

## Annex 7 – Case study: subway in Athens, Greece

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## Introduction

- In Greece crime prevention is the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Order, Civil Defence and Public Protection.
- Athens has a population of 5 million including 1.5 million immigrants.
- Expects to have 4.5 million visitors during the Olympic Games and is hosting the Para Olympic Games.
- Number one priority for Greece and all main countries is the security of the Games.
- The highway from Fario to the centre of Athens was constructed within 15 days
- 7 subways originally had no lighting – they suffered from graffiti, flyposting, illegal traders, buying and selling drugs, homeless people – they were dangerous places
- Unable to have a pedestrian bridge due to electrical wires overhead
- Pedestrian subway featured was used by motorcyclists; danger of explosives being planted and it became a no go area for pedestrians



Actual light intensity



Light enhanced: eyesight of person entering from light to dark will need time to adjust



Actual light intensity



Light enhanced – note unlicensed sellers of goods and flyposting



Actual light intensity



Light enhanced



Graffiti is a problem – most is political



Walls cleaned as soon as possible by shop owners or the City.  
No anti-graffiti glaze recommended or used as yet

- Existing empty shop premises are now let by offering low rents
- Shop owners use guards and police protection
- CCTV and silent alarm system have been installed
- The area is flooded with light
- Use of mirrors is the next step
- In daytime some problems have been alleviated
- People's feelings of fear of crime have been greatly reduced.



Actual light intensity



Light enhanced



Gates to stop access by motor cyclists – but difficult for disabled to access subway



Actual light intensity



Light enhanced



Actual light intensity. Grilles permanently in place on some shops but used for display purposes



Entrance to subway shown in the middle of the photograph to the left



Actual light intensity



Actual light intensity



The subway is now used, even in winter

At night:

- Monitored by police and guards
- Problems reduced but not eliminated – it is within an entertainment centre with prostitution problems
- Some displacement – drug dealers now in university, night clubs, bouzouki as drug users have been discouraged from using subways.

