Acropolis Integrity & Intelligence Lab Advanced Tools & Techniques for EU-Funded Projects – Project Selection • Management Verification • On-the-Spot Checks • Audits • Payment Controls • Fraud, Corruption & Money-Laundering Investigations

DAY 1

ACROPOLIS ON-THE-SPOT RESEARCH

09:00–09:30 | Accreditation, Welcome & Fieldwork Briefing

Registration • Welcome • Workshop objectives • Fieldwork methodology • Team formation • Safety & observation briefing

09:30–10:00 | Walk from the Hotel to the Acropolis

Guided walk • Informal networking • Orientation • Introduction to the field research exercise

10:00–10:30 | Coffee Break & Networking

10:30–13:00 | Acropolis On-the-Spot Research

Teams conduct their own observation and analysis programmes, learning to:

- Compare project claims with visible physical reality
- Observe physical progress, accessibility and project outputs
- Professionally record locations, viewing directions and images
- Distinguish facts from assumptions and interpretations
- Recognise the limitations of visual evidence
- Formulate alternative explanations
- Identify additional evidence required

13:00–14:00 | Lunch

14:00–15:00 | From Field Observation to Intelligence

- Organising field observations
- Comparing team observations
- Identifying inconsistencies and information gaps
- Testing initial hypotheses
- Identifying areas for further investigation

15:00–15:15 | Coffee Break & Networking

15:15–17:00 | Digital Intelligence & Critical Testing

- Enriching field observations with digital Intelligence techniques
- Testing observations against public information
- Challenging initial assumptions
- Identifying further research requirements
- Preparing evidence for Day 2

DAY 2

FROM PROJECT STORY TO INTELLIGENCE PLAN

09:00–10:00 | Project Intelligence Briefing

Review of Day 1 observations • Risk-based project intelligence • Project stories and potential risk areas

10:00–10:30 | Coffee Break & Networking

10:30–13:00 | From Project Story to Intelligence Plan

Participants explore risks arising in EU-funded restoration, cultural heritage, accessibility and digitalisation projects.

Working in multidisciplinary teams:

- Analyse publicly available project information
- Identify integrity, fraud, corruption, AML and implementation risks

- Formulate research hypotheses and key research questions
- Select appropriate Integrity & Intelligence tools
- Compare project claims with field observations
- Identify information gaps and areas requiring further verification
- Determine which documents should be requested during verification or audit — and **why**

13:00–14:00 | Lunch

14:00–15:00 | Developing the Intelligence Plan

- Connecting field observations with documentary evidence
- Developing research questions
- Identifying evidence requirements
- Preparing verification and audit requests
- Developing alternative explanations

15:00–15:15 | Coffee Break & Networking

15:15–17:00 | Team Intelligence Challenge

Testing hypotheses • Assessing findings • Identifying risk indicators • Defining evidence requirements • Preparing each team's Intelligence Plan

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DAY 3

FROM OBSERVATION TO EVIDENCE & ACTION

09:00–10:00 | Advanced Intelligence Tools & Techniques

- Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)
- Satellite Imagery & Geospatial Intelligence
- Visual Intelligence & Image Comparison
- Metadata & Document Intelligence
- AI-Supported Analysis
- Graph Intelligence
- Red Teaming & the **Chain-of-Doubt Technique**

10:00–10:30 | Coffee Break & Networking

10:30–13:00 | From Signals to Evidence

Teams combine field observations and Intelligence Plans to assess:

- What can actually be established
- What represents only a possible indicator
- What information remains missing
- Which documents and evidence should be requested
- Which follow-up verification or audit activities are required
- How the techniques can be applied in daily professional work

13:00–14:00 | Lunch

14:00–15:00 | Team Challenge — Preparing the Findings

Each team prepares a professional presentation covering:

- Fieldwork programme and methodology
- Main observations and findings
- Risk indicators and alternative explanations
- Additional documentation required
- Added value and limitations of the Intelligence Tools
- Concrete applications within their organisation

15:00–15:15 | Coffee Break & Networking

15:15–17:00 | Team Presentations, Expert Feedback & Conclusions

Team presentations • Expert feedback • Discussion • Lessons learned • Professional application • Final conclusions

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THE ACROPOLIS INTEGRITY & INTELLIGENCE FIELD LAB

Observe the site. Challenge the story. Identify the evidence you still need.