BODEGA field studies carried out at Rome Fiumicino airport on June 21st - 22nd 2016

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On June 21st - 22nd, a field study was carried out at Rome Fiumicino airport as part of the BODEGA project.

The two-day event was organised by Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli (ADM) and saw the participation of a delegation from the BODEGA consortium alongside representatives of Polizia di Frontiera. In addition to personnel from ADM, the BODEGA consortium was represented by researchers from Thales Communications & Security (FR), Zanasi & Partners (IT) and the University of Namur (BE), a team with expertise spanning various domains, including technology, security, human factors and ethics.

The first day of the field studies was dedicated to a visit of the airport's customs control area. BODEGA consortium members were given the opportunity to observe the implementation of custom control procedures and conduct interviews with custom officers. On the second day, the team continued its on-site visit within the border control area, where researchers focused their observations on the airport's Automated Border Control and video-surveillance systems, and interviewed several border guards involved in 1st and 2nd line checks.

The field study in Rome represented a valuable opportunity for the BODEGA consortium to gather first-hand information about the customs and border control activities carried out at one of the largest airports in Europe. Furthermore, it allowed the research team to gain a better understanding of the role played by two key stakeholders in the European border management process: Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli and Polizia di Frontiera.

Close cooperation between all parties involved in the field study has been key to the event's success, and has generated a strong interest for further collaboration in the following steps of the BODEGA project.

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