Get to know GATHERINGS

The **GATHERINGS** project will investigate the surveillance of public gatherings in order to:

- Make these events safer, taking into account the effects of surveillance on citizens, LEAs and professionals
- Increase the fairness and transparency of surveillance by making it more respectful of privacy
- Consider the economic and social cost of surveillance and ensuring the existence of a balanced approach between security, privacy and cost

This will bring about the harmonisation of good practices in the EU-context, and the formulation of common standards regarding the **securitisation of public gatherings** in line with **privacy and transparency standards**, while taking into account the impact on vulnerable social groups.



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Our objectives

- To understand the competing needs and interests of different stakeholders in relation to large scale surveillance of public gatherings;
- To strengthen the protection of public spaces while reducing the need for continuous and expensive data collection and storage;
- To encourage cross-border exchange of good practices in relation to the surveillance of public spaces among Police Authorities in EU Member States.

- To raise awareness among citizens about different forms of surveillance in public spaces and about applicable rights;
- To foster a proportionate and justified use of surveillance systems and collected personal data;

Our target groups

GATHERINGS will target a variety of stakeholders using different strategies:

- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Surveillance Professionals
- Local Authorities
- + Civil Society: Representatives of local communities / Citizens
- Training Providers

- + Academics and other researchers
- + Local and national governments,
 Political representatives, Policy
 Makers and Regulators
- Media and Multipliers

The GATHERINGS Action Plan

01

Mapping and evaluation of surveillance practices of public gathering EU-wide

02

Striking a balanc e between security, privacy, and costs of surveillance

03

Setting up (an online) CoP Network of surveillance professionals

04

Identification of good practices and common standards at an international level

05

Development of Awareness-Raising Programmes for Local Surveillance Professionals and Citizens



By whom?

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