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| **CY/2018/ISF/SO6.NO3.1.1/2****Conduct training for the purposes of combating terrorism and preventing and combating cross-border crime** |

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**Project Duration:** 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2021

**Project Budget:** €241.445,50

The objective of CY/2018/ISF/SO6.NO3.1.1/2 project for the main fields of action of the Cyprus Police is to strengthen the administrative and operational members of the Police for the purpose of protecting critical infrastructure and ensuring an early response to security incidents.

The national objectives of the project are to prevent and manage the consequences of terrorism and security-related risks where the multifaceted approach is based on three axes: the protection of critical infrastructure, the prosecution of offenders by collecting information, investigating cases and bringing in offenders and immediate response to potential security-related incidents, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear incidents.

At the same time, according to Council of Europe Decision 2008/617/DEY, the special intervention units of the Member States of the European Union will be able to provide assistance and/or carry out operations on the territory of another Member State upon invitation and have agreed to do so in order to address a crisis situation.

Indicatively, during the implementation of the project (1/1/2018-31/12/2021) the following trainings were carried out:

1. The Emergency Response Unit (Special Anti-Terrorist Unit), carried out training in collaboration with the Special Anti-Terrorist Unit of the Hellenic Police between the dates 21-26/5/2018 with the participation of 10 members of E.R.U- S.A.S. The issues of the training were a) first response to armed incidents, b) individual combat tactics and c) crisis management.
2. Transfer of two members of the Police to Egypt (Cairo) to compile a plan of training activities in cooperation with the Egyptian authorities, between dates 16-17/7/2018.
3. 8 members of the Police took part in the training program on: VIP Security and Protection Course, held between dates 14-26/7/2018 in Egypt (Cairo).
4. 35 members of the Police took part in the 9th conservative negotiator training held at the E.R.U. (Emergency Response Unit) facilities in Nicosia and Paralimni, between the dates 28/09/2018 - 05/10/2018.
5. Conducting bomb squad training with TEEM (Explosive Device Disposal Division) of Greece between the dates 17-26/10/2018, in Cyprus. The training was attended by 13 members of Bomb Squad (E.R.U.)
6. 10 members of the Police took part in a training program on combating terrorism that took place in Egypt (Cairo), between the dates 4-15/11/2018.
7. 9 members of the Special Anti-Terrorist Squad (E.A.O.) of M.M.A.D took part in a co-training in Bulgaria on 30/06-07/07/2019 on 'Tactical and Shooting Training'.
8. 3 members of the Presidential Guard participate in V.I.P Protection training in Greece within the framework of upgrading their operational capacity between the dates 30/06/2019-20/07/2019.
9. Co-education of members of Special Anti-Terrorist Unit (S.A.U.) with the respective Counter-Terrorism Unit SUCT, Bulgaria in Cyprus, between 06-12/10/2019.
10. Bomb Squad training by foreign trainers to neutralize improvised explosive devices between 02-06/12/2019, in Cyprus.