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Successful Conclusion of the 3-Day SPIRIT Tabletop Exercise in Athens

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We are delighted to announce the successful completion of the 3-day Tabletop Exercise (TTX) event held in Athens as part of the SPIRIT project (Synergies to Protect places of worshIp and RelIigious gaTherings). This significant event, hosted by the **Center for Security Studies (KEMEA)** and **Hellenic Police**, brought together a diverse range of stakeholders committed to enhancing the protection of places of worship across Europe.

From October 2nd to 4th, the exercise featured a series of in-depth training sessions, live demonstrations, and tabletop exercises focused on developing strategies for safeguarding places of worship from emerging threats. Participants engaged in comprehensive discussions on the current threat landscape, legal and ethical considerations, risk management techniques, and the latest technological advancements offered by SPIRIT.

A special thank you to our partners:

- **IANUS Technologies** for leading the event's organization as work package leaders.
- **STAM S.r.l.** and **SIMAVI Software Imagination & Vision** for providing state-of-the-art technology demonstrations.

The exercises culminated with evaluations and presentations that demonstrated real-world applications of the SPIRIT technological components, showcasing how they can be effectively integrated into risk assessments and response plans for religious sites. As

a result, this event marks a critical milestone in our collective efforts to create a safer future for places of worship.

The success of this event reflects the outstanding cooperation among our SPIRIT partners, and it has laid the groundwork for future collaborations to further enhance the security of religious gatherings across Europe.



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