



*"Pericles will safeguard the
European citizens against vehicle
ramming attacks."*



PREVENTING VEHICLE RAMMING ATTACKS

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

General objective

The general objective of Pericles is to better prevent and respond to vehicle-ramming attacks by improving physical security measures in vulnerable public spaces as well as the knowledge and skills of law enforcement on how to respond these attacks. This project will also raise awareness of the public on how to react in case of such an attack.

How?

In order to achieve this objective, the project will work in four work packages that will ensure that the project will be a success.

Partners

The Pericles project has a total eight partners, with APD as the coordinating partner. The other contributing partners are Stad Mechelen, Politiezone Mechelen Willebroek, Police Federale Belge, Inspectoratul General Al Jandarmeriei Romane, Ministrstvo Za Notranje Zadeve, Stad Antwerpen en Municipality of Ljubljana.

THE WORK PACKAGES

Work package 1

The first work package of Pericles will handle all activities relating to the general management and coordination of this project.

Work package 2

The second work package is "Security by Design". The objective of this is to develop and test a comprehensive European vulnerability tool that will allow local authorities to assess their public spaces. Beside the tool, there will also be a white book listing different possible security physical measures with a focus on security by design in which the aesthetic and the open and economic nature of public spaces are taken into account.

Work package 3

An appropriate tactical procedure will be developed supported by various studies and tests on available products. These tests will show which products score best on performance and ability to be integrated in a first line police response. The project will draft a review report and will make recommendations towards the European Commission about which products are the most useful and which additional tools could be developed.

There will be tactical procedures for SIU's as well as first responders on how to respond to an attack, a harmonisation of procedures and a common response model. The project will also develop a common training curriculum. The focus will not only be on neutralising the target, but also bringing the pedestrians to safety.

Work package 4

It is desirable to provide the public with information on how to be self-saving by seeking safe shelter as most of the time, they will be on their own in the first minutes after an attack has happened. By setting up a wide spread campaign on social media using animated videos. The public will be taught not to focus on the danger, but on seeking safe shelter. The content will be made language and environment neutral so it can be used by any interested official EU member state organisation.

