



## *Training local authorities to provide citizens with a safe urban environment by reducing the risks in public spaces*

**Public spaces** in cities are dense and rich places of exchange, culture, commerce and leisure, among others. Because they are highly frequented and have an open character, they can be subject to a number of threats, such as terrorism, crime, natural disaster or crowd gatherings. Ensuring that public spaces remain open, accessible, inclusive and safe is a complex challenge.



**Local and regional authorities** are well placed to design and manage safe public spaces with a co-production approach, involving a wide range of local stakeholders from the public and private sectors (urban planners, first responders, mobility services, local businesses etc.). To fulfil their role, local and regional authorities must be equipped with adequate skills and tools to coordinate actions and anticipate threats.



### **Secu4All**

Training and exchange of practices are necessary to improve the capacity of local and regional authorities to develop coordinated actions and to be able to anticipate and prepare for future threats. This is why Secu4All aims to **empower local and regional authorities with theoretical knowledge and practical tools** to ensure the security of public spaces and the protection of soft targets (i.e. sports venues, shopping centres, schools,...) against potential threats.

# What?

With an integrated and holistic approach, the project will:

- ▶ improve local and regional authorities' knowledge on methods and tools to identify, analyse and assess vulnerabilities in public spaces and soft targets in the framework of a local security strategy;
- ▶ encourage the integration of the dimensions of prevention, anticipation, protection and reaction in urban security policies to ensure safer public spaces that remain open, accessible and inclusive;
- ▶ provide guidance and tools to effectively communicate with stakeholders and citizens in the event of a crisis;
- ▶ raise awareness on innovative technologies to enhance the protection of public spaces and exchange expertise on the ethical use of these technologies;
- ▶ increase understanding of how to reduce citizens' feeling of insecurity through urban planning, design and management of public spaces.

# How?

These objectives will be achieved through the design of an integrated training programme, including:

- ▶ virtual and interactive learning sessions, practical exercises and case studies;
- ▶ field visits to cities with significant expertise in the protection of public spaces and soft targets;
- ▶ an e-learning platform with the training content in Italian, German, English and French for greater reach and sustainability.

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