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The *CT Public Spaces* team welcomes you to its fifth newsletter, covering the activities we carried out from July 2022 to January 2023

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:

- 1. COOPERATION** with national authorities to increase awareness and capability to protect people and goods at these sites.
- 2. 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.
- 3. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES** for public sector cooperation with local venue operators and private security.

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“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

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INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

The **CT Public Spaces** project focuses its actions at this stage in creating protection capabilities by delivering specific trainings in Spain and in the partner countries and implementing practical exercises in the partner countries.

The project team has maintained frequent contacts to inform implementing partners such as the **Spanish Guardia Civil General Directorate**, where the most recent meeting took place in January 2023. Moreover, since 2021 the **EU High Risk Security Network (EU-HRSN)** is presided by the Rapid Action Group (GAR) of the Spanish Guardia Civil, which facilitates contacts amongst the Network's specialists and the project, as well as international cooperation with non-EU partners. The participation of EU-HRSN experts as CT Public Spaces trainers has had positive outcomes, contributing with a complementary vision about public spaces protection, especially when it comes to risk analysis and command and control. In the past semester, three public security professionals from Portugal, Ireland and Belgium took part in NIAS and Tactical Patrol trainings provided in Kenya and Ghana, and for the Table Top and LIVEX exercises in Senegal. In the framework of the cooperation with the **UNOCT**, the CT Public Spaces team has participated in five activities including workshops, exchanges and launching events on the protection of vulnerable targets. In November, the project received a Togolese Delegation who came visit the Guardia Civil operation dedicated to CT protection of the Moto GP in Cheste, Valencia.

Finally, the individual **situation by partner country** can be summarized as follows:

GHANA



The project team conducted its 4th visit to Ghana from the 26th to the 29th of September 2022. This mission allowed to meet with the Director of the CT Fusion Center, the DG for operations of the National Police, the Delegation of the European Union, the Embassy of Spain and local authorities. It served to prepare the Moto GP visit, to plan the training actions that took place in the last quarter of the year in Accra and to discuss institutional cooperation beyond the duration of the project.

On the 29th of September, a Donation event of the equipment provided by the project took place at the premises of the Ministry of National Security in Accra. Attendees included representatives from the Ministry of National Security, the EU Delegation, Ghana Police Service and the CT Fusion Center, amongst others.

From the 4th to the 7th of November; a Ghanaian delegation visited the Guardia Civil CT public spaces operation at the Moto GP in Cheste, Valencia (Spain).

Eight training activities have been conducted in the second semester of 2022 in both countries (6 in Ghana and 2 in Spain). A total of 78 national security professionals benefited from them.

Table Top and LIVEX exercises are planned in April and June 2023.

KENYA



The equipment donated by the project arrived in Kenya on the 10th of November 2022. The CT Public Spaces team is working in coordination with the NCTC and the EUDel in the organization of a donation event in February 2023.

Three training activities have been conducted in the second semester of 2022 in Kenya. A total of 38 national security professionals benefited from them.

Table Top and LIVEX exercises are planned in March and May 2023.

SENEGAL



From the 3rd to the 7th of October 2022, the project team conducted its 6th visit to Senegal to plan and execute the Table Top exercise with the partner forces and to prepare for the LIVEX.

All training activities have been finalized, both in Spain and Senegal, and the equipment donated by the project has been delivered.

The Table Top exercise was conducted in Dakar on the 4th of October 2022, and the LIVEX exercise took place on the 19th January 2023 at the Arene National Stadium of Dakar.

ACTIVITIES

11 training activities were delivered to 116 participants in the second half of 2022. 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		
19 Sept - 7 Oct 2022	Tactical Sanitary Police Assistance training in Spain	8
19 Sept - 7 Oct 2022	Tactical Response & Rescue training in Spain	8
26 Sept - 7 Oct 2022	Tactical patrol training in Ghana	18
26 - 30 September 2022	UAV tactical training in Ghana	6
3 - 7 October 2022	C-UAV tactical training in Ghana	6 (same that in UAV training)
24 Oct - 4 Nov 2022	NIAS training in Ghana	18
28 Nov - 16 Dec 2022	Tactical Sanitary Police Assistance training in Ghana	10
28 Nov - 16 Dec 2022	Tactical Response & Rescue training in Ghana	10
KENYA		
26 Sept - 7 Oct 2022	NIAS training in Kenya	18
24 Oct - 11 Nov 2022	Tactical Sanitary Police Assistance training in Kenya	10
24 Oct - 11 Nov 2022	Tactical Response & Rescue training in Kenya	10

Visits to security operations to protect public spaces

To strengthen the partners countries Ministries /national authorities' awareness and capacities to protect people and goods in public spaces, the *CT Public Spaces* project has organized visits to police operations dedicated to public spaces protection in Spain.

From the 4th to the 7th of November; a Ghanaian delegation visited the Guardia Civil *CT Public Spaces* operation for the Moto Grand Prix in Cheste, Valencia (Spain).

On the other hand, within the framework of the cooperation with the UNOCT, the Project received in this visit a Togolese delegation, as well in this public spaces protection operation.



Introduction to the Cheste Moto Grand Prix operation by the Spanish Guardia Civil.

The trainings of trainers of the CT Public Spaces project are successfully completed at the headquarters of the Rural Action Unit of Guardia Civil, in Logroño.



Tactical Sanitary Police Assistance exercise for Kenyan specialists in the UAR premises, June 2022

"We will reach our greatest joint achievement when our teams replicate what they have learned from Guardia Civil and develop their own training modules"

Police Superintendent Boakye-Ansah
 Ghana Police Service

To date, the EU-funded *CT Public Spaces* project has trained a total of 477 members of different institutions dedicated to protecting citizen security in Ghana, Kenya and Senegal. They've learned about 11 specific subjects from a multidisciplinary team of experts from Guardia Civil and the EU High Risk Security Network (EU

HRSN). In the words of Diarra Faye, Superintendent of the Senegalese National Police and participant in the Command-and-Control training, the exchange of experiences allows to revitalize and strengthen national action plans, as well as planning strategies to deal with terrorist attacks.

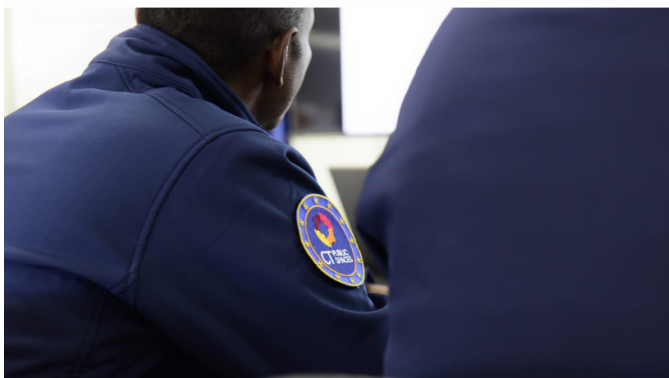
Anna Athur-Yartel, emergency medical team expert at Ghana's National Ambulance Service, recently attended a training in Tactical Sanitary Police Assistance. Anna stresses the importance of protecting Ghana's public spaces based on recent attacks in the Sahel region, "which has made us understand that we are not immune to these events so close to our borders."

Police Superintendent Boakye-Ansah, from the operations department of the Ghana Police Service, who participated in the Response and Rescue training, explains how these trainings have expanded the knowledge, skills and confidence of those involved. This will help them to better protect their public spaces and to have an advantage, being the first to respond to any type of attack or challenge that arises: "we trust that our colleagues replicate what they have learned and can develop their own training modules, that will be our greatest achievement".

Finally, Sebastian Andrew Maheru Wanga, Sergeant of the Kenyan National Police Service, who participated at the Immediate Neutralisation of Sudden Attacks training,

explains that most of the lessons learned will be applied in Kenya, "we have a lot to share with our colleagues, we will do everything possible so that all we have learned reaches every police officer working in the country."

The completion of these courses is the finishing touch to a first stage of the project that will continue its path with the realization of exercises (Table Top and LIVEX) in which everything learned previously will be applied, simulating an alleged terrorist attack in a national public space. The material donated under the project to each of the partnering countries will be used during the exercises, as well as for future trainings and real operations for the protection of public spaces.



Captures of some of the most recent CT Public Spaces visits and activities

TABLE TOP AND LIVEX EXERCISES

The CT Public Spaces project has been collaborating with national authorities of Ghana, Kenya and Senegal for more than two years to strengthen local capacities for the prevention and mitigation of terrorist attacks in public spaces within their territories. The time has come now to launch its exercises, which serves to put into practice previous trainings, the doctrine shared from Guardia Civil and the EU High Risk Security Network and to use the equipment donated by the Project. A "Combined Planning Team" per country has been created, with experts from the Guardia Civil and partner security forces, to design the exercises to be conducted in the countries.

Exercises simulate an alleged terrorist attack in a public space. The first of these exercises, TABLE TOP, consists of a command post simulation addressed mainly to the specialists who participated in the command-and-control formations. They face a practical case to which they must respond from an ad-hoc command post, coordinating the operational teams in the field. On the other hand, the second planned exercise, LIVEX, consists of a drill to which units of all security forces involved in the immediate reaction to a terrorist attack are invited. This simulation refers to the assumption raised and developed previously in the Table Top exercise.

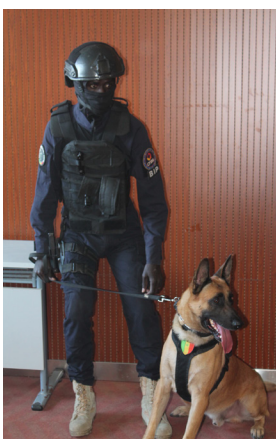


Representatives from FIIAPP, Guardia Civil, EU-HRSN, CICO-LAT, partners in Kenya, Ghana and Senegal, Prefet de Pikine and the EU Delegation in Dakar, involved in the organisation of the LIVEX joint exercise, January 2023

Exercises have been completed in Senegal in October 2022 (Table Top) and January 2023 (LIVEX), and are also planned in Ghana and Kenya during the first semester of 2023. In the case of Senegal, the LIVEX simulation exercise was coordinated by the Senegalese Intervention and Inter-ministerial Coordination Center for Counter-Terrorism Operations (CICO-LAT). More than 400 security specialists, firefighters and health worker professionals took part of it and it brought together National Police General Directorate, National Gendarmerie, Spanish Guardia Civil members and one expert from the EUHRSN at the Arene National Stadium of Dakar.

After these exercises take place, the last phase of the project contemplates the provision of operational advice by project specialists to the partner security forces operations dedicated to the protection of public spaces and the organization of high-level seminars dedicated to increase awareness and capability to protect people and goods at these sites.

Guardia Civil, EU-HRSN experts and Senegalese security bodies worked together on the Table Top and LIVEX exercises carried out in Dakar, Senegal.



PROJECT WEBSITE, PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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The [CT Public Spaces project website](#) features 20 articles to date in English, French and Spanish. On average, it gets +100 unique users monthly. In 2022, around a third of the users visited the website from Spain (32%), followed by the US (17%), Ghana (10%), Senegal (6%) and Kenya (4%). In terms of external visibility, in the past 6 months we've been featured in an [UN OCT press release about the conclusion of an online workshop on the Protection of Vulnerable Targets against Terrorist Attacks for African Union Member States](#) (Dec 2022), as well as in a [Spanish press article about jihadism in the Sahel region](#), in January 2023.


The social media accounts on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) help increase the project's visibility, interact with partners in Ghana, Kenya and Senegal, as well as sharing all project-related information and events. In the past semester, the number of followers has increased by +7% on Twitter and by +12% on Facebook. Based on the data extracted in the second semester of 2022, on average, the Twitter project account got more than 1.600 monthly visits and 6.900 impressions (number of times users saw the tweet on Twitter).


With the support of the Guardia Civil, FIIAPP, EU FPI and the project partner countries official social media accounts, our followers, profile visits and engagement rates keep growing monthly:





UN OCT tweeted about our collaboration in the framework of its Programme on Vulnerable Targets Protection. A CT Public Spaces was invited to share the project's experience in the joint online workshop on the [Protection of Vulnerable Targets against Terrorist Attacks](#) for African Union Member States in December 2022.



We contribute to preventing & reducing terrorist attacks & their impact in public spaces in  **#Senegal**.

Through our supported project **@CTPublicSpaces**, we trained  authorities to strengthen their capacities to tackle possible terrorist threats.



Ambaasador **Irchad Ramiandrasoa Razaaly** has handed over **#EU** funded equipment to  Ghana's law enforcement agencies to address organised crime and counter- terrorism surveillance in the framework of the **CT Public Spaces** programme. The  EU remains a solid partner in Ghana's efforts in maintaining peace and security.

Ministry of the Interior, Ghana
Strengthening Border Security in Ghana
Guardia Civil
Embassy of Spain in Ghana
FIIAPP



Train-the-Trainers Workshop on Vulnerable Targets in Togo | Office of Counter-Terrorism
@UN_OCT's Programme on Protecting **#VulnerableTargets** conducted a train-the-trainers workshop in **#Togo** by the **#GAR** to protect critical infrastructure & **@CTPublicSpaces**

un.org/counterterrorism



A team of **@UAR_GAR_CAE @guardiacivil** is visiting Ghana  in the context of the EU  counter-terrorism programme **@CTPublicSpaces**. They will conduct training on tactical patrols, ans drones. **@FIIAPP @GhPoliceService**



During the activities carried out in the framework of the CT Public Spaces project, the project's partners and other significant allies post information about the initiative, its results, and future actions in their social media accounts, contributing to the project's visibility and communication efforts.



PERSPECTIVES

With the invaluable support of the partner countries public authorities and law enforcement peers, the CT Public Spaces project team has been able to **complete more than a 90% of the training activities that were planned** for 2022. Exchanges in Spain, Ghana, Kenya and Senegal have been fruitful, and the equipment donated has arrived in the field, only pending to provide the materials officially in Kenya in early 2023. Overall, in 2022, 35 training activities were delivered to 295 participants. Partner institutions representatives have also participated in the elaboration of an institutional video that will boost the projects visibility in 2023.

Now that the training of trainers is accomplished, and according to the 2023 workplans agreed with the partner countries, our next steps are focused in organising the **simulation exercises, high level seminars, guidelines handover and technical assistances** for the planning and execution of public spaces protection operations.

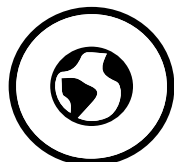
Moreover, negotiations have been initiated to appoint national antiterrorist police units responsible for the security of public spaces as **observer members of the EU-HRSN**. This would allow them to continue the expertise exchanges and keep on improving the law enforcement capabilities, while contributing to the CT Public Spaces project sustainability.

Throughout the years of implementation of the CT Public Spaces project and the enriching professional exchanges amongst public institutions working on citizenship security and protection, we have acknowledged the common concerns about the global and national's terrorist threats and the consequent interest on protecting public spaces accordingly. Trainings and joint efforts made by all the partners involved in the project have allowed the project to earn the respect of its partners Ministerial administrations and law enforcement agencies, as well as from the Guardia Civil and the EU-HRSN as implementing partners. The project team aims at **settling and deepening the institutional relations amongst all partners** so that fluid contact lasts beyond the duration of the project. We will keep on supporting the evaluation processes foreseen in the last phase of the project so that lessons learnt are identified.

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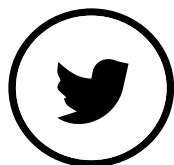


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