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CP - CYPRUS POLICE

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project title: Confrontation of CBRN-Terrorism Threats

Project acronym: COBRA

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COBRA PROJECT

**EXERCISE IN CYPRUS, 26 JAN 2023
& WORKSHOP, 27 JAN 2023**

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THIS PROJECT HAS RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION'S INTERNAL SECURITY FUND – POLICE UNDER GRANT AGREEMENT NO 861789.



AIMS OF THE PROJECT

The COBRA project, which stands for Confrontation of CBRN-Terrorism Threats, intends to improve South-East Europe LEAs' readiness and reaction capacities against terrorist attacks and CBRN threats.

This effort focuses on Law Enforcement Agencies while tackling a wide variety of complex challenges and asymmetric threats.

The project's primary focus is on providing citizens with training, equipment, and protection for infrastructures (both critical and public spaces).



Increase readiness and response capabilities by raising awareness.



Invest in the procurement and upgrading of field technical equipment and components.



Share the best practices and lessons learned.

TRAINING

On January 26, 2023, a police scenario to prepare for a terrorist attack was staged at the GSP stadium in Nicosia.

The exercise was designed to show the readiness of the security authorities (police and fire service), their collaboration with other qualified services, as well as the efficacy of the Operational Plans used in such situations.

The training included personnel from the Police (Emergency Response Unit), the Fire Service, the Ambulance Service, and other pertinent State services.

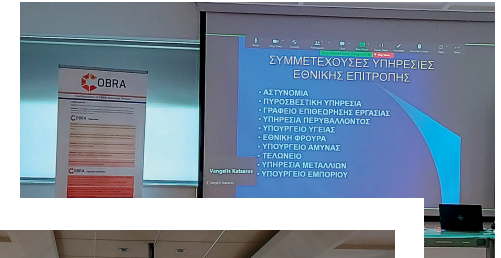
The Internal Security Fund and the Republic of Cyprus co-finance the exercise as part of the COBRA project.



WORKSHOP

On January 27, 2023, a workshop was held to introduce the Cobra project and next generation equipment tools used in the events of CBRN attacks in order to facilitate the work of first responders.

A brief review of the exercise from the previous day concluded the workshop session.



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