



Seminar

"The Security and Protection of Public Spaces and Critical Infrastructures"

17th nad 18th of March of 2021

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Introductory note:

The security and protection of public spaces and critical infrastructures is a priority in the EU Strategy for Union Security¹, which calls for a resilient approach in the face of current and future risk scenarios in a Europe, whose multifaceted space transposes increasingly close interdependencies between different actors and sectors. Decreasing the vulnerabilities, threats and risks in public spaces and critical infrastructures that are essential for the functioning of our societies and economy must be assumed as a priority at the strategic and operational level.

As agreed by Member States in the Council Conclusions on Homeland Security and the European Police Partnership, it is imperative to gather synergies, strengthen cooperation, consolidate resources and share experiences and good practices among Member States to ensure an adequate response to security challenges.

The present seminar intends to continue the debate and the work developed in the scope of the security and protection of public spaces and critical infrastructures between Experts, Law Enforcement Agencies, the EU Council, the European Commission, EU Agencies and International Networks. In a Europe that aims to be resilient, the security and protection of public spaces and critical infrastructures is based on an integrated process in anticipating, preventing, protecting and responding to a set of traditional and emerging threats, as well as strengthening police cooperation in these security areas.

Level: Technical

Organization:

Ministry of the Home Affairs – General Secretariat (SGMAI)

Public Security Police (PSP)

Republican National Guard (GNR)

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"Security and Protection of Public Spaces" 17th of March 2021

Opening of the Seminar

08.30 – 09:00

Minister of Home Affairs
GNR General Commander and PSP National Director
Commissioner for Home Affairs (TBC)

1st Panel – "Protection of Public Spaces: Strategic Dimension"

Moderator – Superintendent Luís Elias

09:00 – 10:20

The panel intends to address strategic dimension of security and protection of public spaces using a holistic approach. In this sense, strategic approaches will be presented from both the european (COM) and national (SSI) perspectives, including a specific perspective of the terrorist threat (CTC).

09:00 – 09:20 – Gilles de Kerchove - European Counter Terrorism Coordinator (EUCTC)

09:20 – 09:40 – Martin Schiffer - European Commission

09:40 – 10:00 – Subintendent João Pestana - Portuguese Internal Security System (SSI)

10:00 – 10:15 – Questions/Discussion

10:15 – 10:20 – Conclusions of the 1st Panel

10:20 – 10:40 – Coffee Break

2nd Panel – "Protection of Public Spaces: Threat Assessment and Strategies for Prevention and Public Security"

Moderator – Superintendent Sérgio Felgueiras

10:40 – 12:00

The panel intends to pursue a technical approach of a process that characterizes the threat to protection of public spaces as well as touch upon prevention strategies. Threat assessment is a continuous and dynamic process, essential not only with regard to major events, but also on daily basis.

10:40 – 11:00 – Chief Superintendent Jorge Maurício - INTERPOL - "Major sports events"

11:00 – 11:20 – Superintendent Luís Elias – **LEWP Presidency** - "*Protection of public spaces: Presentation of the outcome of the questionnaire launched by the Presidency of Law Enforcement Working Party*"

11:20 – 11:40 – Subintendant Gonçalo Simões - **EUROPOL** - "*Detection of explosives in public spaces*"

11:40 – 11:55 – Questions/Discussion

11:55 – 12:00 – Conclusions of the 2nd Panel

12:00 – 14:00 – Lunch Break

3rd Panel – "Protection of Public Spaces: Emergence of new modi operandi"

Moderator - Superintendent Luís Guerra

14:00 – 15:00

The panel offers to discuss emergence of new *modi operandi* that could compromise the security of public spaces. The panel is of particular importance due to the recent events, including emerging possibilities of using technological means to carry out hostile actions.

14:00 – 14:20 – Juliane Joswig and Tuukka Skottman - **SAFECI** - "*Drones as a threat to security of public spaces*"

14:20 – 14:40 – Alfred Spörr – **ASO/EUROPOL** - "*Use of bladed weapons in terrorist attacks*"

14:40 – 15:00 - Verónica Neves - **Lisbon Municipality** - "*CPTED as a strategy to protect public spaces*"

15:00 – 15:25 – Questions/Discussion

15:25 – 15:30 – Conclusions of the 3rd Panel

4th Panel – "Protection of Public Spaces: Situational Prevention and New Technologies"

Moderator - Superintendent Luís Guerra

15:30 – 17:05

The panel aims to address application of different methodologies for prevention and protection of public spaces, and to highlight emergence of the use of new technologies, which can be used in protection of public spaces. Alongside, based on the recent events, the panel intends to discuss security and protection of public spaces through CPTED and target hardening.

15:30 – 15:50 – Marc Leoutre - **European Commission** - "*Security by design and the use of new technologies to better protect public spaces*"

15:50 – 16:10 – Stefan Singman - **Swedish Police/SAFECI** - "*Use of new technologies in protection of public spaces*"

16:10 – 16:30 – Subintendent Pedro Grilo - PSP - "*Video surveillance in public spaces*"

16:30 – 17:00 – Questions/Discussion

17:00 – 17:05 – Conclusions of the 4th Panel

17:05 – 17:15 – *Chief Superintendent Manuel Magina da Silva* (PSP National Director) -
General conclusions of the 1st day of the Seminar.



"Security, Protection and Resilience of Critical Infrastructures" 18th March 2021

Opening of the Seminar's 2nd day
09:00 - 09:20

Lieutenant-General Rui Clero (General Commander of GNR)

Opening Session.

Sub-theme 1 – "The threat in the European area - Current affairs"

In the framework of the new EU Security Union Strategy, this panel aims to analyse the strategic and security orientations as regards to ensuring the operational integrity of Critical Infrastructures. Likewise, propose to analyse the "Health Threats and Risks", in order to put them into perspective for the future. Finally, it will stimulate a reflection on the reality/challenges faced by the responsible entities in the field of interoperability, coordination and cooperation, while seeking to light the way forward towards the optimization of capabilities.

09:20 - 09:35 – Presentation of theme and speakers (Moderator: Ricardo Carrilho - SGMAI)

09:35 - 10:00 – Heike Buss - **DGHOM**E – "EU Security Union Strategy and Critical Infrastructure resilience"

10:00 - 10:25 – Philipp Amann - **EUROPOL** – "The interdependence of Critical Infrastructures and emerging threats and risks - Health threats and risks, looking ahead"

10:25 - 10:50 – Pedro Ares - **SSI** – "Interoperability, coordination and cooperation – The way forward for the resilience of Critical Entities"

10:50 - 12:00 – Questions/Discussion

12:00 - 13:30 – Lunch Break

Sub-theme 2 – “Security and Protection Measures - Way Forward”

Considering the multifaced nature of threats to Critical Infrastructures and the paradigm change from CIP to CER, Security Forces face a key challenge on regards to raise awareness and train their Human Resources accordingly. With this challenge in mind, this panel will seek to analyse how this capacity building is being carried out and how it can be optimized. It will analyse the role of first responders in the security and protection of Critical Infrastructures and how Security Forces prepare themselves to anticipate, prevent and respond to threats affecting critical entities, particularly in the health sector. It will seek to explain how to develop and integrate technological assets and information systems in order to prevent and better react to incidents, especially by enabling early warnings.

13:30 - 13:45 –Presentation of theme and speakers (Moderator: Colonel Pedro Moleirinho - GNR)

13:45 - 14:10 –Hélder Garção - **GNR** – "*Capacity building of the Security Forces, protection and resilience of Critical Infrastructures*"

14:10 - 14:35 – Sylvain Joly - **ATLAS NETWORK (RAID)** – "*First responders in incidence response*"

14:35 - 15:00 – Ricardo Gomes - **GNR** – "*The role of the Security Forces in reacting to threats affecting the Health Sector*"

15:00 - 15:25 – Georgios Giannopoulos - **ERNICIP (JRC)²** – "*Integration of technological means and information systems in the security of Critical Infrastructures*"

15:25 - 16:30 – Questions/Discussion

16:30 - 17:00 – Final Conclusions and closing of the seminar

² European Reference Network for Critical Infrastructure Protection

