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To the ARACNE PARTNERS

Subject: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs recommendations about Turkish area where next ARACNE mobility will take place.

Dear ARACNE Partners,
as coordinating school, we would like to inform you about the recommendations that Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides about safety in the Turkish area of Gaziantep, where our next ARACNE mobility take place. We herewith enclose the Italian text, taken from the official site of the Italian Ministry, http://www.viaggiare Sicuri.it/paesi/dettaglio/turchia.html?no_cache=1 pdf page <http://www.viaggiare Sicuri.it/fileadmin/docs/pdf/turchia.pdf>

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Abstract of the Italian version:

Aree di particolare cautela

In considerazione della volatilità della situazione ai confini con la Siria, si raccomanda di evitare di recarsi nelle province di Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis e Sanliurfa, , dove si sono verificati numerosi attentati, e soprattutto nelle aree a ridosso del confine dove permane elevato il rischio di sequestri. Il confine di terra con la Siria è tuttora chiuso al transito e militarmente presidiato, l'area è sottoposta a frequenti controlli e ogni comportamento sospetto (tentativo di attraversamento, riprese audio/video di zone o installazioni militari, o anche solo il fatto di trovarsi in prossimità del confine senza apposite autorizzazioni o documenti validi), oltre a rappresentare un significativo rischio per la propria incolumità personale, può portare al fermo e all'espulsione dal Paese. Si raccomanda ai connazionali di evitare altresì di recarsi nelle province sud orientali del Paese (province di Adiyaman, Diyarbakir, Elazig, Tunceli, Erzincan, Bingol, Mardin, Batman, Siirt, Bitlis, Mus, Agri, Van, Sirnak, Hakkari), in particolare nelle aree più remote o di montagna, in considerazione della recrudescenza degli scontri tra il PKK e le forze armate e di polizia turche. Si segnala che la frontiera con l'Armenia è chiusa.

English translation:

Areas of particular caution

In view of the volatility of the situation on the border with Syria, it is recommended to avoid going to the provinces of Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis and Sanliurfa, where numerous attacks have occurred, and especially in the areas near the border where the risk of seizures remains high. The land border with Syria is still today closed to transit and militarily manned, the area is subjected to frequent checks and all suspicious behavior (attempted crossing, audio / video footage of military areas or installations, or even just the fact to be near the border without proper authorizations or valid documents), in addition to representing a significant risk to personal safety, can lead to detention and expulsion from the country.

It is recommended to compatriots to also avoid going to the south eastern provinces of the country (provinces of Adiyaman, Diyarbakir, Elazig, Tunceli, Erzincan, Bingol, Mardin, Batman, Siirt, Bitlis, Mus, Agri, Van, Sirnak, Hakkari), particularly in the most remote or mountain areas, in view of the recrudescence of the clashes between the PKK and the Turkish armed forces and police. It should be noted that the border with Armenia is closed.

In consideration of that, as coordinating country, we feel the duty to inform you about the situation and ask your decision about the Mobility. **We will refer to the decisions of the majority!**

Just, we would like to highlight that, in the case the majority decide to “skip” the Turkish mobility, we will inform our NA and we will proceed to redistribute the teachers involved in the subsequent Countries (Romania and Italia).

Please, your prompt reply will be important to follow up on all operations involved. Thank you so much!

Parabita, 22 marzo 2019

