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Social Actions



The Stone Clock in Passalimani was illuminated in orange color in a symbolic social action for the Elimination of Violence against Women

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Municipality of Piraeus with the support of the [Be Secure - Feel Secure \(BSFS\)](#) project, participated in the national act of the Ministry of Citizen Protection with the slogan "You have a voice". The illumination in orange color of a significant landmark of the city, the

Stone Clock in Passalimani, was the chosen symbolic social action conducted.

In the context of this symbolic action, BSFS project representatives conducted an information event where citizens of Piraeus and elected representatives of the Municipality were informed about the project's goals and objectives and especially the BSFS social interventions related to crime prevention and victims' support.

Through this initiative, the BSFS project sent a strong message to raise social awareness concerning the prevention and fight against domestic violence. This event also aimed at encouraging the members of the society and victims of such violence to search out for support.

- [Watch the Stone Clock Illumination video](#)
- [Read the Stone Clock Press Release](#)

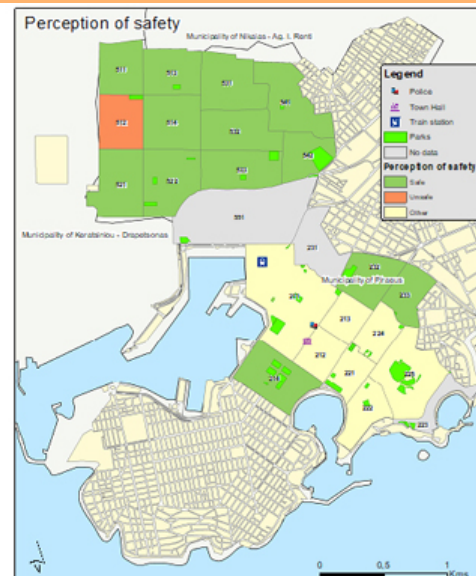
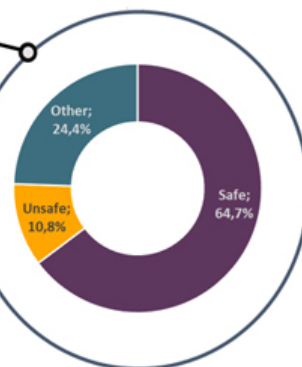
Methodology

Perception of safety indicator

Question 16:
"How would you describe your area of residence?"

Question 17b: "For what reasons (are you thinking to move out from the area of residence)?"

Question 17a:
"Are you thinking to move out from the area of residence?"



Key findings of the Statistical Analysis and Mapping research by the Laboratory of Urban Criminology of Panteion

The diagnostic research on victimization and safety has been successfully conducted by the Laboratory of Urban Criminology (EASTE) of Panteion University.

The research was implemented in the 2nd and 5th Municipal Departments of Piraeus in order to achieve a complete picture of the criminality as well as the dimensions and factors related to the citizens' fear of crime and insecurity.

A sample of 539 citizens (on household level) and 100 shop owners and employees from both Municipal Departments participated in the research. Key findings are available on the BSFS YouTube. The entire research results will be presented in detail at a special event, that will be organized by Panteion University.

[Watch the presentation](#)



The Evidence-Driven Urban Risk Assessment (CURiM) novel methodology

Several recent research projects focus on the diverse aspects and perspectives of risk management with regards to urban security, in urban environments. In this vein, a new perspective of policy on a Greek and European level also exists regarding the “new anti-criminality policy” which is reflected in the quadruple helix: *Security, Inclusiveness, Modernization, Extroversion - Information*.

On these grounds, the [BSFS](#) project proposes a novel methodology to meet the Municipality of Piraeus and its stakeholders’ requirements and which is capable of dealing with the evolving urban risk landscape.

The CURiM methodology takes advantage of the risk assessment and impact assessment capabilities for identifying/assessing risks, threats and incidents and it elaborates on the urban security management by utilizing an enhanced problem-oriented policing strategy.

In this context, CURiM incorporates novel risk models and mathematical instruments for risk prediction as well as it explores the open intelligence capabilities (e.g., social networks, crowdsourcing) that allow the analysis of security, risks and threats.

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Networking

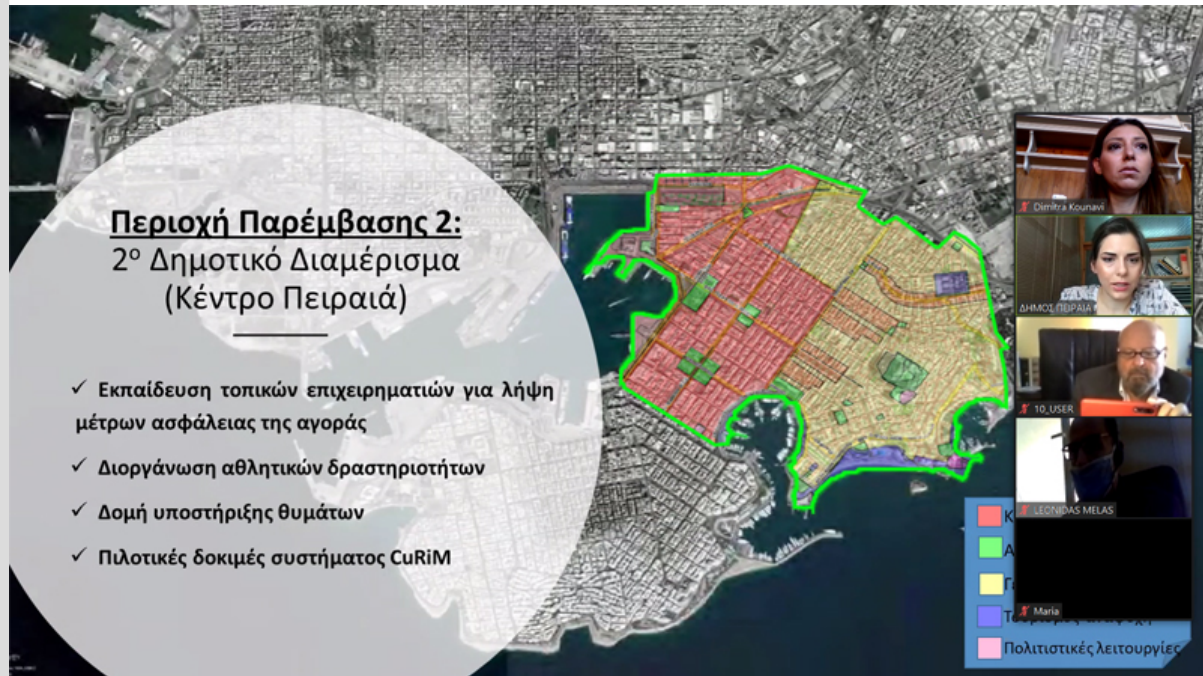


Training sessions for public servants by Panteion University

Panteion proceeded with the organization and implementation of three 4-hour online training sessions (5,7 & 9 October 2020) on urban safety issues addressed to public servants and stakeholders who are going to participate in the actions of Piraeus Local Council for Crime Prevention (LCCP).

More specifically, the training sessions were addressed to Municipal employees, members of Piraeus LCCP, the Coast Guard, the Municipal Police of Piraeus as well as to the stakeholders of Piraeus LCCP, those who have been identified and participated in the consultation meetings and new ones.

The training sessions offered the opportunity to share scientific knowledge and reinforce the synergy between the Piraeus Local Council for Crime Prevention, the forthcoming Victim Support Unit and important key stakeholders.



Information sessions with stakeholders and communities of Piraeus

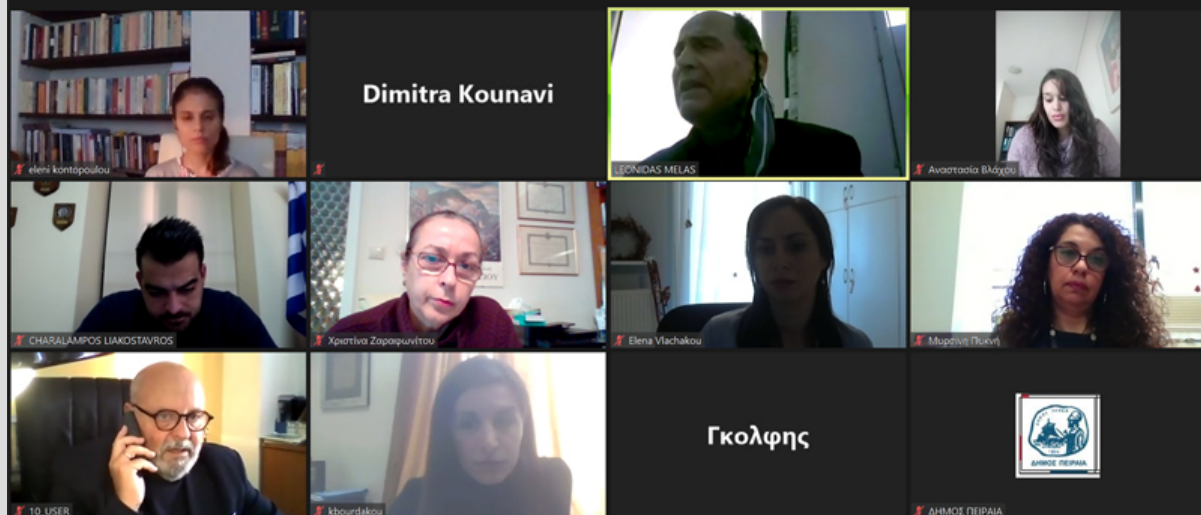
In the context of the project's broad communication, various information sessions with local stakeholders and local communities of Piraeus were held online. These meetings were conducted in order to inform the bodies of the Municipality about the project, raise awareness on urban security and crime prevention, grasp their needs and ensure their active involvement to the project.

During October 2020, the Municipality of Piraeus organized four information sessions that were addressed to various Departments of the Municipality of Piraeus (2 sessions), the Directorate of Education and Life-Long Learning and the 2nd and 5th Municipal communities.

Additionally, one session with the Community Council of the 2nd Municipal Department in Piraeus took place early in February 2021, where the community councilors reported on delinquent behaviors occurring in their area and exchanged views with the BSFS project partners on urban security and crime prevention solutions.

Local Council for Crime Prevention

(LCCP) of Piraeus



The Local Council for Crime Prevention of Piraeus meetings

The [Local Council for Crime Prevention of Piraeus](#), met twice since its establishment last April, in order to detect and evaluate the problems of urban security faced by the Municipality and to discuss targeted solutions especially in terms of crime prevention in the areas of interest.

The 2nd meeting of LCCP of Piraeus was joined by the presidents of the five municipal communities of Piraeus and where they reported on the delinquency problems faced in the specific areas in order for the council to be informed and to propose effective practices for the improvement of urban safety in these areas.

In the context of better information towards identifying intervention solutions, the LCCP president suggested a monthly written report by the five communities with detailed description and location of the problems identified.

The LCCP president also informed the council that with the contribution of the Municipal Police, this period the homeless population is being re-mapped and immediate training of Municipal Police executives on the correct approaching ways of homeless people is being under process.

Informative Articles



Insecurity and city level: why does it matter?

This recent publication of the expert Edna Peza Ramirez, analyzes the importance of city making in matters of security.

The article presents how urban actors can participate in the prevention of insecurity in urban environments and how multilevel collaborative approaches can create effective long-lasting solutions that improve quality of urban life. Facing this challenge, cities are at the forefront to achieve concrete changes.

Mrs. Edna Peza Ramirez is an architect and urbanist specializing on safe public spaces and her consulting expertise was requested under her role as an [Urban Innovative Actions](#) Expert for the [BSFS](#) project in Piraeus, a project that aims to improve security in public spaces through CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) and citizen engagement.

[Read the article](#)



Acting locally to prevent cyber-threats against children and youngsters

The BSFS expert Maija Katkovska conducted a research on local initiatives and practices concerning the prevention of cyber-threats against children and youngsters. In cooperation with the European Forum for Urban Security, the key findings of this research are presented in this article that sheds light on issues such as the European good and innovative practices.

Maija Katkovska is Coordinator of the [Latvian Safer Internet Center](#). Like other Safer Internet Centers throughout Europe, this organization seeks to protect Internet users, in particular children, from cyber harms. The Center develops educational materials, organizes information sessions and visits to schools and carries out social media campaigns to raise awareness on Internet safety. It also provides a hotline for reporting illegal and harmful online content.

The research was requested under the [BSFS](#) project - led by the Municipality of Piraeus and in which Efus is a partner - that seeks to promote a holistic approach towards urban security.

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The Consortium

All partners joined their forces to improve the urban security status in the city of Piraeus.

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