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Invitation

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<u>Mitte</u>

Invitation to the Kick-Off Meeting of the European Project "Safer Space for Safer Cities"

Dear Media Representatives,

The opening ceremony of the EU project Safer Space for Safer Cities (SafeCi) will take place at *2 pm on Wednesday, February 27, 2019*, in the Wappensaal of the Rotes Rathaus in Berlin-Mitte. Admission begins at 13:00 hours. Please register for the event at the following e-mail address: <u>Pressestelle@Polizei.Berlin.de</u>.

In this framework, ten European police authorities have joined forces to compare and analyse their established public safety policies and strategies. The event will be attended by both the President of the Berlin Police, Dr. Barbara Slowik, and State Secretary for the Interior, Torsten Akmann.

In October 2017, the European Commission provided additional funds of \in 18 million under the Internal Security Fund (ISF), for projects that strengthen public safety. The project submitted by the Berlin police, was approved with a grant of almost \in 535,000

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for a project duration of 24 months. As well as managing the contents of the project, the Berlin Police is responsible for the coordination of the project partners. The project has the following partners:

	Role	Name of the Authority	Country
1	Coordinator	Berlin Police	Germany
2	Project Partner	Helsinki Police	Finland
3	Project Partner	Luxembourg Police	Luxemburg
4	Project Partner	Public Security Police Portugal	Portugal
5	Project Partner	Swedish Police Authority	Sweden
6	Project Partner	Spanisch Guardia Civil	Spain
7	Project Partner	Czech Police	Czech Republic
8	Project Partner	Vienna Police	Austria
9	Project Partner	National Police Service Ireland	Ireland
10	Project Partner	Brussels Police	Belgium

In addition to the 27 international guests from the project consortium, the staff of the Berlin police involved in the project, representatives of other security authorities and guests from the areas of research and politics are expected. The Kick-Off Meeting will be followed by two days of extensive workshops for the participants in Berlin. The project will include on-site visits to the project partners, with the aim of gaining extensive insight and exchange of knowledge.

The main topics of the project are:

- Securing of event locations and operational areas, especially against ramming vehicles
- Risk analysis and assessment of public spaces
- Concepts and international standards with regards to structural measures for the protection of public spaces

- Protection of critical infrastructures and vulnerable objects
- Drone technology (drone defence and use of drone systems by security authorities)
- Perceptual technologies and developments (video surveillance, detection and analysis software, human/machine link, Super Recogniser)
- Awareness raising strategies and subject-related preventive approaches

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