

# CONSORTIUM



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CP - CYPRUS POLICE

## PROJECT INFORMATION

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## COBRA PROJECT

**FIELD EXERCISE IN GREECE,  
MAY 2023**

EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL MIGRATION  
AND HOME AFFAIRS



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## TRAINING 1

On 3rd May 2023 was performed the first scenario. The Greek team executed covering a terrorist and a chemical attack in a Soft Target at the Concert Hall of Thessaloniki, during the First European CBRN Healthcare Conference.

In the day of the conference two terrorists from ISIS infiltrate in the MI building and take hostages. The first responders from Hellenic Police create the first perimeter (hot zone). Also the operators from the Special Intervention Unit (EKAM) with an armored vehicle established inside the hot zone. A hostage tried to escape but was injured. Two operators give the first medical treat to the hostage.

After information was given from the hostage for probably chemical attack the project Theseus was activated. When the terrorists release the chemical gas the operators with the necessary equipment make the final attack, arrest the terrorists and release the hostages.



Participating organizations were: Hellenic Police (first responders), Hellenic Police (Special Intervention unit - CBRN Team - EKAM), Fire Brigade CBRN Team, Hellenic Police - First Aid, Coast Guard - Special Forces, Personnel of Concert Hall.

## TRAINING 2

On 4th May 2023 was performed the second field exercise (terrorist attack in a Critical Infrastructure) that took place in the Police academy of Veria (assumption: attack in a major facility of the Trans Adriatic Pump). The purpose of the scenario was the national and international cooperation of the SIU to seizure again this critical infrastructure. A group of terrorists invade inside the building and take hostages. They were asking to satisfy their demands, to release some compatriots prisoners. The first responders and the special unit (EKAM) arrived in the place of the incident with an armored vehicle. After many negotiations a hostage was released under the condition of some food and medicines. The final attack of the special unit arrests of the terrorists and release the hostages.

Participating organizations were: Hellenic Police. (first responders), Hellenic Police (EKAM), Hellenic Police (Police Academy).



## WORKSHOP

On 4th May 2023 in the afternoon was organized a workshop with the participating organizations and the consortia members. Major outcomes and results achieved during the two days of trainings were discussed. Pros and cons were outlined and roadmap for future work was taken into consideration.



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