

**For the attention of ACE Member Organisations and ACE Correspondents**

**cc: ACE Executive Board**

**Work with us on the EU Project S.O.A.R.**

**Strengthening the security and resilience of at-risk religious sites and communities**

The ACE is a consortium partner in the EU funded project S.O.A.R. ‘Strengthening the security and resilience of at-risk religious sites and communities’. The main purpose of this project is to increase the awareness of, and capacity to respond to physical and human security threats to places of worship. S.O.A.R. will provide training, guidance, and resources, with the opportunity for virtual engagement for communities of practice. Training will be delivered across the full spectrum of the project at EU, national and regional and local settings, in seven pilot EU member states: France, Germany, Belgium, Hungary, Austria, the Netherlands and Denmark.

**The ACE is responsible to run a EU wide competition to identify best practice architectural examples of security by design. These will be used to develop design guidelines improving security of religious sites and their associated public spaces for all congregants and visitors.**

The concept of ‘**Security By Design**’ (SBD) incorporates security features into the design and fabric of the building. Experts in the fields of SBD such as public authority planners, architects, designers, engineers as well as faith leaders will be providing support and training in the seven pilot countries. National, regional and local training in these countries will be provided and include a focus on increasing collaboration and cooperation between security offices and leaders of places of worship with their wider communities and public authorities.

**For this work the ACE is looking for experts on security by design to join the jury of the competition and work as experts in trainings and policy meetings. Please contact us, if you like to put your application forward until the 30 August at [info@ace-cae.eu](mailto:info@ace-cae.eu).**

**Can you please inform your member of this opportunity ?**

Remuneration for experts is included in the budget as well as reimbursement of travel expenses.

Moreover, ACE will organise **workshops in France, Germany, Belgium, Hungary, Austria, the Netherlands and Denmark** and hence **we are specifically trying to employ local architects on a short term basis who possess an expertise in security by design.**

To learn more, visit the S.O.A.R. website: [soarproject.eu](http://soarproject.eu)

Thank you !