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«Strengthening capacities for management and processing of evidence»

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Description of the project:

The Criminalistic Service Department (CSD) is embarking on a significant upgrade of its operational and laboratory capabilities to enhance the effective prevention and fight against crime, terrorism, radicalization, and to better address serious and catastrophic events. This initiative is being implemented within the framework of the Internal Security Fund 2021-2027 and includes a series of actions, investments, and training programs aimed at strengthening the CSD's ability to solve crimes and identify victims.

The planned actions include the acquisition of specialized equipment and systems, such as:

- CRIME LITE ML2 Magnifying Glass: A specialized magnifying glass with multi-wavelength lighting, essential for analyzing crime scenes.
- Equipment for revealing latent fingerprints on difficult surfaces.
- Document examination devices (Video Spectra Comparators).
- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer with Microscope for analytical examination of objects and materials.
- Equipment for scanning and processing footwear impressions.
- A drone for photographing, filming, and mapping crime scenes or traffic accidents.
- A specially modified van (Mobile Digital CCTV Forensic Unit) for mobile collection of material from crime scenes.

Additionally, training programs will be conducted for CSD staff in areas such as shooting incident reconstruction and image analysis from closed-circuit television (CCTV), with the aim of improving their skills in handling critical forensic cases.

Expected Benefits:

Upon completion of these actions, the CSD is expected to significantly enhance its ability to:

1. Improve effectiveness in preventing and combating crime, terrorism, and radicalization.
2. Identify and rapidly and accurately identify victims of serious crimes and catastrophic events.
3. Solve crimes more quickly and precisely using specialized equipment and advanced analysis systems.
4. Enhance cooperation and information exchange with other EU member states and EUROPOL, speeding up the investigation and prosecution of crimes.

The development and training of CSD staff with the new tools will provide a significant boost to the management and analysis of forensic data, ensuring faster and more accurate crime solving on a nationwide level. With the completion of these actions, the CSD will be better equipped to meet the demands of modern forensic science and offer effective solutions for public safety and protection.

The project is implemented within the framework of the Internal Security Fund (SDF) with the co-financing of the European Union.



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