



Dear Subscribers,

We are delighted to share with you the third edition of the **SAFE-CITIES** newsletter!

As we enter the final six months of our project, it is the perfect time to reflect on our achievements and share an exciting outlook for the months ahead. Your continued support and interest in our mission to improve the safety of public spaces is invaluable to our success.

2024 has been a remarkable year for the SAFE-CITIES project. We have made significant progress in refining and validating our **Security Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) framework** and advanced tools. Through a series of workshops and stakeholder engagements, we have tested and fine-tuned our solutions in various use case scenarios, ensuring their applicability in the real world. One of the highlights of the year was the successful integration of our vulnerability assessment and serious gaming simulation tools, enabling stakeholders to simulate threats, assess vulnerabilities, and collaborate on effective security strategies.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for the final milestone: the demonstration of the SAFE-CITIES platform in spring 2025, in conjunction with the **European Capital of Culture GO!2025 event**. This will showcase our platform's ability to protect public spaces and manage security risks in a dynamic, real-world context.

As we approach the end of the project in June 2025, we are actively engaging with stakeholders to ensure the long-term impact of **SAFE-CITIES solutions**. From municipalities and law enforcement agencies to urban planners and security professionals, our tools will enable end-users to enhance the security of public and semi-public spaces, manage major events, and design urban areas with security-by-design principles. These efforts will ensure that the SAFE-CITIES legacy continues to evolve and benefit communities across Europe.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Stay tuned for updates on our progress and opportunities to engage with the SAFE-CITIES Community as we work together to build safer, more resilient urban spaces.

*Warm regards,
Umberto Battista,
SAFE-CITIES Project Coordinator*



What is the Current Project's Progress?

SAFE-CITIES' impact on the security of public spaces is addressed by filling a critical gap in the market and providing a suite of tools for stakeholders responsible for enhancing security. How does it work in practice? Read an **interview with Umberto Battista**, the Project Coordinator, and explore the current state of work in the final months of the project's implementation.

[Read A Full Interview](#)



Productive Face-to-Face Meeting in Athens

On 14–15 January 2025, our team convened in **Athens** for **two days of productive discussions and planning**. During the event, we summarised a key moment in the project as we reviewed progress, assessed ongoing actions, and prepared for the final demonstration, scheduled from 25th to 27th March in Gorizia and Nova Gorica.

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Join the Webinar on Securing Public & Worship Spaces

We will participate in the first webinar of the Securing Public & Worship Spaces series, taking place on **12th February**. The event will focus on Innovation, Preparedness, and Sustainability in security strategies. Add this date to your calendar and join us to listen to this insightful discussion.

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Key Milestone – Final Demo Event!

Preparations are under way for the **SAFE-CITIES Final Demo Event from 25th to 27th March in Gorizia and Nova Gorica!** These cities are the European Capital of Culture 2025. There will be three days of meetings, practical demonstrations, and training to explore innovative solutions and strengthen international cooperation on urban security. Stay tuned for more details!



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