



**Coordination Meeting in the framework of
«IcARUS-Innovative AppRoaches to Urban Security»**

7 & 8 February 2023

In 7 and 8 February 2023 the Laboratory of Urban Criminology of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (EAStE) and the European Forum for Urban Security- (Efus) co-organised a coordination meeting for the partners of the European Project «*IcARUS-Innovative AppRoaches to Urban Security*». The meeting took place in the amphitheater Sakis Karagiorgas II in Panteion University.

The Laboratory of Urban Criminology, under the direction of Professor Christina Zarafonitou, participates, as a partner, via the Special Account for Research Funds of Panteion University in the consortium of the IcARUS Project, while the European Forum for Urban Security is the coordinator of the programme.

The Project aims at the development of innovative technological and social tools for the promotion of urban security in six European cities (Nice, Riga, Lisbon, Turin, Rotterdam, Stuttgart) with the active participation of the representatives of these cities, as partners of the Project, in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of the tools.

The partners' meeting started with the greetings of the Vice-Rector for International Affairs and Partnerships Marianna Psilla and then Dr. Eleni Kontopoulou made a brief but inclusive reference to the history and the contemporary physiognomy of Panteion University. Right afterwards, Dr. Kontopoulou made a presentation about the Laboratory of Urban Criminology, and the partners had the opportunity to be informed both about the scientific and research activities of the Laboratory as well as about its collaborations and participation in other European and national research programmes.

During the two-day meeting, the partners discussed with the representatives of the cities about the progress of the design and the development of the tools for each city, while in parallel sessions there was a fruitful scientific dialogue between the partners and the representatives of the cities regarding the design and the implementation of strategies for urban security at the local level, partnerships and the evaluation of the

implemented measures for crime prevention and the enhancement of the citizens' feeling of safety. Furthermore, in the context of the meeting, the partners discussed issues about the development of common and tailored indicators for the evaluation of the tools that will be developed and implemented in each city. Finally, there was also a discussion about ethics and data protection in relation to the implementation of the Project as well as about issues of dissemination and management.

At the end of the coordination meeting, the partners expressed a positive impression about the two-day fruitful discussion and exchange of scientific knowledge and experience, and they wholeheartedly thanked the organisers.

