

EU SEC II
The Champions League Final
- results and benefits -

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Towards a “European House of Major Events Security”

EHMES.

- **The EU-SEC Project** pioneered the coordination of national research among European Member States towards a European pattern for planning security at Major Events and to establish a coordinated platform of European countries able to speak with one voice.
- It would create, within the EU SEC II, a “European House of Major Events Security (the House), to facilitate the effective design of security plans for Major Events and to provide the countries hosting a major event both with coordination methodologies and technical assistance.

WHY THE “CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SECURITY PROJECT”?



- The Champions League Final is the major international football event at European level for clubs;
- It involves institutions, media representatives from all over the world, government and sports representatives, thousands of supporters and fans;
- A successful security system is based on an effective public/private partnership
- The deployment of law enforcement agencies has to rely on the principle of “police ethics”
- The international community, in particular Europe, shall support the hosting country both at operational level and for the information exchange



THE "CHAMPIONS SECURITY PROJECT" END USER'S EXPECTATIONS

Using a step-by-step guide in the plan arrangement

Having both technical and political support in security cooperation, planning and preparation

Having a systematic exchange of information and threat assessment both at national and international level

To get a wide array of technical assistance and other services provided by the House.

The creation of a special task force formed by the EU-SEC II partners' experts

To speak a common language



THE “CHAMPIONS SECURITY PROJECT” END USER’S INVOLVEMENT

At the 1st Network Steering Committee Meeting - New York, 21st January 2009 - Italy proposed the Champions League Final in Rome as an opportunity to field-test the EHMES

THREE STAGES

BEFORE the event, a technical meeting has been organized in Rome to address the strategic level to provide the opportunity to compare the security approach adopted by Italy with the different approaches of the other EU-SEC II partners.

DURING THE EVENT at the operational level by setting a special task force formed by the EU-SEC II partners’ experts who provide a daily update on security threats and the related issues. The platform of experts were physically present in Rome.

The concrete and practical side of the plan: at this stage the **cooperation** and **coordination** of the Consortium partners have been tested through a systematic exchange of information and threat assessment both at national and international level.

THE POST-EVENT assessment and evaluation of the security plan to possibly elaborate a pattern to be used in the future as a European approach to football matches security planning. Within this framework we tested the effectiveness of STEP/EMER and field-tested the IPO Security Planning Model.

THE “CHAMPIONS SECURITY PROJECT” END USER’S INVOLVEMENT STEP TEST

- **EXERCISE No. 1** what technology could be useful in order to recognize the masked rioters?
- **EXERCISE No. 2** – What technology can be applied in order to evaluate the best deployment of sharpshooters along the VIPs’ route and at the same time to guarantee the escort personnel’s safety?
- **EXERCISE No. 3** - What best defensive barriers would you send in order to best tackle the fans’ sudden arrival and guarantee security in the areas surrounding the stadium?
- **EXERCISE No. 4** - What technology can be the most suitable one for ascertaining if the accident was intentional or due to an attack?

“CHAMPIONS SECURITY PROJECT” – RESULTS/BENEFITS

The test about “The Common House” was a great opportunity to examine the system stability and could be, in the foreseeable future, a best practice example for further major events.

In particular:

- ❑ To “employ” a team of experts
- ❑ To use the database on major events (EMER)
- ❑ To receive “technological/technical” help and support from the partners (STEP)
- ❑ To speak the same “common language” with the adoption of IPO’s model

THE ACHIEVED OUTCOMES WILL BE OFFICIALLY PRESENTED TO A
FINAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

THE END USER'S BENEFITS

Partners will highly benefit from this project as a coordinated platform capacity to identify future common security priorities for research and implementation.

The technical support from all the Consortium Partners is required to ensure that the expertise and inputs of the involved end users is adequately reflected in all the project phases.

The political commitment of the national authorities of the EU-SEC II partners is necessary to support the establishment of the House as well as the political endorsement of the recommendations and achieved results, which will reflect the end users' perspectives.

The private sector will also benefit directly from the coordinated platform of end users running the House, as it will define common research priorities and technological requirements and it will provide assistance on the best ways to establish public-private partnerships (PPPs) in the field.

THANK YOU