commission - DG Home Call “ISFP-2018-AG-CT-PROTECT”



OPFA-WASTE – OPerational FACility for fighting illicit waste trafficking

-  607.141 Euros
-  02/2020 – 11/2022
-  Italy, Latvia, Romania

OPFA-WASTE is an EU flagship operational project targeting Illicit Waste Trafficking (in particular hazardous), implemented by a consortium of specialized EU law-enforcement agencies, open to all European LEAs.

The Project aims at fostering international police cooperation and setting harmonised investigation methodologies in the field of IWT, providing hands-on operational support through an innovative Operational Facility.

The direct impact of OPFA-WASTE will be guaranteed for all EU Member States, candidate countries and beyond thanks to the operational facility “open access”. Each Member State and Partner Country will be able to request funding for ad-hoc support to transnational investigations (training, mentoring, specialized equipment, workshops) in the field of IWT.

OPFA-WASTE will promote police cooperation and support Europol operational activities, discussing and developing methodologies for sharing and analysing data and information, promoting the use of SIENA channel.

6 operations have been supported to date.

Project Partners:




Funded by: DG Home - Call ISFP-2018-AG-OC-ENV

With the support of:



DronEUnit - Network of EU Law Enforcement Drone Units

-  Since 01/2020
-  European Union

The City of Turin – Local Police Drones Unit – and Associazione SAFE agreed to take the leadership of a growing network of Law Enforcement Agencies which operates drones to guarantee the security of urban areas in the European Union and its partner countries.

The creation of the Network of EU Law Enforcement Drone Units – named DronEUnit – is proposed to facilitate sharing of information, best practices and experiences in the area of urban security, involving the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

DronEUnit is a unique platform where practitioners can discuss about the currently available technologies as well as potential solutions to deal with emerging threats. Police officers have the opportunity to share their experiences with colleagues from other countries and meet representatives from a certified community of private sector and academia experts.

DronEUnit currently comprises over 20 members (police forces, academia and private sector) from eight EU Member States.

Initiative promoted by:



Funded by: SAFE internal funding

Defence, peace and stability

DEFENSE SECTOR – TRANSFER OF KNOW-HOW AND INNOVATION

The Armed Forces are an expression of a country's ability to defend itself and a crucial partner for the stabilization of sensitive areas. SAFE promotes peace as a founding element of its work, therefore it does not implement activities related to the development of armaments of any kind.

Furthermore, SAFE considers the joint work with the Armed Forces of EU and non-EU countries crucial, both for the development of new technologies for the safety of citizens, and for the transfer of know-how in areas such as the CBRN sector or CIMIC activities in conflict or post-conflict countries. SAFE proposes itself as a partner for research and capacity development of projects financed by the EU in the technological innovation field.

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

To effectively address risks and emergencies SAFE believes in an approach based on the following pillars: Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery.

In the field of disaster and emergency management, SAFE is engaged on various levels. SAFE actively collaborates with institutional bodies with the aim of improving existing methods and processes, encourages stakeholders to seek and explore innovative solutions, monitors the practice of continuous improvement and ensures the sharing of relevant initiatives across the disaster management sector to promote innovation and efficiency.

PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURES

Critical infrastructures can be threatened by dangerous events, natural or man-made, involving operators, armed forces and emergency responders. CBRNe events are among the most relevant, due to their potentially disruptive impact.

Through its projects, SAFE enhances the CBRNe preparedness and response of Public and Private operators across several countries.

CBRNE INNOVATION AND RISK MITIGATION

Protection against CBRNe agents following conflicts, natural disaster, industrial incidents and terrorist attacks is crucial for peace and security worldwide.

SAFE actively supports and promotes innovation in the CBRNe field, which includes innovative equipment, training courses and modern technological solutions (such as VR).

SAFE is a member of the Italian CBRN-P3 Cluster (technological, industrial, and institutional cluster for the Preparation, Prevention, and Protection of the population and the environment from CBRN risks) and partner in charge for its fundraising.

SAFE works hard to make CBRNe research less expensive, widespread, and interconnected, breaking down the barriers between public and private actors and encouraging collaboration in the CBRNe industrial fabric, combating fragmentation.

MEDIATION AND PEACEBUILDING

Peace is a fundamental enabler of economic, social, and human development.

SAFE supports local and international actors for the implementation of effective dialogue projects in conflict and post-conflict countries, through the deployment of high-level expertise, facilitation of dialogue opportunities, specialized training and technical assistance.

VERTIgO – Virtual Enhanced Reality for interoperable training of CBRN military and civilian Operators



2.736.613 Euros



12/2021-11/2023



Italy, Belgium, Austria

Virtual Reality applications and 3D virtual setting technologies have revolutionized the design of new computing platforms and the way real environments are replicated in the field of Defense and Security. By pushing the limits of technologies in the areas of processing, sensing, and graphics, end-users are better positioned to gain experience in high-risk environments from the convenience of research labs.

The VERTIgO project will support an integrated approach to conflicts and disaster relief by creating a new, harmonized tool supporting virtualization and simulation of CBRN defense training.

The overall objective of the project will be the study, design and validation of a European Exercise Simulation Platform (EESP) for the application of VR to CBRN training, complemented by the prototyping of an ad-hoc hardware solution, which integrates a VR headset and CBRN mask for enhanced realism and user experience.



Project Partners:



Funded by:
DG DEFIS - Call EDIDP-SVTE-2020-047-VERTIgO



NATO STO HFM-NMSG-354: Study, Design, Building and Deployment of a CBRN XR Training Platform

- € Initiative self-funded by participating nations
- 📅 01/2022 – 01/2025
- 📍 Italy, USA, Latvia, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany

Developing extended reality (XR) simulations supports the efficiency and effectiveness of trainings for NATO nations military operators.

XR training is especially beneficial in the CBRN field, with many advantages, such as a lower environmental burden, lower health risks and better availability of complex scenarios.

Following-up on the long term scientific study HFM-273 and the HFM-339 activity the Research Technical Group HFM-NMSG-354 has been approved by NATO, having as main objective the creation of a training software and hardware designed to produce effective XR CBRN defense mission operator training, in multiple real-life scenarios.

The specific objectives of this panel include studying state-of-the-art in XR applications for CBRN training and scenarios for a first standard XR training module, as well as studying user experience/technical features of an integrated CBRN XR headset. Furthermore, research on AI applications and CBRN defence awareness XR training module represent cornerstone of the three-years research activity.

Several NATO countries are participating to this Activity (classified as NATO Secret), under the coordination of SAFE, including Italy, USA, Latvia, Germany, Czech Republic and Belgium.

Cascade Framework Contract for the Provision of CBRN Protection Research & Technology Studies and Expertise

- € 1.000.000 euro
- 📅 01/2021 – 01/2025
- 📍 EU Member States

The European Defence Agency (EDA) awarded our Consortium in a cascade framework contract the next four years for the provision of services in the form of “CBRN Protection Research & Technology” studies and expertise. Services are envisaged at two complementary levels with four fields of activities and seven thematic areas focusing on research and studies to grant.

Our CBRN EU universities consortium comprises six core partners, leading in the academia and research in the CBRN innovation field. The Consortium is backed by 32 Supporting Partners, from 12 EU Member States and representing all type of stakeholders active in the CBRN sector (training centres, first responders, practitioners, PPE providers, research centers).



Sponsored by:



Participating countries (to date):



The "Centre de Technologies Moléculaires Appliquées" at UCL holds a strong multidisciplinary expertise in the development of medical research and applied sciences in the field of security with a strong focus on CBRN risk management.



University of Roma Tor Vergata is a leading University in CBRN research and training, offering EU recognised CBRNe Master with NATO selected status, OPCW affiliate and Ministry of the Defence and Ministry of Interior affiliate.



The Main School of Fire Service research focuses on innovation, means for extinguishing fires and eliminating contamination, technical fire protection systems, emergency equipment, tactics and rescue operations.



AIT provides research and technological development to realize innovations for the next generation of technologies with a view to inclusion of the Human Factor experience


SAFE is specialised in the design and management of international security projects aimed at mitigating and/or reducing CBRNe risks in EU and non-EU countries, with a focus on protection of critical infrastructures.



Funded by the European Defence Agency



EULEAD PHASE II – European Union Libya Expertise, Advisory and Deployment

-  3.500.000,00 euro
-  10.12.2020 – 09.06.2022
-  Lybia

Building on the experience of Phase I, this second phase of the EULEAD project aims to support Libya's institutional development towards a stable, functioning country through the deployment of expertise in the area of stabilisation and human security so that Libyan institutions execute their functions in a conflict sensitive and human rights compliant manner. All support will be implemented in complementarity with the European Union in Libya, international partners and Libyan stakeholders, both at local and national levels in a way which reinforces stability and development to lay the groundwork for longer-term reform.

More specifically, SAFE is in charge for supporting Libyan security institutions through the development and deployment of technologies and innovative processes (with a focus on advanced data analysis and tools), ensuring the adherence to ethical principles and data privacy regulations.

Activities include the support to police for protection of cultural heritage, monitoring of online disinformation and involvement of local influencers, support to emergency first responders with the development of a chatbot to support the Libyan emergency number 1415, assessment of FIU capacities to counter financing crime and terrorist financing.



Funded by: European Union



Project Partners:



CBRN Protection of Critical infrastructures in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon

-  2.999.200,00 Euros
-  07/2019- 06/2022
-  Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon

The EU is enhancing its relationship with Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon and seeks to support these countries develop into a stable, democratic, politically open and economically strong neighbors.

As such, the P73 is committed to exchange best practices in the field of (natural and man-made) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) disaster prevention, preparedness and response, striving to reduce the vulnerabilities of critical assets, systems and networks.

In this framework, the Lebanese component of the P73 is responsible for setting the protocols for the implementation of the physical protection of the High Commanders, acquisition, installation, and testing of appropriate CBR detection systems and secure zone/crisis room, as well as for training the personnel responsible for the protection of specific critical physical and virtual assets and infrastructures (CI) in the region, to achieve critical command chain protection.

Project Partners:



Funded by: European Commission - EU CBRN CoE initiative



EU Technical Assistance on CBRN Risks Mitigation in Lebanon

€ 2.270.050,00 EUR (service contract)
1.193.907,66 EUR (supply contract)

📅 08.2018 – 08.2021

📍 Lebanon

Lebanon is a fragile state characterized by weak institutions that are vulnerable to influence by entrenched confessional divisions. Such vulnerability is further enhanced by a political system designed to cement multi-confessional co-existence that provide for short-term stability but do not allow longer-term work on needed reforms.

The overall objective of the Project is to strengthen the resilience of Lebanon's security institutions through:

- CBRNe capacity building sessions such as training events;
- Development of a network of relevant institutions to promote the establishment of formalized and standardized operating procedures and information exchange mechanisms.

Lebanese government will be expected to be better prepared to deal with and respond to CBRN incidents, contributing to the strengthening of the rule of law while aligning to international legal frameworks, principles and standards.

Project Partners:



Funded by: European Commission



Freedom and Fundamental Rights

SOCIAL INNOVATION

As SAFE foundation, we are strongly committed to the definition and management of Social Innovation projects that can act as a lever for the development and empowerment of local territories and the people populating them. We work alongside numerous local authorities to create innovative and sustainable solutions designed to address the social needs of communities. Our highly customizable proposals have manifold aims such as promoting the harmonious development of the local socio-economic fabric (by delivering educational training and giving support to young people), encouraging an ethical and supportive corporate culture, but also facilitating social and work integration processes to the benefit of vulnerable subjects.

In the past years, in partnership with the "social-oriented" company ETHIC srl, SAFE has supported public and private entities nationwide in the creation of business incubators and innovation workshops aimed at soliciting youth entrepreneurship, emancipating young talents, and encouraging them to make treasure of the opportunities offered by their territory of origin. In collaboration with schools, we have designed innovative and replicable projects to combat high schools' educational poverty and together with public bodies and other strategic players in the area, have developed new forms of community welfare of public-private mold.




RULE OF LAW AND PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

At SAFE we believe that only a free society can address appropriately the security challenges which it faces, engaging all societal groups in a fight for a better and SAFER tomorrow. With that in mind, SAFE pairs the promotion of increased security with the protection of fundamental rights.

Some of our projects actively engage these challenges, such as the project EULEAD (Libya Expertise, Advisory and Deployment), in which education on Libyan social media teaches how to protect oneself from disinformation.



EUROMED JUSTICE – Provision of training services for criminal justice practitioners withing the framework of EuroMed Justice V

-  808.898 Euros
-  11/2021-01/2023
-  EU Member States, South Partner Countries

EuroMed Justice is a capacity building programme that aims to create a tool for cross-regional judicial cooperation for criminal issues. The main objective is to strengthen strategic cooperation amongst national judicial authorities in South Partner Countries (SPCs), between SPCs and EU Member States and with EU judicial cooperation instances.

In the context of the EuroMed Justice V Programme, the SAFE and EPLO Consortium organizes a series of 21 trainings for justice professionals covering thematic areas in the field of international cooperation of criminal matters with support from EMJ PMT and CrimEx.

The current program follows four thematic areas: International cooperation in criminal matters in the Euro-Mediterranean region, Procedural criminal law and investigative techniques, Criminal law, Cybercrime.

9 trainings are dedicated to criminal justice practitioners from SPCs, 6 to justice practitioners from EU MSs and 6 to criminal justice practitioners from SPCs and EUMSs.




Project Partners:



Funded by: European Commission – DG NEAR



ODINO - Officine D'INNOVazione

-  550.000 Euros
-  01/2020 – 12/2022
-  Soave and Verona

“Officine D’InNOvazione - ODINO” main objective is to support young people (16-30 years old) on the Veneto territory during their entry in the job market through the organization of specific theoretical and practical educational activities, in the robotics/ industrial field and in the wine market field. The activities’ leitmotif is technological innovation.

To guarantee the utmost level of conformity with the curriculum, courses, seminars and other project activities are coordinated with the territory’s trade schools and based on an extensive analysis of abilities and skills that businesses require from future employees.

Project activities started on October 2020 and are conducted in Verona (robotics/industrial sector) and in Soave (wine market sector) and involve more than 20 local companies, the organization of at least 30 events and more than 1.000 hours of specialized education aimed at about 800 local young people. ODINO’s long term mission is to transform itself into a stable institution on the Veneto territory and extend its activities in other parts of Italy.

Project Partners:



Supported by:



Funded



Monitoring and Evaluation

A SPECIFIC MONITORING & EVALUATION STRUCTURE TAILORED TO THE RULE OF LAW SECTOR

A Monitoring and Evaluation Unit at SAFE is in charge of supporting donors in the elaboration and implementation of innovative monitoring and evaluation schemes, outlining the technical and social impact of their actions.

This Unit builds on a solid expertise in delivering high quality services to assess and monitor efficiency and impact of programs and interventions, helping our partners to better understand how to improve efficiency across their management system, better focusing their activities and use of scarce resources, thus increasing the overall short and long term impact of their interventions and increasing the chances of their interventions being sustainable in the long run.

SAFE in-house evaluation team combines an experience of over 25 years in evaluation, having assessed over 300 projects and programmes worldwide in the areas of Security, Home Affairs, Fight against crime and Rule of Law, for a total combined budget of over 1 Billion €.

Support to Monitoring and Evaluation of ICAR Operational Strategy 2021-2024

€ 39.750 Euros

07.2020 – 12.2024

Worldwide

The International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) was established in 2006 by the Basel Institute on Governance as an independent not-for profit centre of excellence in asset recovery.

The Basel Institute of Governance, requested ad-hoc support to SAFE in view of the possible implementation of a Framework Agreement for consultancy support on Monitoring & Evaluation of ICAR activities under its Operational Strategy for the period 2021-2024.

Purpose of the service is to support ICAR in the set-up of an effective Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, including updated Logical Framework and Passport of Indicators for the internal monitoring of the OS 2021-24.

SAFE will provide ICAR with additional ad-hoc support for the execution of Monitoring and Evaluation activities in line with ICAR's needs.

Project Partners:



Funded by: Basel Institute on Governance



Ex-Base Calvarina Testing & Training Facility

Since February 2021, Fondazione SAFE has been managing the area of the former military base in Monte Calvarina (Roncà - Verona). The goal is to create a new center of excellence for public and private trainings in security. The Calvarina base is a unique training facility in Italy.

The project was born from the desire to promote the already existing excellences in the area and to create synergies between actors already working in the security sector by offering varied and complementary contributions.

Thanks to its unique structure, size and characteristics, the Calvarina base can be used for several types of activities, for example:

- HEAT courses
- Training activities
- CBRN simulations
- Testing of new technologies for the security sector



Ex-NATO base at Monte Calvarina – Roncà, Verona (Italy)

HEAT courses: Hostile Environment Awareness Training

Organized by Fondazione SAFE in collaboration with the Italian Armed Forces, experts and associates of the University of Rome Tor Vergata - International Master CBRNe - through HESAR, as well as the European Gendarmerie Force, the Be SAFE HEAT course is intended for public and private entities interested in training their civilian personnel, such as:

- humanitarian workers
- diplomatic personnel
- human rights defenders
- freelance journalists
- personnel deployed in hostile environments.

The training covers basic concepts related to individual security and intervention/reaction protocols in hostile situations. The HEAT training focuses on various threats that could emerge in conflict or post-conflict areas by combining theory with simulations in highly realistic live scenarios.

SAFE is since July 2021 member of ESDC and is one of the two providers of HEAT courses in the EU for CSDP missions.



HEAT Course exercise, 2021 – Roncà, Verona (Italy)

Training activities and Simulations Safety and Security

In case of a dangerous event, the most effective way to evaluate competence and test emergency plans is by conducting training activities in conjunction with simulations and exercises. These exercises are widely used by organizations and institutions working in individual and collective safety protection. Exercises and simulations are also excellent tools for training and evaluating decision-making, teamwork and coordination among intervention teams.

The ex-military base Calvarina, given its unique structure, size and remote location, allows the realization of several types of simulations including:

- management of natural disasters,
- interventions of civil protection,
- emergency interventions in health care,
- psychological support during emergencies.

Focus CBRN for the Prevention and Protection from Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear risk

Fondazione SAFE is partner of the Italian Cluster CBRN-P3, an industrial and institutional cluster that meets the operational need to connect different entities active in the prevention and reduction of Chemical, Bacteriological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive risks.

SAFE is committed to making R&D activities in CBRN less expensive and more widespread, breaking down barriers between public and private actors and encouraging the collaboration of the CBRN industrial network. In this context, the ex-military base Calvarina represents a unique example of a training area where public and private actors can carry out training activities, simulations, real-life exercises and testing of procedures and innovative products designed to improve the CBRN response at a national and international level.



Class lesson on safety and security (Italy)



RESIST real-life exercise, 2021, Italy

Testing of New Technologies for the Security Sector

The rapid and continuous evolution of the international context and the recent challenges in the field of individual and global security increasingly require a crucial support from technological innovations applicable to the security sector.

These new technologies aim to improve the prevention and protection of the community and individuals from the growing risks generated by natural and/or man-made events. Several areas of research and applications (such as the field of robotics, Artificial Intelligence, medicine, biology, etc.) can be used to support first responders and operators in emergency situations.

The testing of such applications and products is one of the key steps for the validation of new technologies: the former Calvarina Base offers the perfect location to test their functionality in a semi-controlled environment.

In 2021 the Calvarina base hosted a series of tests with the Politecnico of Turin, the University of Verona and the 3rd Wing of the Italian Air Force

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Margaret Mead



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