

Slatina – now a safer town.

The investment in Axis network cameras offers security to the residents of Slatina.



Organization:
Slatina City Hall

Location:
Slatina, Romania

Industry segment:
City surveillance

Application:
Safety and security

Axis partners:
NETCOM SERVICE,
ELKOTech Romania

Mission

Street crime is a national priority for the Romanian Police. According to information provided by Olt County Police Inspectorate, in 2008 in Slatina 444 crimes were recorded. Compared to 2007, there was a 49% increase. The representatives of Slatina City Hall were looking for a solution to make the city safer, by preventing criminal behavior, modernizing and improving the public surveillance system, and therefore improving the business climate.

Solution

NETCOM SERVICE, one of the most important partners of ELKOTech Romania, an official Axis distributor, found the right solution, which was approved by the local administration: a video surveillance system.

The system was based on 150 AXIS 233D Network Dome Cameras, 200 infrared illuminators and 150 outdoor speakers installed on 150 metal poles with climbing deterrents all connected to a dispatcher located in Slatina City Hall.

Result

The effect of implementing the Axis video surveillance system showed up immediately. The system proved to be very helpful to the police, gendarmerie, local government, security companies and civil society. The police department declared the number of crimes against property was significantly reduced; the number of thefts and violent crimes decreased as well. The citizens of Slatina declared that this project brought them safety and now they feel much more secure while walking in the city or spending time in their homes.

"Thanks to modern technology, the need for crime prevention will not be solved by increasing the number of agents, but by monitoring several key areas of the city in real time by the same team, decreasing the number of false alarms."

Vălcov Darius Bogdan, Mayor of Slatina.

Why a video surveillance solution?

The video surveillance solution was the preferred choice of the representatives of the Slatina City Hall due to the possibilities it offered. Slatina City Hall did not have a budget to hire more security officers permanently and, in the meantime, security issues were expanding. The number of thefts and murders increased exponentially in the last years and security personal was overwhelmed. The Axis network video surveillance solution managed to maximize existing resources and brought new opportunities to finding, stopping and preventing criminal actions.

Technical details

The implementation of 150 AXIS 233D Network Dome Cameras was the best choice for Slatina. This high speed dome camera with progressive scan and 35x optical zoom provides a fast and precise pan, an Electronic Image Stabilizer and Auto Tracking. The ability to follow moving objects from a long distance was appreciated by the police force. With the 35x optical zoom and 12x digital zoom of these cameras, the Slatina police officers can even see the license plates of cars from a 180m distance.

Next steps

The Axis video surveillance system proved to be very effective. Now, based on the consideration that the Slatina implementation was a real success, NETCOM SERVICE and ELKOTech Romania plan to expand the security benefits by implementing the video surveillance solutions in other towns.

