

Safer and Stronger Communities in Europe project
presented to the Synodical Committee of the Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian
Relations of the Church of Greece

Athens, 2 December 2022

On Friday 2 December 2022, the Secretary of the Synodical Committee of the Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Relations of the Church of Greece and member of the CEC Governing Board, Archim. Ignatios Sotiriadis hosted and welcomed Dr Elizabeta Kitanovic, CEC Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Ms Rozy Fis from the Security and Crisis Center of the European Jewish Congress at the premises of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, in Athens. In the meeting, they were present, Arch. Iakovos Andriopoulos, Director of Development of the Central Financial Service of the Church of Greece, Dr Altana Filos, representative of the Evangelical Church of Greece, Prof. Vasiliki Stathokosta, representative of the Church of Greece to the HR Working Group of CEC, and the staff members of the Synodical Committee, Ms Efthalia Pappa and Ms Angeliki Antoniadou.

Greece is one of the countries listed for the training and briefing of Church leaders within the project “ Safer and Stronger Communities in Europe (SASCE)”. Briefing for Church leaders and the staff was presented to the participants by Dr Elizabeta Kitanovic, as well as the guides for the Church leadership, staff and worshippers on security protection of the worship places, translated into the Greek language. The discussion was focused on good practices of reporting the incidents, like damage to the religious communities’ property in churches, cemeteries, holy sites, holy places etc., as well as training programs for Church leaders and lay volunteers relating to the implementation of the SASCE project in Greece.