

Customer Reference Story

Otevřena Společnost ([The Open Society](#)) is a non-profit organization that has been promoting structural changes in public policy and society for 14 years. Otevřena Společnost are focused on:

- Participation in Governance
- Police as a Public Service
- Promotion of Gender Equality
- Society without Discrimination
- Public Space Open to the People

Otevřena Společnost is located in the Capital City of Czech Republic, Prague.

The question

Otevřena Společnost is connected to the Czech Technical University ([CTU](#)) department of Architecture. In Spring 2014, the CTU Department of Architecture held a workshop where students sought to answer the question of how architecture and urbanism contribute to the safety of public space. In recent decades, there has become a growing interest in Czech Republic in connecting architecture and urbanism with safety practices. There has been much talk involving crime prevention through shaping the physical environment (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design - CPTED). Otevřena Společnost asked her partner **VAZ Global** to deliver guidance to the CTU students in new Architecture design & safety matters.



The solution

VAZ Global provided a two-day workshop. The first day “on-site” into a problem-area in the Eastern part of Prague together with Community Police Officers of the [Police](#) of the Czech Republic, students & Academics of CTU and projectleaders-specialists of Otevřena Společnost. The students saw “real live” the struggles the Police daily have with badly designed areas.



The second day **VAZ Global** organized a seminar/workshop at the Faculty of Architecture in Prague Centre. Topics of the seminar: Community Policing related to CPTED, the Broken Windows theory and the importance of architecture and urbanism related to safety and liveability issues in the Neighbourhood (the physical environment). From now on this subject will be a fixed topic in the CTU curriculum the next few years.