



## Integrated large sport facilities protection system supporting the CBRN security of mass events

### Executive summary of Safe Stadium research phase on needs of sport facilities in area of CBRN safety

The full work package (Research & Analysis – good practices identification, vulnerability and risk assessment ) report sets out 31 recommendations to address identified gaps in and needs for CBRN protection in large sports facilities in Europe. The threat of a deliberate attack, accidental release or inadvertent exposure poses substantial risk to people's health, safety and security. CBRN protection is therefore important across the whole scope of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.



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The gaps and needs were identified from a three-stage research process, supplementing the findings from the desk research, which analysed over 100 documents. The first stage saw seven of the consortium partners sport facilities collecting information using two questionnaires and conclusion form observation of safety procedures during organized sport and cultural events. The second stage added data from 14 Polish sports facilities. The third stage then involved an online survey of 328 selected respondents from across the Europe. This achieved an excellent response rate of 29% (95 respondents), which illustrates very high interest in the project and its results among the European football community.

Synthesising the results of the research process revealed eight major gaps. There is no audit tool for identifying weaknesses. Policies, plans and procedures are not required by law sometimes and are frequently simply not there. Knowledge and awareness are lacking, training and exercising is minimal and the level of capabilities is generally low.

These gaps revealed seven main needs. The deliberate or accidental release of CBRN materials should be considered as part of risk assessment at each venue and, where there are none in place, policies, plans and procedures need to be developed. International and national policies, regulations and guidance should specifically require such development, as well as calling for regular training and exercising. Such activities should focus on raising knowledge, understanding and capabilities among all target groups. Supporting these needs will require the development of tools and solutions which venues can apply to improve their own CBRN protection.

The 31 recommendations cover minimum standards for policies, plans and procedures, information materials to raise awareness, establishing an audit mechanism, devising multi-agency measures, providing inputs to the national and international policy levels, and supporting training and exercising.

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