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INTRODUCTION

Under the Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7) 2007-2013, the European Commission has made **EUR 1.4 billion** specifically available for Security Research. This brochure presents an overview of the **first 45 projects** currently supported under this scheme.

Making Europe more secure for its citizens while increasing its industrial competitiveness, is the goal of European Security Research. Europe has never been so peacefully consolidated, so prosperous and secure, yet at the same time so vulnerable against threats like **terrorism, organised crime and natural disasters.** By cooperating and coordinating efforts on a continent-wide scale, by stimulating the cooperation of providers and users for civil security solutions, the EU can better understand and respond to risks in a constantly changing world.

Today, the evolving nature of security issues in a rapidly changing world implies many new challenges. In order to protect our **fundamental rights** and freedom, technological preparedness and response of society to potential or actual threats are essential. At the same time, the overall societal dimension and preparedness is of highest importance at all stages including prevention, crisis and after crisis management.

Moreover, the relationship between defence technologies on the one hand, and security technologies on the other, is particularly noticeable in the field of R&D, with technologies that show potential developments in both areas **(Dual Use).** At both research and industrial development levels, synergies are possible and desirable.

Research activities described in this brochure are multidisciplinary and mission oriented. It ranges from technology and methodology development to systems integration. In addition, societal aspects are also addressed.

Developing new or enhanced security solutions remains a major challenge for our societies. It is therefore very promising to see that European Security Research efforts in this field have increased substantially in the last few years and start delivering their **first preoperational results.**

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ADABTS Automatic Detection of Abnormal Behaviour and Threats in crowded Spaces

Camera 01

Camera 02

Project objectives

ADABTS aims to facilitate the protection of EU citizens, property and infrastructure against threats of terrorism, crime and riots by the automatic detection of abnormal human behaviour.

ADABTS aims to develop models for abnormal and threat behaviours and algorithms for automatic detection of such behaviours as well as deviations from normal behaviour in surveillance data.

ADABTS aims to develop a real-time evaluation platform based on commercially available hardware, in order to enable high-performance low-cost surveillance systems.

Description of the work

ADABTS will gather experts in human factors, signal processing, computer vision, and surveillance technology. In a first stage, focus will be on human factors in order to define and model behaviours. Then, the focus will be shifted towards automatic analysis of surveillance data (video and audio). Finally, a demonstration system will be implemented.

ADABTS will create models of behaviour that can be used to describe behaviours to be detected and how they can be observed. Such models will enable the prediction of the evolution of behaviour, so that potentially threatening behaviour can be detected as it unfolds, thus enabling pro-active surveillance. In order to detect behaviour defined by these models, advanced methods for sensor data analysis are needed. These methods should extract sensor data features that can be coupled to the defined behaviour primitives, and thus detect the presence of the (potentially) threatening behaviour and to detect behaviour that is not considered normal.

ADABTS will develop new and adapt existing sensor processing methods and algorithms for detecting and tracking people in complex environments, involving groups of people or crowds. Extracted sensor data features (e.g. tracks, voice pitches, body articulations) need to be related to the behaviour primitives, and, moreover, to be dynamic and adapt to the context.

ADABTS will adapt the above algorithms to run on commercially available low-cost hardware architectures consisting of multi-core CPU's combined with several multi-stream GPU's (Graphical Processing Units). Such hardware, in rapid development driven by the game industry, represents a huge potential for high-performance surveillance systems.

ADABTS will communicate results to the various kinds of identified actors: Security stakeholders like European and national authorities, police organisations or event organizers; Security system operators and security service companies; Security system integrators; Technology developers; the Research communities for psychology, human factors, and signal processing communities.

ADABTS will involve all these actors, either as principal contractors, as subcontractors, or in an associated stakeholder group.

Expected results

The main impact of the ADABTS project is expected to be on the technological level, with advancements in three directions:

Understanding of the user needs for automatic detection of abnormal behaviour in crowds and new definitions of and methods for describing such behaviour.

Methods and algorithms for abnormal behaviour detection based on video and acoustic sensors.

Real time optimization for commercially available low-cost hardware, including an on-line demonstration of capabilities at a football stadium.

Overview

INFORMATION

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AMASS
Autonomous Maritime Surveillance System

Maritime surveillance

At present, Blue Border Surveillance is carried out predominantly by coast guard ships, aeroplanes and helicopters. These expensive measures are only fragmentary.

They are not suitable to locate small boats within a wider maritime area and they do not allow a continuous 24 h/7 surveillance as a countermeasure to illegal immigration.

Concept

The surveillance system developed under the AMASS project will form an array of autonomous, automated surveillance platforms with active and passive sensors.

The key sensors being used are high-end technology-un-cooled thermal imagers and highly sophisticated Hydrophones linked together via a wideband radio network.

Alarms from the sensors will be analysed and integrated with back ground details (location, speed, class,…) into a "Geographical Information System" situated within a blue border command centre.

The operator will also be able to request live video data from the platform, should further verification be required.

The target for AMASS is the improvement of European maritime security through continuous control and surveillance, whilst reducing running costs.

Project objectives

Based on in depth research into the situational data a good understanding of the operational as well as technical requirements of such a highly sophisticated surveillance system is forming the basis of this project.

With AFM and ICCM acting as end users, tests at the end of the project will be under realistic conditions in territorial waters of countries (Malta / Canary Islands) highly affected by illegal immigration.

System configuration

The platforms forming the maritime network will be equipped with various modules:

- Optic and acoustic sensors.
- PC with related software for image stabilisation, image processing and signal generation.
- Radio equipment for bi-directional data exchange with headquarters.
- Fully autonomous power supply on the platform (renewable energy).
- Sophisticated Management-Software for the operator.

Aim

The aim of the AMASS project is to provide a system with the following features:

- Identification of small targets within the maritime environment.
- Decrease of procurement and system life costs in comparison with systems already available on the market.
- Upgrade potential (integration of additional sensors).
- Architecture allowing interface to existing surveillance systems (e.g. Vessel Traffic Control Systems VTCS).

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BeSeCu Human behaviour in crisis situations: A cross cultural investigation in order to tailor security-related communication

Project objectives

The aim of the BeSeCu project is to investigate cross-cultural and ethnic differences of human behaviour in crisis situations in order to better tailor security related communication, instructions and procedures with a view to improving evacuation and protection.

The project will provide evidence that will be useful to first responders, building designers and those involved in the development of emergency operating procedures for buildings.

Description of the work

The BeSeCu project will carry out the following research studies:

- A cross-cultural survey of individual experiences will be conducted to identify determinants of inter-individual differences in people who have experienced evacuation situations, fire disaster survivors and survivors of similar crisis situations, but also workers and first responders as well as those affected in the community.

This retrospective study will be carried out across 7 European countries with diverse cultural background.

- Experimental trials will be carried out simulating real time evacuation scenarios in standardized settings including objective measures (e.g. response time) as outcomes as well as video-tape analysis.

Results will be analysed to identify similarities and differences between cultures and ethnic groups as well as a range of socioeconomic factors. The analysis will triangulate findings obtained with objective measures, subjective experiences and behavioural observations. The research will be carried out by a consortium of 8 European partners including end-users (e.g. fire service colleges).

Expected results

Two types of research findings and products will be provided by the BeSeCu project:

- An evidence base that will enable designers of buildings to develop culturally appropriate emergency operating procedures.
- An evidence base of inter-individual differences that will be employed to improve communication in emergency interventions.

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CAST Comparative assessment of security-centered training curricula for first responders on disaster management in the eu

Project objectives

1. To provide all parties involved in First Responder (FR) training with fully comprehensive and trustworthy information on state-of-the-art methodologies and equipment concerning security threats to the FR community, protection of members of the FR community and disaster management by the FR community;

2. To assist in exploiting Europe's scientific and industrial strength by developing a standardised training curriculum on disaster management for FR, meeting highest quality standards and enabling the FR community in the EU to perform their challenging tasks also in the new security environment of catastrophic terrorism, in addition to threats resulting from major technical and natural disasters;

3. To overcome the current differences in training of first responders on disaster management in different EU member states by strengthening the first line of defence in a cost-efficient manner due to avoiding duplication and optimising interoperability between FR groups.

Description of the work

Security-centered training course curricula on disaster management for first responders (FR)* in EU member states will be comparatively assessed with a specially developed matrix-based software: (1) for all EU member states (2) as derived from international best practices in the US, Russia and Israel as countries with extensive experience in this field.

The comparative assessment will cover:

- Didactic areas (electronic and hardcopy teaching materials used, computer modelling, field exercises);
- Subject areas (terror threats to FR; risk assessment and management; catastrophic terrorism; weapons of mass destruction, mass killing, mass disturbance; synchronization of response staff;
- Comparative evaluation of training course curricula by virtual reality safety training with biofeedback.

Representatives of FR organisations and SME's in security technology will be involved throughout the assessment. This new integrative approach reflects the necessity of the integrative operation of end-users and representatives of the research and development community to enhance European joint- security capabilities.

The results of the assessment will be used to:

(1) Establish an EU-security curricula database;

(2) Identify potentially existing gaps in the EU training curricula;

(3) Recommend an Action Plan for eliminating training deficiencies;

(4) Develop a standardized security-centered training curriculum for first responders on disaster management;

(5) Enhance the implementation of technology-based security programs into FR organisations

Expected results

Creation of a standardised training curriculum on disaster management for First Responders, covering:

- Identification of new threats leading to enhanced awareness and preparedness
- A standardised European curriculum providing enhanced interoperability
- Advanced software-technologies for interactive education, including biofeedback
- Integration of tools for enhanced interoperability
- Standardised network of information on demands and on security-related technologies

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COCAE

COOPERATION ACROSS EUROPE FOR Cd(Zn)Te BASED SECURITY

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Project objectives

Fixed and portable detectors are usually used to detect, locate and identify radioactive and nuclear material at the checkpoints such as those at road and rail boarder crossings, airports or seaports. After a first alarm signal, a secondary inspection must be performed. Handheld detectors are then used to distinguish the innocent and false alarm from the real alarms. Hundreds of innocent alarms may take place per day at the boarder control from the portal detectors.

- To make spectroscopic measurements with efficiency equivalent to that of NaI detectors and energy resolution close to that of HPGe devices but without using cryogenic systems.
- To find the direction and the distance of the radioactive source.
- To localize the source into a cargo
- To work at a wide range of absorbed dose rates by adjusting the effective volume of the detector.

The above capabilities will improve the quality of the data gathered by the customs officers during the routine inspections at the boarders and will assist the first responders in case of a radiological or nuclear emergency to estimate the exact situation.

Technology challenges

- The growth of high purity, detector grade Cd(Zn)Te crystals. Their performance will be optimized by material purification, selection of right dopants and post-growth processing to obtain high resistivity, high transport properties and homogeneous distribution of these material properties in the grown crystals.

  The growth of crystals with a diameter up to 75 mm will be performed.

- The fabrication of pixel detectors having structure of p-n and Schottky diodes. This will permit the application of bias voltage high enough to collect all the induced charge by both electrons and holes.

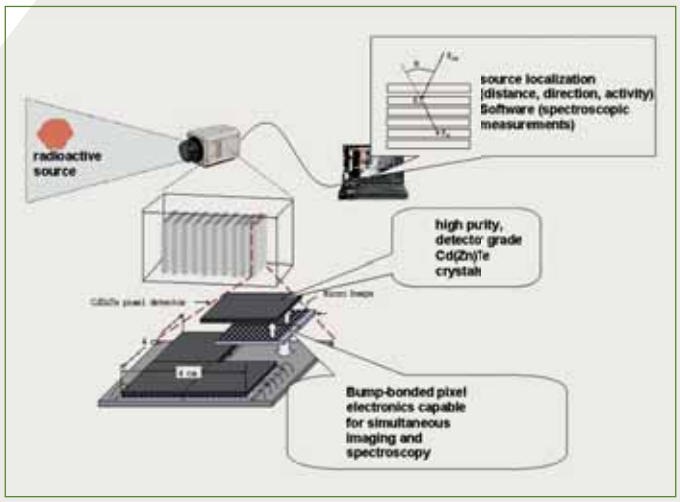
- The design of pixel electronics capable for simultaneous imaging and spectroscopy. The electronics will be bump bonded to the pixel detectors. This is essential for the localization and the identification of the radioactive source.

- The construction of a portable instrument having a stack of detecting elements.

This will allow to exploit the Compton Effect for the localization of the radioactive source and also to have variable detection efficiency.

Expected results

Measurements performed by the now available detectors cannot distinguish between a small activity radioactive source placed close to the cargo external surfaces and a high activity shield source placed in the middle of the cargo. The proposed detector has the unique ability to give information about the spatial distribution of the radioactive contamination and to detect the existence of a shielding material around the source. At the same time it will gather a high-resolution gamma ray spectrum to identify the radioisotopes case the alarm. Using this information it will be able to estimate the source activity.



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COPE
COMMON OPERATIONAL PICTURE EXPLOITATION

Project objectives

The objective of the Common Operation Picture Exploitation (COPE) project is to achieve a significant improvement in **civil crisis management** command and control performance, reliability, and cost. New solutions will be created by combing a user oriented human factors approach with the technology development.

The aim is a step improvement in information flow both from and to the first responder in order to increase situational awareness across agencies and at all levels of the **command chain** in emergency management situations.

A user-driven approach is taken to develop new technologies for supporting user information requirements at the scene of the event. First responders belong to a heterogeneous group in terms of **crisis environments** as well as roles, **command structure,** organisational and national differences.

The project applies a wide range of human factors methods from functional task modelling to end user simulations to better understand the processes of individual agencies and to ensure that new systems both match requirements and can be integrated with legacy processes and technologies.

Description of the work

The project team has much experience from crisis management projects and it uses the skills and competences of research scientists both from industry and academia, of technology providers and systems integrators supported by end users. The COPE project will develop use cases and scenarios with end users to build a rich picture of the requirements and the differences in requirements across agencies, organisations and nations. The requirements will be mapped against the technologies developed to offer tailored solutions. Commercial of-the-shelf products and novel technologies will be integrated to a prototype system allowing operational evaluation with the selected realistic scenarios.

The key objective is to develop novel technical support tools and mechanisms for collecting, gathering and disseminating information for the development of a Common Operational Picture (COP) in crisis circumstances.

The research and development work focuses on the following objectives:

- To understand and specify the information requirements of the first responder.
- To enable effective and appropriate communication links between teams at the first responder level and to enable them to feed information back to support the COP.
- To develop a user-driven methodology to understand working processes in order to map technologies on the user requirements and to take into account the similarities and differences between agencies, their differing levels of technological sophistication and to enhance capability in conjunction with legacy systems.
- To define how the first responder can feed the COP to give ground truth and to reduce the cultural power distance between the command centre and the ground.
- To trial and evaluate the technological feasibility of the solution.
- To develop and evaluate tailored computer-based decision support systems.
- To enhance the cognitive situational awareness of the first responder.

Expected results

The COPE project will develop use cases with end users to build a rich picture of the requirements and the differences in requirements across agencies, organisations and nations.

The project will realise and trial mobile technologies for:

- The ability to share ground truth with the COP.
- Increased situational awareness to enhance decision making.
- Support for multi-agency co-operation and communication.
- The ability to localise personnel, to navigate and to generate maps.
- The capability to monitor safety issues, tasking as well as post crisis audit.

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CPSI

Changing Perceptions of Security and Interventions

Project objectives

CPSI – Changing Perceptions on Security and Interventions –aims to create a methodology to collect, quantify, organize, query, analyse, interpret and monitor data on actual and perceived security, determinants and mediators.

The four main objectives of the project are to:

- Develop a conceptual model of actual and perceived security and their determinants,
- Design a methodology to register and process security-related data,
- Develop a data warehouse to store amassed data and
- Carry out an empirical proof-of-principle study to test the model, methodology and data warehouse.

In CPSI we focus on security related to "everyday" crime, such as theft, assault and vandalism. The CPSI methodology, however, can be applied to other areas of security as well, such as terrorism or financial security.

The main deliverables include a detailed description of the methodology, data warehouse, and empirical study. In addition, we will develop an "instruction manual" describing how an end-user can implement the CPSI methodology.

Description of the work

The core of CPSI is psychological in nature. The conceptual model is based on factors related to each individual which determine perceived security, such as demographic characteristics, personality traits and lifestyle, and history of victimization. The model was developed using literature review and morphological analysis, a structured group-discussion technique used to give concrete form to multidimensional non-quantifiable problem spaces.

Overall, however, CPSI takes an explicitly multidisciplinary approach. Aside from psychological aspects, we believe that security also has strong links with sociological factors and national culture. Specifically we will examine the relationship between public opinion and the media, in addition to an analysis of national security cultures across Europe.
In this project we will test if it is possible to answer relevant security-related questions from the field using the CPSI methodology. Example questions include:

- How does actual security relate to the subjective perception of security?
- What are the levels of perceived and actual security in specific locations?
- Which interventions work where?
- How does security change over time?

In an empirical study taking place in The Netherlands, we are filling a data warehouse with data on registered crimes, results from a survey on perceived security, and analyses of media expressions concerning crimes and security in general. From this information, we can test the validity of the conceptual model and the applicability of the methodology.

The widespread implementation of monitoring tools such as the CPSI methodology brings with it ethical and legal risks related to – among other things – citizens' privacy and the use of data. In CPSI we take these issues seriously and are employing a technique known as ethical parallel research in which ethical and legal issues are addressed as they arise during the execution of the project.

Expected results

Envisaged end-users include governmental bodies at the local, provincial, national and international levels, law enforcement organisations, emergency services, other organisations engaged in policy making and strategy development.

With information from the implementation of the CPSI methodology, it will be possible for end-users to:

- Monitor security down to the neighbourhood level,
- Implement interventions in a more focused (and cheaper) manner,
- Formulate better policy,
- Learn from the experiences of others.

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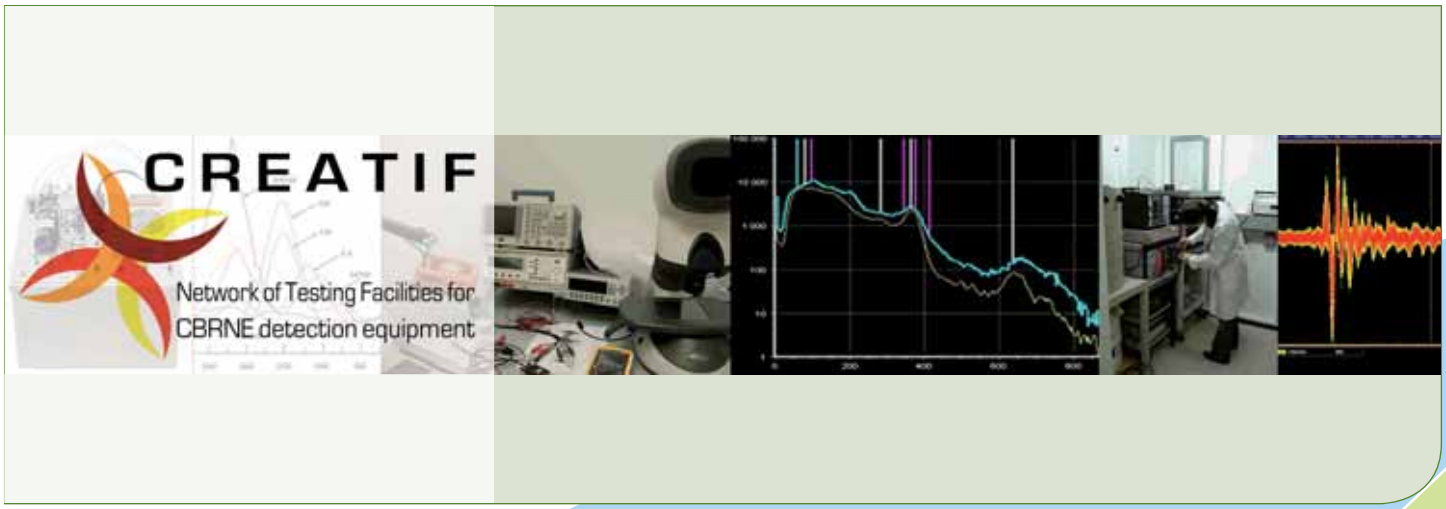
CREATIF related testing and certification facilities

A networking strategy to strengthen cooperation and knowledge exchange within Europe



Project objectives

In the 30-month project CREATIF, a network of testing facilities for security-related products and services focused to CBRNE detection will be established.

Main objectives of CREATIF are to :

- provide information on test facilities & their portfolio of expertise (database)
- support user decisions and industry product / service development
- define a roadmap for the future development of testing (incl. standardization & certification)
- harmonize testing
  - initiative to produce harmonized EU-wide standards (geographic harmonization)
  - exchange formal & informal information on best practice to encourage a Europe-wide uniform technical level of testing (technical harmonization, quality assurance)
- define minimum requirements of testing facilities and service providers
- generate certification strategies for facilities, service providers and devices
- offer a forum to involve decision makers, end-users and other stakeholders (industry, EU-bodies, CEN) into the discussion about security related testing
- suggest amendments to testing procedures to cover human factors and operational issues like scenario-based testing

Description of the work

The CREATIF network is dedicated to provide a communication platform for technology users and decision makers, providers and testers to discuss the future development of testing and to support user decisions and industry product / service development.

All these stakeholders are invited to become members of the network and exchange their views and knowledge: testing facilities can publish information about their expertise and testing capabilities / amenities in a database on testing facilities within EU-27, an advisory board of end-users and industrial experts will be established to integrate their point of view into project deliverables and topical workshops.

In these workshops specific themes in the field of certification and testing of CBRNE detection equipment will be discussed. Proceedings will be compiled to distribute the outcome of discussions and present information to a wide audience. CREATIF will ensure a careful examination of existing testing protocols and relevant standards to suggest harmonization of testing in the field of CBRNE detection both on a geographic scale within EU-27 and on a technical level. This will allow quality assurance and comparability of testing results. Possibilities to amend testing protocols by covering human factors and operational / scenario-based testing will be suggested. Additional deliverables of the network will be a roadmap for a European certification system for CBRNE detection products & services and a concept on the continuation of the CREATIF network as an autonomous body after the end of the funded project. Based upon the experience of network building within well-focused groups of testing experts related to CBRNE detection, CREATIF will suggest a generic strategy for expanding the network further to security related products & services.

Expected results

- Data base on testing facilities for CBRNE detection equipment & Outline for joint-testing exercises.
- Report on standards, specification for CBRNE detection methods and relevant labelling systems.
- Workshops & proceedings on specific topics related to testing of CBRNE-detection equipment.
- Road map for developing a European certification system for CBRNE sensor systems and devices.
- Report "The future of testing security related products".
- Periodic newsletter and CREATIF web-site.
- Business plan for the independent future of CREATIF network of testing facilities.

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CRESCENDO Coordination action on Risks, Evolution of threatS and Context assessment by an Enlarged Network for an r&D rOadmap

Project objectives

- To strengthen, enlarge and render sustainable the networks created by SeNTRE and STACCATO with Associated Countries;
- To analyse the evolution of threats (aggressions) and risks (accidents) assessment taking into account the balance between security and civil liberties;
- To analyse the policies, the regulations and standardization and encourage the harmonisation of European-wide security related regulations and standards by benefiting from the on-going national and European relevant activities with the support of CEN in connection with existing networks and associations,
- To analyse the innovation process (the demand the supply chain and the links between actors Academia, RTOs, Industries, SMEs, Service sector and End-users);
- To elaborate recommendations for some key themes for the Security Research Programme such as emerging technologies, maturity of current systems and areas of improvement, evolution of standards to enhance systems connectivity, regulatory issues if any across EU27 and associated countries in an integrated roadmap;
- To advise on the implications for future programmes as well as on the best way to continue the network and optimize the dialogue between all stakeholders.

Description of work

On the basis of SeNTRE and STACCATO PASR supporting activities, CRESCENDO will focus on keeping this unique, results-driven, multi-sector public private network alive but also on expanding it, so as to include as many as possible private sector security research requirement owners, operative end-users and technology supply chain experts, including from the new MS in the enlarged EU-27 and the Associated Countries. To achieve the objectives of the project, CRESCENDO work plan is divided into 6 technical work packages:

Organisation and operation of the network
- Experts & stakeholders Identification.
- Expert & stakeholders assessment methodology.
- Network organisation and methodology/ workshops.
- Network support tools.

Society security evolutions (threats and risks)
- Assessments of threats and risks.
- Translation into security policies.
- Changing providers of security. The balance between civil liberties and security.
- Supporting the evolution of the security market.

Policies, regulation and standardization
- Regulations Mapping and Analysis.
- Standards Mapping and Analysis.
- Development of a network/expert body for policy suggestions.
- Development of a network/expert body for standardisation and regulations harmonisation proposals.
- Development of working methods and processes for the networks.

Innovation process
- Demand structuring and development.
- Regulation and supply chain.
- Ways to improve the links between the academic sector and industries, SMEs and the service sector.
- ESTIB structuring and supply chain development.

R&D Roadmaps
- Coordination with ongoing research programmes.
- Proposed R&D implementation.
- Launch of other initiatives and programmes (beyond R&D).

Consolidation and continuous dialogue and recommendations for future programmes/ projects
- Proposals and recommendations.

Expected results

- Analysis of the future capability needs and possible new threats scenario.
- Identification of technological solutions/ priorities to address the capability needs leading to a technology oriented research strategy.
- Continuous mapping of European competencies initiated in STACCATO.
- Continuous update list of national, regional, European and international research programmes initiated in STACCATO, identification of possible synergies and further cooperation opportunities leading to a comprehensive strategic R&T roadmap to guide, orientate and underpin all these different research programmes.
- Supporting the definition of new standards in strong cooperation with CEN and in line with its activities and processes.

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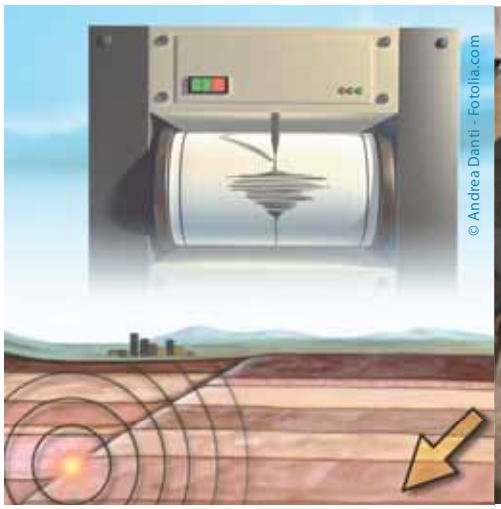
CrisComScore
Developing a Crisis Communication Scorecard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Project objectives

The goal of this project is to develop an audit instrument and relevant guides for crisis communication strategies, with which public authorities are better prepared to communicate in crisis situations.

To meet this goal the project has four key objectives:

- First objective is to identify critical factors for communication strategies in *media relations* before, during and after crisis situations.
- Second objective is to identify critical factors for communication strategies in relations with *civilians and miscellaneous public groups* (survivors, casualties, deceased victims, family to workers, first responders and affected communities) before, during and after crisis situations.
- Third objective is to construct a *Balanced Scorecard* for public authorities to measure and improve their readiness to communicate in crisis situations.
- Fourth objective is to stimulate implementation by *facilitating* the use of the Balanced Scorecard and the Strategy Guides for spokespeople and crisis communication with other public groups.

Description of the work

By this project we pursue to improve crisis communication, by identifying *critical factors* in media relations and relations with civilians of miscellaneous public groups (survivors, casualties, deceased victims, family to workers, first responders and affected communities) before, during and after crisis situations. These crises may be the result of acts of nature, or acts of man (both intended, such as terrorism, or unintended, such as major accidents and infrastructure failure).

We will study communication strategies in various recent cases and analyse the reception of information in stressful situations.

By identifying critical factors the challenges of crisis communication are addressed. The findings will be reported in Strategy Guides and used as a basis for the Balanced Scorecard. The results will be available for public authorities. Many organisations use the balanced scorecard to organise a system of quality control (Kaplan and Norton, 2001).

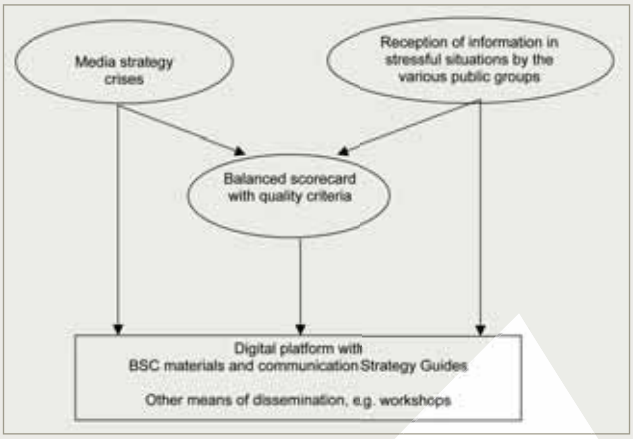
Scorecards are action-oriented and the assessment must be more than a picture of a given moment in time. It should present opportunities for a continuous process of assessment and improvement. In this sense, it can be seen as a strategic feedback system. The indicators that assess performance must aim at core processes and critical variables so that opportunities for improvement can be identified.

What is needed is an *integrated approach,* stimulating co-operation between the various organisations involved in crisis management and government levels. The consortium consists of four universities in various countries and an end user organisation that has extensive experience in the field and a good network with related public and other organisations involved in crisis management.

Expected results

The outcome of this project will be an audit instrument - a Scorecard and relevant Guides - as a tool for ensuring effective crisis communication strategies and implementation.

The Scorecard will enable public authorities to measure and improve their readiness for crisis communication. The Guides facilitate effective media relations and crisis communication strategies for various public groups. The outcome will be made available for public authorities on a digital platform together with support materials.



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DEMASST

Demo for mass transportation security: roadmapping study

Project objectives

DEMASST is the first phase of the FP7 demonstration programme for security in mass transportation with the task to provide a roadmap for the development and integration of system-of-system solutions. By virtue of the similarity of problems across big cities in Europe, such security solutions have a potentially very important EU-wide market.

Mass transportation systems with their very high densities of people are attractive targets for intentional malevolent acts, as already evidenced by devastating attacks in EU Member States. They are public and easily accessible, the passengers often carry hand luggage where explosives or weapons can be hidden and there are many persons concentrated in an enclosed area. But in addition to their potential for very large human casualties, due to crime or accident, mass transportation systems are also a critical infrastructure for employees to get to their workplaces, meetings, etc. Disturbances to this function may have very large economic consequences.

Description of the work

DEMASST will take on the dual challenges of analysis and networking necessary to define and achieve commitment for the strategic roadmap for the Phase 2 Demonstration project. "Mass transportation" in the context of the security terminology used in the European Union is mostly oriented towards urban public transportation, such as metro, tram, commuter train, city busses and inter-modal, critical nodes including those connecting long-distance transports with urban transport systems. The approach of DEMASST is thus a broad range of public transport but focusing on rail in megacities.

DEMASST will develop a highly structured approach to the demonstration programme built on identifying the main security gaps and the most promising integrated solutions, utilising sufficiently mature technologies for filling them. In this process, DEMASST also expects to identify both "low-hanging fruit" (useful integrated solutions with very near realisation) and more futuristic research priorities.

In the type of system-of-system development approach proposed, the experiments must be designed and analysed so as to be maximally informative. Given the vast variation in mass transportation systems, an effective demonstration programme must also identify synergies between demo tasks and use less costly methods than full-scale demonstration whenever helpful – or necessary due to security constraints for example.

DEMASST proposes to build the methodological infrastructure for this. But an optimal demo project design does not stop with finding scientific answers: the issue of turning demonstration into innovation is top on DEMASST's agenda. And this approach will have utility also beyond transportation. The project is planned to be carried out between January 2009 and April 2010.

Expected results

- Roadmap for phase II
- Comprehensive and structured mass transport threat database
- State-of-the-art on mass transport security legacy
- "Low hanging fruit" for quick implementation
- Identification of future research needs
- Generic development of the system-of-system development programme instrument
- Awareness-raising and network-building.

INFORMATION

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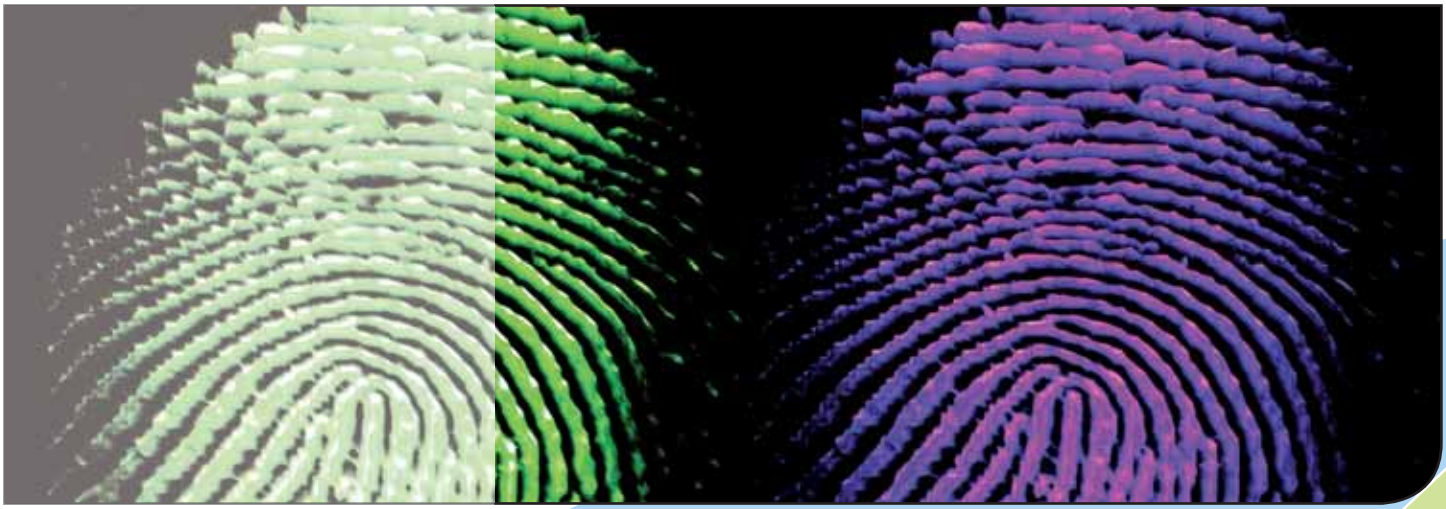
DETECTER

Detection Technologies, Terrorism, Ethics and Human Rights



Project objectives

To identify human rights and other legal and moral standards that detection technologies in counter-terrorism must meet, while taking into account the effectiveness of these technologies as judged by law-enforcement bodies responsible for counter-terrorism, and other relevant authorities.

Description of the work

After 9/11 and the terrorist bombings in Madrid (11 March 2004) and London (07 July 2005), policing and intelligence activity have increasingly focused on methods of preventing future attacks, and not just on identifying the perpetrators of offences already committed. Preventive police work includes the use of detection technologies. These range from CCTV camera-surveillance of suspicious behaviour in public places to secret internet monitoring and data-mining. Such technologies raise ethical and legal issues (notably issues of privacy) that must be confronted against the background of the legal and ethical issues raised by counter-terrorism in general.

This project will review detection technologies, and identify ethical issues of preventive counter-terrorism measures. It will survey developments in international law in support of counter terrorism, particularly in human rights. It will look at data mining, electronic surveillance of internet traffic and the use of pre-entry screening measures for migrants, including asylum-seekers. Meetings are planned with policy makers, manufacturers and law-enforcement officials to present assessments of both desirable and undesirable features of detection technology products, as well as general standards for products to meet.

Expected results

The project will produce a substantial review of the human rights' consequences of countering terrorism. The project will meet with technology developers, commissioners, users and provide reports and papers setting out the moral, ethical and legal framework for these products. A survey of data mining technologies and electronic surveillance of the internet and other counter- terrorism techniques will be undertaken and assessed and safeguards proposed. A major conference will be held in the UK to disseminate the project's results to all those working in this field.

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EFFISEC
Efficient Integrated Security Checkpoints

Project objectives

Illegal immigration and illicit material detection is a growing concern at the European borders; in that respect border security checkpoints must be particularly efficient against any kind of threat.

Seaport checkpoints differ strongly from airports ones and are more complex to process.The global objective of EFFISEC, a mission oriented project, is to deliver to border authorities more efficient technological equipment: that provides higher security level of identity and luggage control of pedestrians and passengers inside vehicles, at land and maritime check points.

In the same time, EFFISEC will maintain or improve the flow of people crossing borders and will improve the work conditions of border inspectors, with more powerful capabilities, less repetitive tasks, and more ergonomic equipment.

Description of the work

EFFISEC is based on the integration of a set of existing and complementary technologies (biometrics, e-documents, signal recognition and image analysis, trace and bulk detection of substances, etc.). It will take into account legal and privacy issues and will also include a standardisation step.

EFFISEC will allow performing systematic security check of pedestrians, cars and buses with a high level of confidence while keeping high the flow crossing a border. It will allow lowering the number of travellers, luggage and vehicles that have to go through in depth supplementary checks, out of line.

EFFISEC will benefit of recent progress in e-Gates for Airport, and it is expected that some results (like automatic luggage scanning with the e-Gate) will be transferred back to airport security solutions.

The project concentrates on land and seaport checkpoints. It is clear that transposition of the project results to other types of checkpoints, as for example trains and in particular high speed train (HST/TGV) stations, will be quite easy and it is expected that it will be carried by some EFFISEC partners interested in providing security solutions.

By the end of the project, EFFISEC prototypes results will need industrial development for massive deployment in mid-term (2014-2020) at land/maritime border check points.

Expected results

EFFISEC will provide border officers with up-to-dated technologies:

- allowing systematic in depth controls of travellers, luggage and vehicles, for pedestrians and people inside vehicles, through the use of automatic gates and portable identity check and scanning equipment,
- providing objective criteria for submitting some travellers/vehicles/luggage to an extensive check in specific lanes.

Based on a detailed analysis of the operational requirements (including ergonomics, security and legal issues) for all types of borders, EFFISEC will focus on four technical key issues: documents and identity check, detection of illicit substances, video surveillance and secured communications.

The technology proposed will be demonstrated for pedestrians, and travellers using cars and buses; standardisation aspects will be considered and results disseminated.

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ESCoRTS

European network for the Security of Control and Real-Time Systems

Project objectives

ESCoRTS is a joint endeavour among EU process industries, utilities, leading manufacturers of control equipment and research institutes, to foster progress towards cyber security of control and communication equipment in Europe. This coordination action will address the need for standardisation in this area (where Europe lags behind other world actors), indicating R&D directions by means of a dedicated roadmap.

ESCoRTS will be a leading force for disseminating best practice on Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) security implementation, ensuring convergence and hastening the standardisation process worldwide, and paving the way to establishing cyber security testing facilities in Europe.

Networked computers reside at the heart of critical infrastructures and systems on which people rely, such as the power grid, the oil & gas infrastructure, water supply networks etc. Today these systems are vulnerable to cyber attacks that can inhibit their operation, corrupt valuable data, or expose private information.

Attacks compromising security of monitoring and control systems may also have negative impact on the safety of personnel, the public and the environment, by causing severe accidents like blackouts, oil spills, release of pollutants in the air, water and soil.

Pressure to ensure cyber security of control and communication systems is strong in the US, where industry sectors - electricity, oil, gas etc. are issuing guidelines and have set up a common platform, the Process Control Systems Forum. There national facilities where to test the security of control and communication components are available. . In the EU, the importance of the issue starts to be recognized as well: vendors and many users are trying to accommodate what emerges as best practice security.

Nevertheless, a common strategy towards standardisation is lacking; the efforts are scattered across industrial sectors and companies. In addition, due to the lack of testing facilities in the EU, manufacturers and operators currently need to resort to US cyber security facilities to verify their products and services.

Description of the work

The key objectives of ESCoRTS include:

- Developing a common understanding of industrial needs and requirements regarding the security of control systems and the related standardisation, accompanied by a raising awareness programme reaching all stakeholders.
- Identifying and disseminating best practice, possibly in a joint endeavour between manufacturers and end users, resulting in a joint capability and technology taxonomy of security solutions.
- Stimulating convergence of current standardisation efforts. Liaising with international efforts and especially with the US Process Control Forum.
- Developing a strategic R&T and standardisation roadmap.
- Developing and deploying a secure ICT platform for the exchange of relevant data among the stakeholders.
- Identifying requirements for appropriate test platforms for the security of process control equipment and applications.

Expected results

ESCoRTS will result in coordinating standardisation efforts in the sector and in paving the way for the development of testing facilities for industrial cyber equipment across Europe.

The consortium is inter-sector, and involves the main EU manufacturers of SCADA equipment under CEN lead, and important SCADA end-users in different processes: power generation, electricity transmission and water management. A stakeholder board including partners from several process areas (power, gas, oil, water, chemicals and petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals) will ensure coherence between, and across, the different stakeholders and activities.

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EULER European software defined radio for wireless joint security operations

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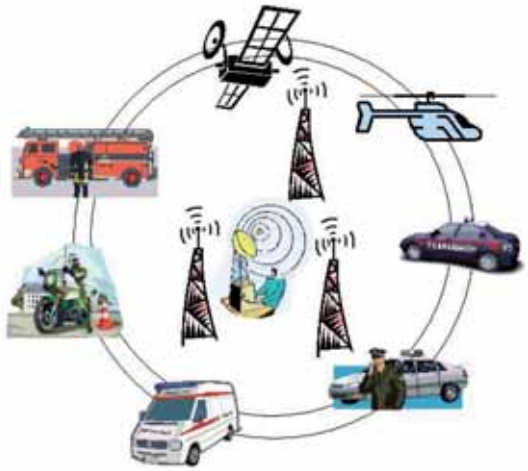

EULER collaborative research project gathers main European actors to demonstrate how the benefits of Software Defined Radio can be leveraged in order to enhance interoperability and fast deployment in case of crisis needed to be jointly resolved.

Project objectives

Communication systems used on field by security organisations constitute major elements enabling restoring security and safety after crisis in an efficient manner. Large scale events necessitate the cooperation between security organisations of different nature and different nations. In connection with a strong group of end-users in Europe, EULER will contribute in proposing a more agile, interoperable, robust communication system supporting a new range of services to its users. In order to achieve these goals, three main components will be combined: a reference high-data-rate radio technique, a communication system architecture allowing integration of heterogeneous radio standards and Software Defined Radio (SDR) as a key enabler for this.

Description of the work

Enable enhanced deployment of protection organisations on a crisis location: groups gathered to operate need their radio systems to coexist and to be inter-connected, with short configuration time. EULER will provide a reference system architecture enabling on-the-field integration of such radio techniques.

Enhance the capabilities of wireless communication systems to enable high-speed communication backbone and also allow emerging types of services (such as on-field video, telemedicine, on-field sensors' values transmission) but also usual PMR ones. To this end, a new reference high-speed radio waveform will be proposed in line with functional, security and operational conditions (e.g urban, rural areas, …).

Provide fully programmable radios via a standardised software interface (Software Defined Radio), allowing to realise the system architecture and reference wireless communication waveform in a software-portable fashion, hence guaranteeing reusability of these elements across platforms from different organisations and suppliers.

EULER approach towards the objectives

The consortium will be dealing with activities of several types. The overarching one will consist of interacting with public-safety organisations to shape and refine operational scenarios and requirements. Analysis, specification and interaction with standardisation bodies will be the basis for implementation in the several areas the project targets. These outcomes will constitute one of the first European demonstrators of interoperability in a civil-crisis situation based on SDR.

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EU-SEC II Coordinating National Research Programmes and Policies on Security at Major Events in Europe

Project objectives

The main objective of EU-SEC II is to facilitate the interaction between different stakeholders in the European technology research, thereby synchronizing efforts, as well as an adequate level of coordination between national and European efforts to achieve cost effective security solutions. The project aims at contributing to the harmonization of national research policies and to the common understanding and identification of needs and priorities among its Partners, all EU national authorities, through the creation of a durable structuring effect of the demand side of the European technology market. Thus, the involved Partners will be able to address the technology suppliers, push the market to effectively react to meet their exigencies. Furthermore, EU-SEC II will be able to elaborate strategic research and technology roadmaps to guide, orientate and underpin European, national and private research programmes and the consequent allocation of funds. The final goal and ambition of EU-SEC II is to assist the creation of a European House of Major Events Security (EHMES), a long-lasting tool at the disposal of EU countries hosting a major event. The EHMES will provide both coordination methodologies and technical assistance, delivering results that will be sustainable over a long period of time and remain useful for EU Member States in future decades.

Description of the work

In order to achieve its objectives, a step by step approach has been devised to implement the various phases of the coordination plan:

Information exchange

›› Providing with a mapping exercise that will ensure the systematic exchange of information on existing national research programmes and policies among Partners.

Strategic activities

›› Exploring complementarities, gaps and barriers to the coordination and management of available human and financial resources of different national research programmes and policies, laying the bases to support the innovation needed thought the development of the project.

Joint activities

›› Producing a common methodology for the joint elaboration of a common research policy, paving the way for the elaboration of a pilot security research and technology strategic roadmap for European, national and private research programmes.

Transnational activities

›› Setting the modalities of concrete response of the EU-SEC II Partners to European and national research priorities and exigencies in the field of security at Major Events, while simultaneously becoming the main interlocutor for the private sector and all other stakeholders involved in the provision of security in Europe.

EU-SEC II Manual

›› Collecting all materials and documents resulting from the implementation of the project in order to provide the International community with a manual of best practices in coordination of research programmes and policies in the field of security at Major Events.

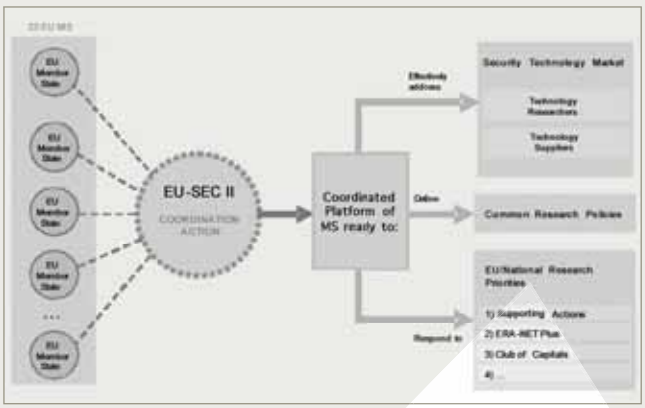
Expected results

›› Harmonization of national research policies.

›› Synchronization of national end-users into a coordinated platform to effectively address other stakeholders' requirements involved in the provision of security at Major Events.

›› Elaboration of a common understanding, identification and ways to respond to research needs and priorities among EU-SEC II Partners and EU national authorities thorough the creation of a durable structuring effect of the demand side of the European technology market.

›› Elaboration of a strategic research roadmap for relevant EU and national institutions.



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EUSECON

A New Agenda for European Security Economics

Project objectives

EUSECON strives to create an analytical framework for complementary research within the discipline of security economics. This framework relates human-induced insecurity (terrorism and organised crime) to other forms of insecurity (industrial accidents, natural disasters, geo-political insecurity) and security measures.

Beyond creating this framework and defining the field of security economics, EUSECON provides policy advice for security policy makers, security research programme makers, and security research analysts. This is achieved by focusing scholarship on the relationships between human-induced insecurity (terrorism and organised crime), security provision, and the prevailing socio-economic policy framework.

EUSECON will investigate the relationship between security, insecurity, and the economy by drawing on the research activities of the project participants, the most relevant European players in this field.

This research capacity has allowed research to focus on the underlying micro-economic processes and resulting macro-economic impacts both conceptually and in the European context.

Description of the work

EUSECON's strategy focuses on utilizing an overarching theoretical framework to relate human-induced security threats, such as terrorism or organised crime, to other forms of insecurity such as natural disasters, industrial accidents, and conflict.

It will employ the following methods:

- Acknowledging Historical Context: The work strategy will revisit occurrences of insecurity in their historical contexts, going beyond identifying the conceptual and practical similarities and differences between forms of insecurity.
- Analyzing Perceptions of Insecurity: Efforts will be focused on understanding the responses of stakeholders of various levels, on differentiating between inter- and intranational conflict, and on understanding the historical notions of insecurity among the different member states of the EU.
- Filling Knowledge Gaps: A research strategy will be implemented that strives to fill data gaps and overcome the current methodological problems in order to account for the economic repercussions of security and insecurity.

Expected results

- A clear research strategy that defines the field of security economics and copes with insecurity and its economic consequences will be developed.
- Knowledge gaps, including those that deal with responses to insecurity at the micro level, will be filled.
- Increased understanding of the costs and benefits of security policies will produce results which can be used to improve policy making in the EU.
- Academic and policy relevant knowledge will be disseminated quickly and efficiently within the European security economics research community, promoting continued study in the area.
- EUSECON developed a conceptual framework for the project as a whole in the first year. Outputs include papers on the definition of security economics, data requirements and availability, a historical mapping of security policies in the EU, and a look at insecurity threats from the policy-maker's perspective. These outputs are disseminated through the Economics of Security Working Paper Series, which can be accessed from the project's website (www.economics-of-security.eu/eusecon).

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FESTOS Foresight of Evolving Security Threats Posed by Emerging Technologies

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Project objectives

New technologies can greatly improve our quality of life, but they may also have a "dark side". What if technologies that we have not yet imagined end up being inadequately used or even intentionally abused?

The objectives of FESTOS are to identify and assess evolving security threats posed by the abuse or inadequate use of emerging technologies and new scientific knowledge and to propose means to reduce their likelihood.

Looking ahead to the year 2030, this foresight study will scan the horizon of fields such as nanotechnologies, biotechnologies and information technologies, as well as capabilities that may emerge from converging technologies.

Possible prevention means and policy measures will be studied in the context of trade-offs between security needs and the freedom of research and knowledge, taking into account shifts in public perceptions of threats and related security issues.

Description of the work

FESTOS is based on three pillars: a) identifying new potentially threatening technologies and fields of techno-science research; b) assessing emerging threats and constructing related scenarios, with appropriate early-warning indicators and c) deriving preparedness measures and policy guidelines.
FESTOS will first identify relevant emerging technologies and new techno-science research areas which may be the source of potential threats. The focus is on five main areas: material science, robotics, nanotechnologies, biotechnologies and information technologies. In addition, relevant technologies may emerge from the convergence of different fields. Emerging and evolving threats will then be evaluated by using various methods:

- Expert surveys to forecast likely onset of threat realization, assign prioritization and project the nature and extent of potential damage and social issues.
- Brainstorming to identify, discuss, classify and assess the potential threats.
- Listing and classifying interesting "weak signals" in order to identify "wild cards": unlikely but highly affecting events.

Specific threat scenarios will be developed that will take societal contexts (e.g. changing perceptions of security) into account, and will pay special attention to potentially high- impact events, even if perceived as very unlikely.

Critical early-warning indicators that hint at the growing likelihood of specific scenarios will be identified. Also, FESTOS will analyse the needs for monitoring and control on the proliferation of knowledge-form R&D activities, taking into account societal and ethical issues in the context of trade-offs between security, human rights and the freedom of research and knowledge creation. A policy workshop will be organised based on FESTOS' results, to be attended by representatives of relevant stakeholder groups.

Policy guidelines and recommendations will be derived for the EU as a whole as well as for its individual member countries.

Expected results

- Awareness of potential threats of specific new technologies.
- Initiation of a foresight process in Europe that continuously scans the unfolding technology landscape in anticipation of evolving threats.
- Alternative scenarios that outline future impacts of security threats with special attention to low likelihood but high- impact events.
- Identification of "early warning signals" that might hint at the growing likelihood of unforeseen scenarios.
- Policy guidelines aiming at novel means of preparedness for future threats.

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FORESEC

Europe's evolving security: drivers, trends and scenarios

Project objectives

The objective of FORESEC is to tie together the multiple threads of existing work on the future of European security so as to provide more cogent guidance, orientation and structure for all future security-related research activities. It aims to enhance the shared understanding of the complex global and societal nature of European security, in order to pre-empt novel threats and capture technological opportunities. In particular, FORESEC seeks to identify security responses in which there is particular added-value and shared interest to work at the European level.

FORESEC is targeted to provide critical policy support and advice for security researchers and decision-makers, including the European Security Research and Innovation Forum (ESRIF), with a view to providing recommendations in the medium-to-long-term timeframe. Due to the nature of support actions, FORESEC also produces results relevant to policy matters and the broader security policy community.

FORESEC forms a pan-European network for European security foresight and helps foster societal debate on European security and security research.

Description of the work

FORESEC achieves its results through a participatory process aimed at deepening the dialogue within European societies on security issues and by nurturing broad, pan-European participation by including stakeholders from governments, universities, the private sector and civil society in EU Member States.

FORESEC employs the following methods:

›› Desk study:
A state-of-the-art scan of security and security research in 12 selected EU Member States and an analysis of the global context of European security are conducted to provide a common basis for the participatory foresight process.

›› Participatory foresight methods
A kick-off workshop initiated public debate on European security and provided commentary and validation of state-of-the-art findings regarding threats and drivers. The workshop also produced statements on security and the security technologies that were used in the Delphi survey.

Delphi: FORESEC engaged a broad range of experts and stakeholders through the Delphi survey which was carried out in two rounds online. The objective of survey was to identify future trends relevant to European security that go beyond what is generally known. The survey focused on societal trends in Europe and their relevance to security; global trends with a major impact on EU security; technologies and innovations related to European security; and the creation of a European conception of security. The results of the Delphi survey were further systematically analysed and evaluated. An analytical framework for the assessment of security challenges and their drivers was developed and used as input for the scenario analysis.

Scenario analysis: Scenario analysis involves a small multidisciplinary group of experts in six selected countries. The scenario analysis aims to help to understand the specific threats that might manifest themselves in the lives of European citizens and to identify national and European level policy options that can prevent, counter and mitigate the threats and identify security gaps. The analysis is based on five to six threats that emerged as most prominent in the Delphi survey and which clearly represent a European consensus with European dimensions. The scenario analysis will reveal societal and ethical challenges as well as possible technological opportunities.

Expected results

The concrete results of the project are:

- A series of reports: global and country reports, Delphi report, trend-assessment reports, drivers and threats, scenario descriptions and analysis, technological opportunities and a final summary report,
- An interactive website,
- Vision-building and dissemination events,
- Increased public interaction and involvement as a stakeholder in the process.

The more intangible outcomes of the project include:

- Enhanced networks, i.e. creating, expanding and maintaining networks of people and organisations from different sectors working with security issues across Europe,
- The development of a consensus and a shared vision regarding European security,
- Creation of a foresight culture on European security,
- Integration of Foresight results into the European Security Research, policy programmes and national programmes.

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FRESP

Advanced First Response Respiratory Protection

Project objectives

Protection against terrorism is one of the major issues of this programme. If an incident occurs, despite precautions taken to prevent incidents at all, it is important to reduce the consequences, i.e. to minimise the effects of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) attacks.

The objective of the project is to create the network of scientists and research institutions, who will develop a broad-spectrum, low-burden, tailor-made nanoporous adsorbent, with the aim to integrate the two main areas of protection (versus chemical warfare agents and versus toxic industrial chemicals) without a significant loss of capacity in either of them. It will also integrate features that are not at all (certainly not explicitly) available in the current state-of-the-art adsorbents: protection against radioactive gases and against biological threats.

This integration requires an in-depth study of mutual effects of impregnates and impregnation methods, as well as ways to diminish the deleterious effect of water vapour on the adsorption capacity. Moreover, the possibility of commercialisation procedure of the new adsorbents will be investigated.

Description of the work

The primary goal of this project is the development of broad-spectrum low-burden respiratory protection systems for first responders. The first step in this process is developing novel nanoporous sorbents, combined with new or existing types of additives for chemisorption, possibly in combination with catalytic conversion, to neutralise weakly adsorbed components.
The new nanoporous adsorbents and additives can be integrated or can be combined in mixtures or separate layers. Specific tasks have been selected in order to meet project objectives:

1. Nanoporous adsorbent development

- Development of nanoporous adsorbent materials with increased protection against toxic industrial chemicals (TIC) such as ammonia and highly volatile organics, chemical warfare agents, radiological and biological threats.
- Development of materials with low burden in weight and breathing resistance.
- Health and safety examination of the sorbents (flammability, ecotoxicity, mechanical resistance, etc.).

2. Evaluation and optimisation of adsorbent performance

- Establishment of the relation between the structural characteristics and interfacial properties of the adsorbent's performance. Application of Model predictive control (MPC) to optimise the preparation conditions in order to achieve the required optimum structure and performance.

3. System development

- Development of a new gas mask canister and protective hood, both based on the new nanoporous adsorbent.

4. System evaluation and optimisation of the performance

- Determination of the optimum characteristics for the advanced respiratory protection systems.
- Optimisation of the filter and hood systems.

5. Economic feasibility and manufacturability, exploitation and dissemination, IPR policy

- Examination of viability of a full scale production of the nanoporous adsorbent, the filter canister and the hood.

Expected results

The final product will have to respond to the following requirements:

- Effective protection against chemical warfare agents.
- Effective protection against a wide range of toxic chemicals, with special attention to ammonia and highly volatile organic compounds.
- Supplementary protection against radioactive gases.
- Supplementary protection against biological hazards (essentially bacteria, viruses and their toxins).
- Low specific weight.
- Low pressure drop over a bed of the adsorbent.
- Limited negative influence of ambient air on immediate performance and ageing effects of the impregnations.

INFORMATION

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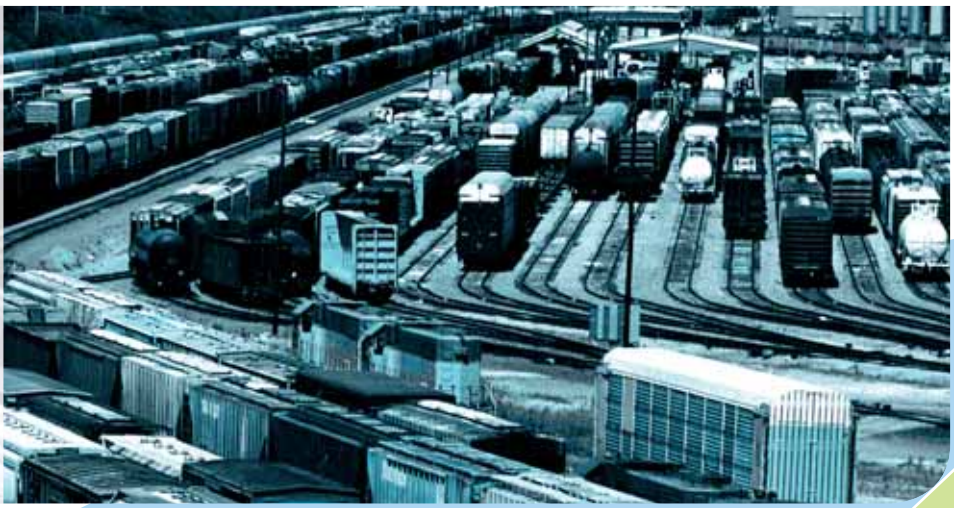
GLOBE
Global Border Environment



Project objectives

The GLOBE project will provide a comprehensive framework in which an integrated border management system must be developed. The project will take into account the current and future technological environment.

Additionally, GLOBE's scope reaches even further by looking into other key aspects of border management beyond isolated technology, such as the legal and political environment, the social and economic impact of border issues and, more specifically, the impact on information management and integration.

The GLOBE is meant to cover the full scope of an integrated border management system, moving throughout the four main layers of border control, namely, country of origin, transit areas, regulated and unregulated border lines and internal territory.

As a result, GLOBE will identify what already exists, what is being done, what needs to be improved, how to integrate all the information together and how to present it so it proves useful for all relevant EU and national institutions to make better decisions for dealing with issues of such importance as illegal immigration and movements of illegal goods and materials.

Description of the work

The main objective of GLOBE is to provide the best route to achieve a global border environment by identifying the synergies between current and future systems while analysing the potential pitfalls that may hinder this coordination, thereby providing authorities with the best information possible for decision making.

The GLOBE will provide a comprehensive Roadmap that will include the political and legal situation on border security, and the steps to achieve a situation of full coordination between institutions, where political and strategic EU border management decisions have a supranational nature, but can also be translated into operational and tactical actions depending on each border's specific situation and problems.

In order to achieve this goal, the GLOBE concept has been developed from the following foundations:

- Knowledge of the problems from the user's perspective. Addressing border problems from their point of view is key in obtaining useful information for the roadmap.
- Consortium's extensive hands-on experience in border management projects. All the companies in the consortium have vast experience in working with the end users on the day to day challenge of border management.
- Integration as the driving force. The challenge in this project is not how to improve individual technologies, but rather to understand what they provide and create a framework for their interaction.
- Move beyond technology. Threats such as illegal immigration and smuggling of illegal goods and materials must be considered.
- The Broad border framework. Country of origin, transit areas, regulated and unregulated border lines and internal territory.

Expected results

By following this approach, GLOBE will identify the best route to achieve a global border environment by taking advantage of the synergy between current and future systems thereby providing authorities with the best information possible for decision making.

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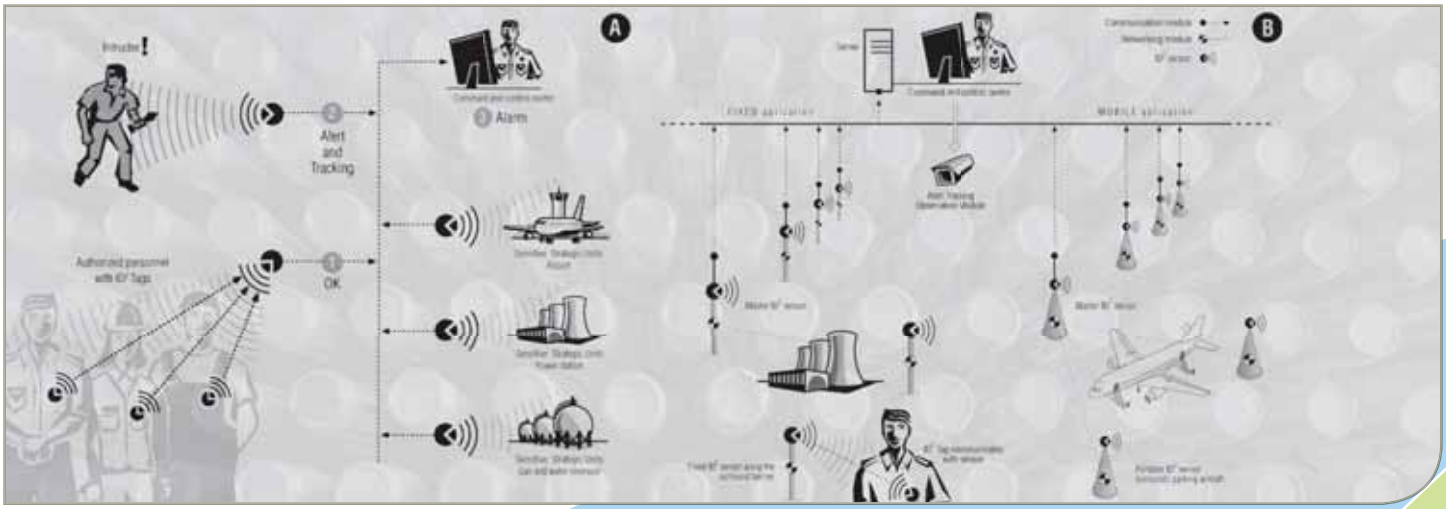
iDetecT 4ALL

Novel Intruder Detection and Authentication Optical Sensing Technology



Project objectives

The limited sensing capabilities as well as the very high costs of existing security equipment imposes a barrier to implement necessary security means for all critical infrastructures, especially those having budget constraints. The iDetecT goal is to develop innovative optical intruder sensing and authentication technologies that will significantly improve security systems performance, available at an affordable cost, leading to the widespread availability of affordable security, allowing more protection for infrastructures. The iDetecT project will develop a novel photonic sensing technology based on an innovative approach using ultra low cost electro-optical components. This technology allows both detection and authentication of objects by a single sensor, which dramatically improves the performance and reliability of the security system.

This innovative approach is enabled by recently invented very advanced digital signal processing (DSP) techniques that enable distance measurement using continuous modulated light signals (invisible to humans) and requires far less optical power than existing laser scanning technologies. The result will be increased performance with reduced cost for reliable intruder detection.

Description of the work

This technology will detect the presence of objects (human beings, vehicles, goods), inside or in the surrounding area of restricted critical infrastructures. It will identify authorized objects and will alert if an unauthorized object is found within the protected zone. For this purpose, the following Research and Technological Development (RTD) activities will be undertaken:

- The development of ultra sensitive optical sensing and detection technology, using the same photonic methodology. This sensing technology will enable a highly robust indoor and outdoor remote intruder detection technique and remote scanning of optical tags. The sensor and tag will also use the common technology basis for optical communication between the tag and the sensor for authentication data exchange.
- The research and development of optical tagging technology, that will be based on the above mentioned photonic methodology. These tags will be attached to objects for their remote identification and authentication.
- The development of other technological components necessary to complement the sensing and tagging technologies including: alert tracking, networking and communication.

The work plan includes field trials using a prototype system combining the technology components that will be developed. The field trial will be carried out to verify and validate the usefulness and effectiveness of the technologies under real world conditions.
The Field trial prototype system will present an "end to end" security application, integrating the following components:

- An array of multiple ID2 sensors, capable of detecting intruder objects and reading the optical ID (OPID) tags within the field of view,
- Multiple ID tags for identification, that will be attached to authorized objects;
- Server hosting situational awareness algorithms and software capable of alerting predefined threats and tracking them;
- An electro-optical alert tracking observation module that will be directed to any unauthorised object detected, and will be used to track and observe the object being identified as a potential threat;
- Threat alerts display at a command and control room for the security operator;
- Low cost communication and networking units, for the interconnections of the prototype components.

Expected results

The solution will have the following capabilities:

- Remote detection of static and moving objects within a predetermined field of view.
- Remote scanning and authentication of optical ID tags (OPID).
- Threat identification, tracking and observation.
- 24 hour operational capability in all lighting and weather conditions.
- Inherent immunity to natural phenomena causing false alarms.
- Minimal power consumption and therefore compatible and easily installable in existing security installations using existing infrastructure.
- Maintenance free design.

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IMSK
Integrated Mobile Security Kit

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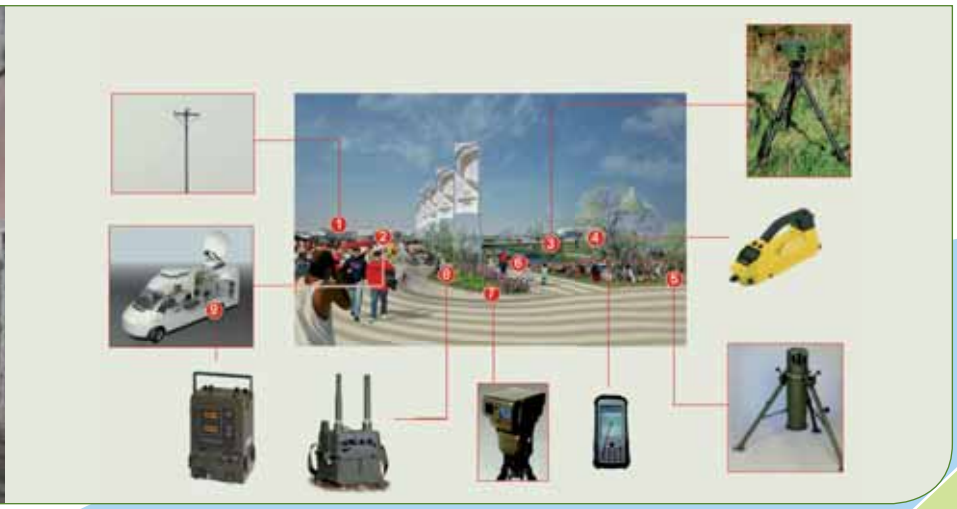

Project objectives

The Integrated Mobile Security Kit (IMSK) project aims at increasing the security of citizens in the scope of events gathering a large number of people, such as medium to large scale sports events (from football games to the Olympic Games), political summits (G8 summit) etc. The security related to these types of events with intense mass media coverage has indeed become an increasing concern due to new threats of terrorism and criminal activities (such as suicide bombers, improvised explosive devices, increasingly credible CBRN threats).

To counter this situation, new systems are needed that can cover various security aspects and allow for cooperation between different stakeholders. The systems need to be mobile and adaptable in order to address situations of different kinds and different locations. The main objective of the proposed project is the study, development, assessment and promotion of such a system, the IMSK, providing emerging solutions for increased probability of rapid detection and response to threats.

Description of the work

The Integrated Mobile Security Kit (IMSK) project will combine technologies for area surveillance, checkpoint control, also CBRNE detection and support for VIP protection into a mobile system for rapid deployment at venues and sites (hotels, sport/festival arenas, etc) which temporarily need enhanced security. The IMSK accepts input from a wide range of sensor modules, either legacy systems or new devices brought in for a specific occasion. Sensor data will be integrated through a (secure) communication module and a data management module and output to a command & control centre.

IMSK will have an advanced man-machine interface using intuitive symbols and a simulation platform for training. End-users will define the overall system requirements, ensuring compatibility with pre-existing security systems and procedures. IMSK will be compatible with new sensors for threat detection and validation, including cameras (visual & infra-red), radar, acoustic and vibration, x-ray and gamma radiation and CBRNE.

Tracking of goods, vehicles and individuals will enhance situational awareness and personal integrity will be maintained by the use of, for example non-intrusive terahertz sensors. To ensure the use of appropriate technologies, police and counter-terrorist operatives from several EU nations have been involved in defining the project in relevant areas.

Close cooperation with end-users will ensure compatibility with national requirements and appropriate interfaces with existing procedures. The effectiveness of IMSK will be verified through field trials. Through IMSK, security of the citizen will be enhanced even in asymmetric situations.

Expected results

The project will employ legacy and novel sensor technologies, design a demonstrable system (IMSK) that will integrate sensor information to provide a common operational picture where information is fused into intelligence. A Privacy Impact Assessment will be performed to ensure that both system design and utilisation guidelines take fully account of privacy and related civil liberty issues. A field trial will be performed to validate the concept and demonstrate the functions of the system and the result of the research performed.

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INFORMATION

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INDECT Intelligent information system supporting observation, searching and detection for security of citizens in urban environment

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Project objectives

The main objectives of the INDECT project are:

- to develop a platform for the registration and exchange of operational data, acquisition of multimedia content, intelligent processing of all information and automatic detection of threats and recognition of abnormal behaviour or violence,
- to develop the prototype of an integrated, network-centric system supporting the operational activities of police officers, providing techniques and tools for observation of various mobile objects,
- to develop a new type of search engine combining direct search of images and video based on watermarked contents and the storage of metadata in the form of digital watermarks, and
- to develop a set of techniques supporting surveillance of internet resources, analysis of the acquired information and detection of criminal activities and threats.

Description of the work

While **taking fully into account privacy issues,** the INDECT project's main aim is the elaboration of a concept, method and technology for intelligent monitoring of objects and urban areas for the purpose of automatic detection of threats related to crime, terrorism and violence acts. The INDECT system will contain many novel solutions based on multimedia technologies and intelligent monitoring of objects and areas. The INDECT concept of the multimedia platform assumes the elaboration of a distributed system whose principal element is an autonomous node station designed for the purposes defined in the project. The automatic data acquisition station will be used to acquire data, signals and images from the surveyed area, then to pre-process the data intelligently and transmit the gathered information to the remote servers. The distributed data processing system, provided with huge computational power and a vast repository of knowledge connected also to a spatial information system, will be programmed in a way that will allow the automatic detection of behaviours that could pose a potential threat to security and safety.

The integral part of the INDECT proposed research consists of the integration of security systems with emergent wireless communication systems and self-organizing computer networks in order to achieve their interoperability for extraction, processing, distribution and supporting of security information on citizens of urban environments. INDECT plans to carry out the research in several parallel directions:

- monitoring of various people clusters and detection of abnormal behaviour and situations of danger,
- development and evaluation of complex multimodal biometric procedures and systems for people authentication/verification (e.g. in schools, hospitals, offices, etc.) and for people recognition/identification (e.g. in order to determine guilty persons in chosen situations of danger),
- intelligence gathering from the web and monitoring of suspicious activities in the Internet,
- development of automatic people-notification services using emergent wireless communication systems and self-organizing computer networks, and
- development of watermarking technology and new type of search engine.

Expected results

The main expected results of the INDECT project are:

- to realise a trial installation of the monitoring and surveillance system in various points of city agglomeration,
- implementation of a distributed computer system that is capable of acquisition, storage and effective sharing,
- construction of a semantic search engine for fast detection of persons and documents based on watermarking,
- construction of a network of agents assigned to continuous and automatic monitoring of public resources, and
- elaboration of internet based intelligence gathering system, both active and passive.

INFORMATION

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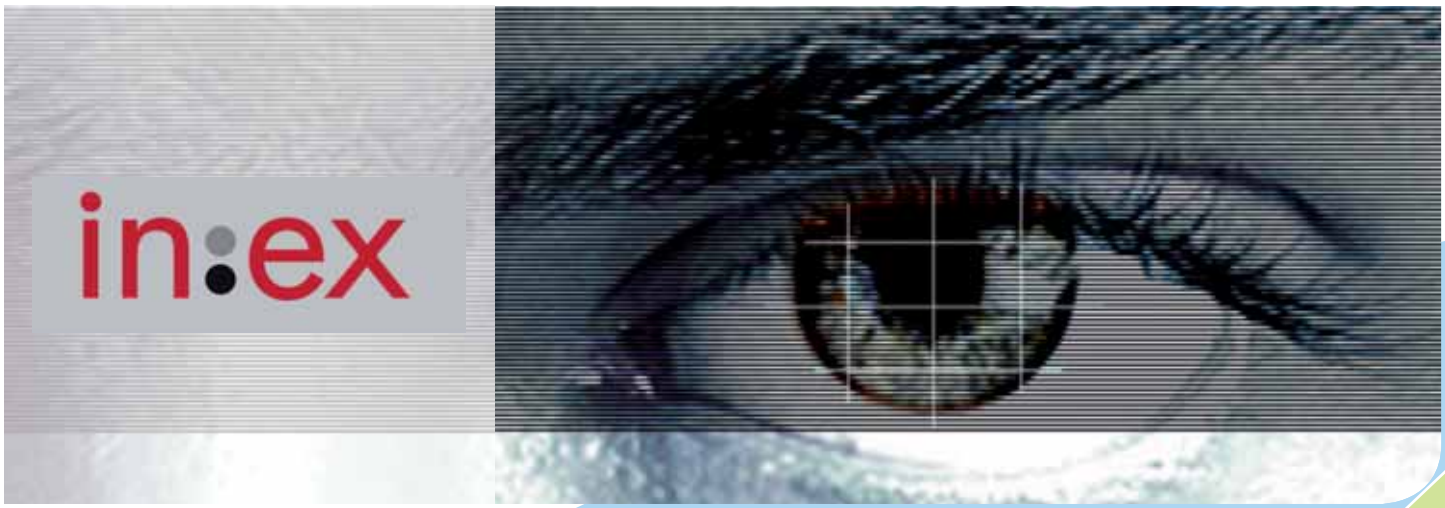
INEX Converging and Conflicting Ethical Values in the Internal/External Security Continuum in Europe



Project objectives

The interdisciplinary project INEX is designed to contribute to existing understandings of European security through an innovative analysis of the value based premises and ethical consequences of the internal/external security continuum.

This security continuum results from the blurring of the demarcation between external and internal security questions, as external security authorities seek to locate threats in the internal security sphere and traditional internal authorities pursue security threats externally.

While this continuum is studied in ongoing research, it contains essential value assumptions and ethical consequences that remain largely under-theorised, with significant consequences for both European policy and law-making.

The aim of the project is to fill this lacuna by supplementing current research with an ethical and value-oriented analysis.

INEX advances and tests the hypothesis that:

- Practices that make up the internal/external security continuum are driven by an implicit logic of ethical values,
- these values contribute significantly to structuring the continuum of security practices, and
- they consequently have significant implications for how present and future security policy should be formulated and implemented.

Description of the work

The scientific research proposed by INEX is structured in two main phases.

Phase I will seek to document, clarify and analyze the ethical value assumptions implicit in four main dimensions of internal/external security practice:

- the proliferation of security technologies for surveillance and border control,
- the transnational legal dilemmas of European security practice,
- the proliferation and shifting roles of security professionals, and
- the ethical implications of CFSP/EDSP implementation and its linkages to internal security challenges.

This phase of the research provides the initial conceptualisation of these themes, developed from the empirical examination of security practices in Europe.

Phase II will articulate and evaluate the above ethical themes relative to the provisional results and future ambitions of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) by examining in detail six representative countries covered by the ENP (Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Morocco, Algeria and Egypt). The ENP is today the most comprehensive institutional response to the deepening internal/external security continuum described above. It politically links the non-military dimensions of the new security concept – immigration, narcotics and human trafficking, pandemic, energy, resources, terrorism, etc. – to the geopolitical challenges of the CFSP.

The ENP will serve as the lens through which the geopolitical adaptability of the internal/external security continuum, and the security practices described by the four themes above, is tested on a comparative geographical basis.

This work will serve both as a set of transversal test cases evaluating the validity of the principles produced by PHASE I and will contribute to correcting and expanding the relationship between ethical values and security.

Expected results

The state-of-the-art research carried out by the project will result in a variety of different outputs aimed primarily at relevant policymakers, researchers and educators. It will present analyses of current security challenges with particular attention given to the human side of the issues. On this basis it will make informed policy recommendations for improving security practices and meeting the new challenges of the internal/external security continuum.

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INFRA

Innovative & Novel First Responders Applications

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Project objectives

The fundamental objective of the INFRA project is to research and develop novel technologies for personal digital support systems, as part of an integral and secure emergency management system to support First Responders in crises occurring in Critical Infrastructures under all circumstances.

The specific objectives of the project fall under the following categories:

- Communications objectives, which involve the research and development of an integral and interoperable wireless communications system that will allow First Responders to have reliable means of communications as they enter subway tunnels and buildings with thick concrete walls.
- First Responders objectives, which entail the R&D of a robust indoor-site navigation system based on three location sensors (an inertial sensor, a wireless sensor and a video sensor), a video annotation system for First Responder PDAs, sensors for real time identification of radiation exposure and hazardous materials and applications for gas leakage and hidden fire detection.
- Standardization objectives, which includes R&D of a European level proposal for the standardization of the framework of communications and applications as proposed by INFRA.
- Demonstration objectives, which consist on the demonstration of the validity of INFRA's standards, communications and First Responder applications being developed.

Description of the work

The work to be developed is comprised of the following areas:

The Critical Infrastructure Broadband Communications Base area will cover advanced wireless broadband network technology that is specially adapted to the needs of First Responder teams in Critical Infrastructure sites. The network shall support video, data and voice communications and it will consist of multi-radio mesh topology with self- adaptive and self-healing functionality.
The Critical Infrastructure Open Interoperability Standard area will cover the development of a highly dynamic system of systems made up of elements that interact with each other in unplanned and spontaneous ways. It will also cover the development of a First Responder oriented network-programming platform that will implement the systems-of-systems nature of First Responder applications and communications.
In addition, the abstraction level provided by this communication layer will be able to support future applications that will conform to the INFRA specifications, aiming to lay the foundation for a European First Responder interoperability standard.
The Communications Space will provide an unprecedented level of interoperability for voice and data communications. All First Responder teams, First Responder command posts and the Critical Infrastructure control centre, regardless of their radio technology, will be able to communicate with each other. Furthermore, First Responders will be able to use their legacy equipment inside buildings with thick concrete walls and in underground tunnels, where typically radio RF propagation is impaired. The Application Space will provide novel technologies and applications for the use of First Responders in Critical Infrastructure sites. These shall be Site Indoor Navigation (based on inputs from three independent tracking sources for increased reliability and accuracy), Thermal imaging (including gas-leaks detection and hidden-fire detection), Advanced Sensors (robust and lightweight fibre optic based sensors for the detection of hazardous materials) and Video Annotation (annotated with symbols and graphical components through dedicated authoring tools and short textual descriptions that aim at focusing the attention of the First Responder on a specific part of the picture).

Expected results

To create an open, standards based interoperability layer that will allow:
- Broadband access for high bandwidth applications.
- Autonomous wireless broadband in underground tunnels and concrete buildings.
- Full voice and data communication interoperability between all First Responder teams.
- Full interoperability of First Responder applications.

To provide practical and useful novel applications for First Responder teams, including:
- Thermal imaging applications.
- Video annotation.
- Advanced fibre-optic sensors.
- Indoor navigation system.

INFORMATION

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LOTUS

Localization of Threat Substances in Urban Society

Project objectives

The overall objective of the LOTUS project is to develop a new anti-terrorism tool for law enforcement agencies in the form of an integrated surveillance system for continuous chemical background monitoring with fixed site and/or mobile detectors in order to identify "chemical hotspots", such as bomb or drug factories.

The LOTUS project aims to create a system by which illicit production of explosives and drugs can be detected during the production stage rather than preventing terrorist attacks while they are already in motion, which is extremely difficult.

The LOTUS concept is aimed at detecting chemical signatures over a wide urban area. The detectors may be placed at fixed positions although most detectors should be mobile. These distributed detectors continuously sample air while its carrier performs its daily work. When a suspicious substance is detected in elevated amounts, information about the type, location, amount and time is registered and sent to a data collection and evaluation centre for analysis. Several indications in the same area will trigger an alert, enabling law enforcement agencies to further investigate and respond.

Description of the work

The goal of LOTUS is to use an innovative approach to monitor illicit production of explosives and drugs, thus stopping terrorist attacks at an early stage and preventing produced drugs to get as far as the street.

A number of key components necessary to achieve the goal have been identified: knowledge of the threat and dispersion of threat substances, sensors for their detection, system communication, information management, testing & verification and a field demonstration. Continuous communication with end users is planned as well as a field demonstration at the end of the project.

The project aims at demonstrating system capability by the modification of existing sensors and sensors in development in order to detect selected precursors and integrating the sensors in a network system using existing technology. By using existing global infrastructures for positioning (GPS) and networking (GSM, GPRS or 3G) the LOTUS system can be used more or less anywhere in the world at relatively small cost for supporting installations and extra personnel. Special attention will be given to secure communication.

In order to interpret and present the results it is also necessary to learn how chemicals around an illicit production site are dispersed by full-scale measurements and modeling.

Expected results

The threat of terrorist attacks is a very real concern for citizens in many parts of Europe. Today there is no detection system that focuses on the production phase of explosives. A system like LOTUS would allow law enforcement agencies to become proactive, to act during a phase where there is low threat to citizens and thus prevent production during a time where alternative response actions can be exploited. The same system could also be used for combating organized crime by detecting if drug production.

INFORMATION

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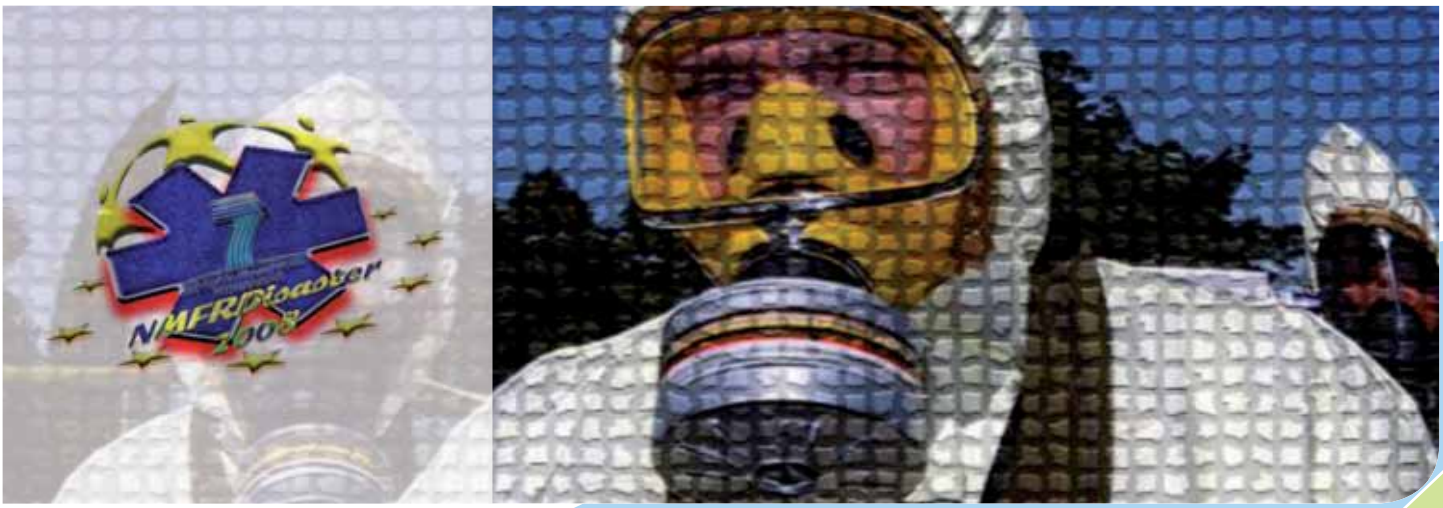
NMFRDisaster

Identifying the Needs of Medical First Responders in Disasters



Project objectives

Manmade, as well as natural disasters occur more and more often. The medical response is an initial component of the overall response. Medical First Responders are presented daily with new and more complex challenges while preparing for and responding to those disasters.

The objective of the project is to identify the needs of the first responders in five key areas, and to match those needs with existing knowledge, technology and products. The end product of the project will be a roadmap, suggested to the European Commission Enterprise General Directorate, pointing out areas where future Research and Developments activities are required.

The 5 Areas are:

1. Training Methodology and Technology
2. The Human Impact of Disasters
3. Law and ethics
4. Personal Protective Equipment
5. Use of Blood and Blood Components in Disasters

Description of the work

The work will be achieved through research activities conducted by the partners in charge, followed by workshops and a final report.

The research aim is to map existing know how and products, as well as lessons learned from real incidents. Then 5 workshops will be conducted. For each subject one workshop will be organised.

During the workshop the results of the research will be presented, and the needs of the first responders will be identified. As a result, a map of needs not covered by current knowledge and products will emerge. The final step will be to prioritise the identified needs. The final report will identify and prioritise the different needs identified as requiring further R&D.

The medical first responders will be invited to the workshops, along with experts in the field and representatives from the industry.

This project is unique since it brings together first responders from different realities in Europe, and the Middle East (Israelis and Palestinians). This broad view of realities, experiences and needs, with be further strengthen through the responders and experts who will be invited to participate in the workshops (Such as the Austrian Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent, experts from Sarajevo).

The aim of this broad view is to ensure a real European perspective of the work, followed by a real contribution to achieving the of European goal safer communities.

Since this project involves first responders that have never been involved before in EU funded projects, a strong European network will be built, enabling exchange of experience and best practices along with interaction with research institutions, thus focusing researchers on the real needs of the field.

Expected results

The Direct result of this project will be a report suggesting areas where R&D activities are required, in order to have better response capacities, which result in better prepared European Communities. Besides the direct result, the following results are also expected:

- Building a strong network of Medical First Responders, with a broad view of different realities.
- Partnerships between First Responders and research institutes, thus focusing future activities more on identified needs. Giving an opportunity to the European Industry to have a real added value by meeting needs emerging from the grass root level.
- Involving organisations in Europe that did not participate so far in EU activities, in such projects.

In an overall view, in this project a real European impact is expected, providing an opportunity to new players to be involved in EU activities, building a strong network, that should result in cooperation between the end users and industry / researchers, and technology that will be more driven to meet the needs of the field.

INFORMATION

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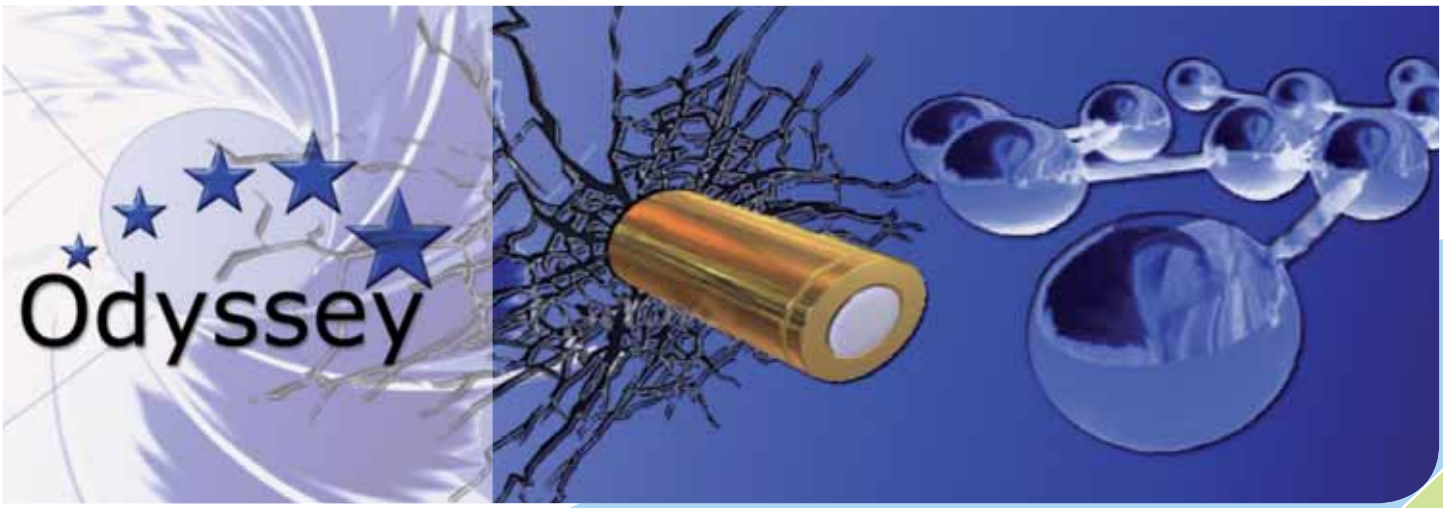
ODYSSEY Strategic Pan-European Ballistics Intelligence Platform for Combating Organised Crime and Terrorism



The threat from organised crime and terrorism can undermine the democratic and economic basis of societies. The result is a weakening of institutions and loss of confidence in the rule of law. The Odyssey project will undertake research to design and develop a secure interoperable situation awareness platform for the EU to combat organised crime and terrorism. The Platform will have the ability for information to be obtained using advanced semantic knowledge extraction and data-mining techniques to facilitate fast , responsible decision making. The benefits will be mutual co-operation, security and sustainability across the EU.

Project Objectives

To develop a secure interoperable platform for automated information analysis to combat organised crime and terrorism:

- Create European Standards for ballistics data collection, storage and sharing.
- Secure interoperable platform for ballistic information management.
- Automated sharing, processing, and analysis of ballistic data.
- Ability to undertake data-mining and knowledge extraction to tackle organised crime and terrorism across the EU. This will allow com-plex conclusions to be generated for appropriate and fast decision making.
- Ability to exploit automated and semi-automated data processing techniques. This will have the capability to generate a 'Red Flag' situation awareness alert.
- New and improved methods for comparison of micro- and nano-forensics that supplement current approaches.
- The ability for EU Member States to manage security, access and report in cost effective ways.
- Enhance mutual co-operation, security and sustainability across the EU.

Description of the Work

The project is divided into seven work packages. This includes work packages for management and dissemination.

The project technical work packages will consist of the following:

- Intelligence Ballistic data capture and knowledge extraction.
- Ballistic risk management process support.
- Extended interoperability layer for semantically managing the Odyssey platform.

The realisation of the above will result in:

- Acquiring integrated data including future multimedia sources and enriching data through a semantically enhanced meta-database.
- Developing knowledge extraction algorithms and defining methodologies for mining and pattern discovery.
- Setting up a ballistic prediction, detection, and monitoring tool.
- Building an info-broker ballistic framework for knowledge process modelling.
- Creating a policy driven data exchange platform.

Expected Results

The Odyssey project will deliver a framework that will create a management ballistics information platform within the EU. Proposed outcome:

- An ICT platform for the sharing of ballistic firearms information.
- Improvements in the ballistics data warehousing technologies for investigation purposes.
- The ability to transmit ballistic images and access files across European security organisations.
- The ability to advance in querying, knowledge extraction and intelligence sharing.
- The exploitation of legacy systems.

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OPERAMAR

An InterOPERAble Approach to European Union MARitime Security Management

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Project objectives

OPERAMAR Support Action is meant to provide the foundations for pan-European Maritime Security Awareness, as prescribed by the Maritime Policy, by addressing the insufficient interoperability of European and national assets and generating unified data models for seamless exchange, addressing the hurdles raised by the existing different behavioural, organisational, and cultural issues.

It is today recognized, that effective management of Maritime Security activities by the EU requires the capability to collect and fuse available data into a common picture of the relevant maritime environment to be shared among the organizations of participating Member States.

OPERAMAR, networking the competence of national users belonging to EU Member States and Associated countries, European agencies and industrial partners all actively involved in the Maritime domain, will:

- Grasp a better knowledge of Maritime Security users needs and their organizations and define interoperability models and analyse the associated issues, taking into consideration the challenging characteristics of the organizational environment in which they will be implemented,
- develop common interoperability requirements and translate them into technical requirements, and
- study the consequences and recommend a relevant strategic research roadmap.

Description of the project

OPERAMAR will consist in the establishment of an EU and Associated Countries network of maritime stakeholders, that will identify interoperability challenges, for improving operational coordination.

This study will promote cross fertilization into organizations, structures and systems and will provide, as a result, common requirements and guidelines, to increase situation awareness in maritime environment.

OPERAMAR will also suggest to the EC recommendations in terms of future research programmes, projects and new standards.

OPERAMAR partners have achieved to date 35 visits of Maritime Surveillance Operational Centres of all nature in EU and Turkey, getting direct operator's feddback and observing current tools and procedures in action. They have also presented the project in several workshops, congresses and Maritime Events.

The present situation shows high level of fragmentation, due to many factors: different national procedures, legislations and systems in place, different levels of command and decision making.

OPERAMAR will fill an important gap to solve this issue, by supporting the definition of common requirements and operational procedures, as well as new interoperability standards, at the EU level, that should be adopted at national and local level.

From the analysis of the present situation, the stakeholders network will identify the key interoperability challenges, that will produce significant improvements on the operational performances. The effectiveness of the methodological results will be tested in three scenarios, Mediterranean, Black Sea and Atlantic Ocean (Canary Islands).

Then, the OPERAMAR will translate these interoperability requirements, into guideline for technical requirements, common architectures and systems specifications.

This will include suggestions for improvements in the compatibility of all interfaces for data-exchanges. The ultimate goal is to achieve a common picture of the situations, supporting the end-users decision making process.

OPERAMAR strategic roadmap will describe the evolution of an interoperable approach to the European Union maritime security management from the multiple perspective of organizations, institutions, legislation and regulations.

It will identify priority areas for additional security research to facilitate the development at Regional and European levels. The roadmap will contribute to future FP7 and other European security linked activities taking into account the work of the ESRIF.

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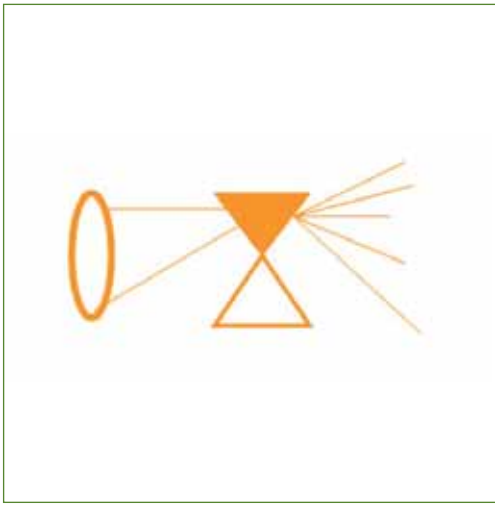
OPTIX

Optical Technologies for Identification of Explosives



Project objectives

Terrorism, as evidenced by recent tragic events (Madrid 2004, London 2005, New York 2001), is a real and growing threat to Europe and the world. Attacks using Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) appear in the news every day. More than 60% of terrorist attacks are carried out by the use of such explosive devices.

Security forces demand new tools to fight against this threat. One of the most demanded capabilities by end users is that of standoff detection and identification of explosives. Today's technologies are not able to provide these capabilities with the required minimum reliability.

The objective of the project is to contribute to increasing the security of the European citizens by the development of a transportable system for the standoff detection and identification of explosives in real scenarios at distances of around 20 metres (sensor to target), using alternative or simultaneous analysis by three different complementary optical technologies (LIBS, RAMAN, IR).

Description of the work

The project activities of OPTIX have been broken down in ten work packages and distributed along 42 months.

OPTIX will perform important progress beyond the state of the art in three different ways:

- Specific developments regarding the individual core technologies (LIBS, RAMAN and IR) for standoff detection and identification of explosives
- Specific developments of the enabling technologies being addressed in the project: lasers, spectrometry, optics and data fusion and analysis
- Integration of all technological developments onto a single system to leverage and enhance the individual capabilities for the standoff detection and identification of explosives

First stage will be dedicated to the System Definition. The project consortium will perform a focused research on the core optical technologies addressed by the project. Scenarios and system requirements will be defined. This is a key stage for the success and final usefulness of the system from the end user's point of view. Workshops with end users will be organised.

Technology development of LIBS, RAMAN, IR (core technologies) and laser, spectrometry, optics and data fusion (enabling technologies) will follow.

Phase three is System Integration, where a single platform will be developed.

Testing will be carried out in laboratories and also in real environment scenarios, adequately supported by end users. Evaluation of results will follow.

Dissemination and Exploitation will provide information of the project's activities, performance and results both at public and restricted levels, as well as definition and carrying out the initial exploitation of the outcomes and foreground of OPTIX. Workshops with end users and other potential stakeholders will take place.

Expected results

- Improved capabilities of LIBS, RAMAN and IR for the detection of explosives at standoff distances
- Enhanced spectrometrics for an Integrated OPTIX system.
- Advanced data fusion and chemometrics algorithms.
- A technology demonstrator capable of detecting explosive traces at distances of 20 metres.
- Demonstrated capabilities of the developed system to end users and to additional stakeholders as needed.

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SAFE-COMMS Counter-Terrorism Crisis Communications Strategies for Recovery and Continuity

Project objectives

The goal of the project is to help public authorities in Europe better reacting to terror crises by providing effective communication strategies for the aftermath of terror attacks. Such attacks take place when least expected, as terrorists search for vulnerable targets across Europe and seek to spread fear and panic.

A terror attack instantly becomes breaking news in the media throughout the world. Effective recovery from such an attack depends also on a carefully planned and trained communication strategy which would restore public confidence and enable quick return to normality.

In order to effectively deal with the aftermath of terror attacks, public authorities need a counter-terrorism communication strategy comprised of activities aimed at the relevant audiences. This strategy needs to be trained and adapted before an attack takes place and forms an inherent part of crisis management and continuity plans. SAFE-COMMS aims to provide public authorities throughout Europe with an effective and modular communication strategy for terror crises.

Description of the work

The first stage of the project analyses the communication challenges and problems that terror attacks present to public authorities and the requirements of media coverage of terror attacks on local, regional, national and international levels.

In the second stage of the project, four research groups explore and analyse a wide range of actual terror case studies in Northern Ireland, Spain, Greece and Israel respectively. This analysis examines the communication reactions to each attack, how authorities responded in the immediate hours after the attack, the type and scope of information provided to the media and public, emergency services' press activities, information released about victims, communication activities aimed at reassuring the public and preventing panic and chaos, recovery activities and return to normality.

The third stage of the project then builds upon the case study analysis to develop a terrorism crisis communication strategy. The strategy will comprise short and long-term activities aimed at decreasing the effects of terror attacks on the general public.

Expected results

The outcome of the project will be the Terrorism Crisis Communication Manual and accompanying audiovisual training aids, aimed at easy and effective dissemination of the project's communication strategy to public authorities throughout Europe. The Manual will be made available in three languages. Public authorities will be able to adopt relevant parts of the strategy, incorporate them into their wider crisis recovery plans and train their personnel in effective communications for terror crises. By implementing the SAFE-COMMS strategy, public authorities will be better prepared to respond effectively in case of a terror attack.

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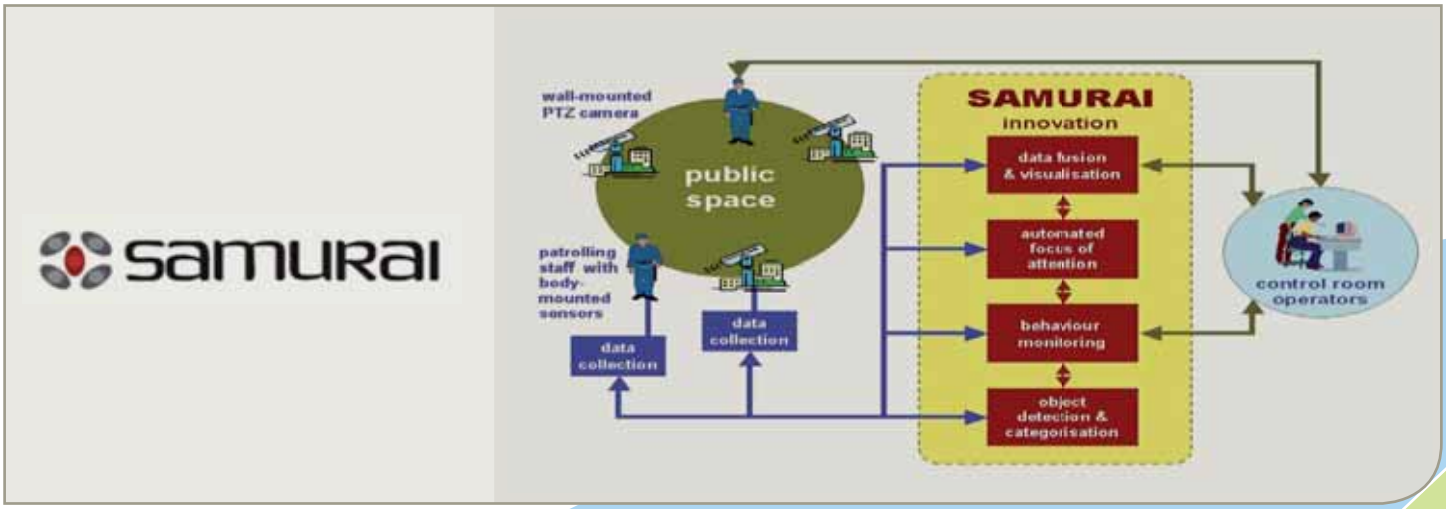
SAMURAI Suspicious and Abnormal behaviour Monitoring Using a netwoRk of cAmeras & sensors for sItuation awareness enhancement



Project objectives

The aim of SAMURAI is to develop and integrate an innovative intelligence surveillance system for monitoring people and vehicle activities at both inside and surrounding areas of a critical public infrastructure.

SAMURAI will provide innovative and critical techniques for permanent monitoring of a critical infrastructure site (e.g. an airport or train station concourse, a football stadium or a shopping mall).

The SAMURAI project is unique in that in addition to project partners, a User Advisory Group provides advice on the user requirements and specifications for the SAMURAI systems by providing a variety of scenarios for data capture and system evaluation.

Description of work

SAMURAI will develop robust moving object, segmentation, categorization and tagging in video captured by multiple cameras from medium-long range distance, e.g. identifying, monitoring and tracking people with luggage between different locations at an airport. Automated focus of attention and identification in a distributed sensor network includes fixed and mobile cameras, positioning sensors and wearable audio or video sensors.

Global situational awareness assessment involves image retrieval of objects by types and movement patterns with incidents across a distributed network of cameras. Online adaptive abnormal behaviour monitoring will profile and check inference of abnormal behaviours / events captured by multiple cameras. The project will also exploit methods for feeding back into the algorithm human operator's evaluation on any abnormality detection output in order to guide and speed up the incremental and adaptive behaviour profiling algorithm. SAMURAI will allow prevention and rapid-response to events as they unfold.

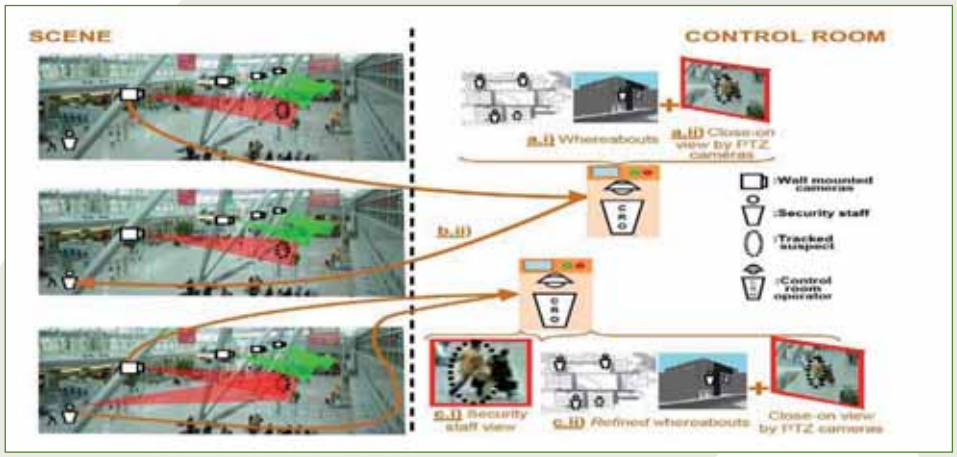
Expected results

SAMURAI will develop groundbreaking technology that can be interfaced with existing CCTV systems already employed widely within the EU. By concentrating the technology developments onto multiple cameras and mobile cameras, many of the limitations of the existing state-of-the-art will be overcome by incorporating strong end-users with a widely deployed CCTV system in the Consortium.

Security in public places is required for the correct functioning of society. However, existing CCTV systems are not effective at prevention of many incidents. Consequently, by improving these current CCTV systems, the main social impact of SAMURAI should be increased public confidence in security systems in public places.

The use of CCTV as a security and management aid is widespread in the EU and offers a huge marketplace for European business.

SAMURAI should provide a higher 'added-value' to installed CCTV system and give European producers a substantial advantage in the marketplace.



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SECRICOM

Seamless Communication for Crisis

In September 2006 the European Security Research Advisory Board (ESRAB) published a report setting the European security research agenda and the requirements on new communication infrastructures.

These requirements included security, dependability, enhanced connectivity, transmission of multiple formats and advanced search functions.

In response to these ESRAB requirements, the collaborative research project SECRICOM will create and demonstrate a secure communication platform for crisis management in Europe.

Project objectives

Solve problems of contemporary crisis communication infrastructures:

- Seamless and secure interoperability of existing many hundred thousand mobile devices already deployed;
- Smooth, simple, converging interface from systems currently deployed to systems of the new SDR generation;
- Creation of pervasive and trusted communication infrastructure, bring interconnectivity between different networks;
- Provide true collaboration and inter-working of emergency responders; and
- Seamlessly support different user traffic over different communication bearers.

Add new smart functions using distributed IT systems based on an SDR secure agents' infrastructure:

- Easier instant information gathering and processing focusing on emergency responders main task – saving lives.

Description of the work

The project work is divided into nine RTD work-packages supported by two work-packages for management and dissemination. Top innovations deal with:

- Creation of secure wireless fault tolerant communication system for mobile devices based on push-to-talk system;
- Secure distributed system; and
- Secure docking module – system on chip design.

These innovations will be extended by:

- IPV6 based secure communication;
- Internetwork interfaces, interoperable, recoverable and extendable network;
- Communication infrastructure monitoring and control centre equipped with localization of actors.

Working infrastructure – the objective of SECRICOM project will be ensured by:

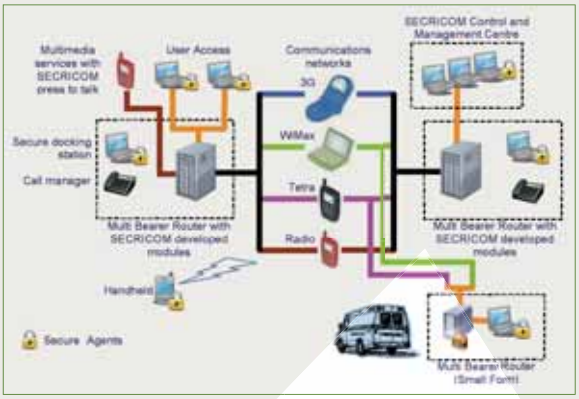
- Integration of research results; and
- Demonstrator creation and presentation.

Expected results

The SECRICOM will develop and demonstrate a secure communications infrastructure for public safety organisations and their users.

Achievements will include:

- The exploitation of existing publicly available communication network infrastructure with interface towards emerging SDR systems.
- Interoperability between heterogeneous secure communication systems.
- A parallel distributed mobile agent-based transaction system for effective procurement.
- Infrastructure based on custom chip-level security.



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SECTRONIC Security System for Maritime Infrastructure, Ports and Coastal Zones

Project objectives

The SECTRONIC initiative addresses observation and protection of critical maritime infrastructures: Passenger and goods transport, Energy supply, and Port infrastructures.

All accessible means of observation (offshore, onshore, air, space) of those infrastructures are networked via an onshore control center.

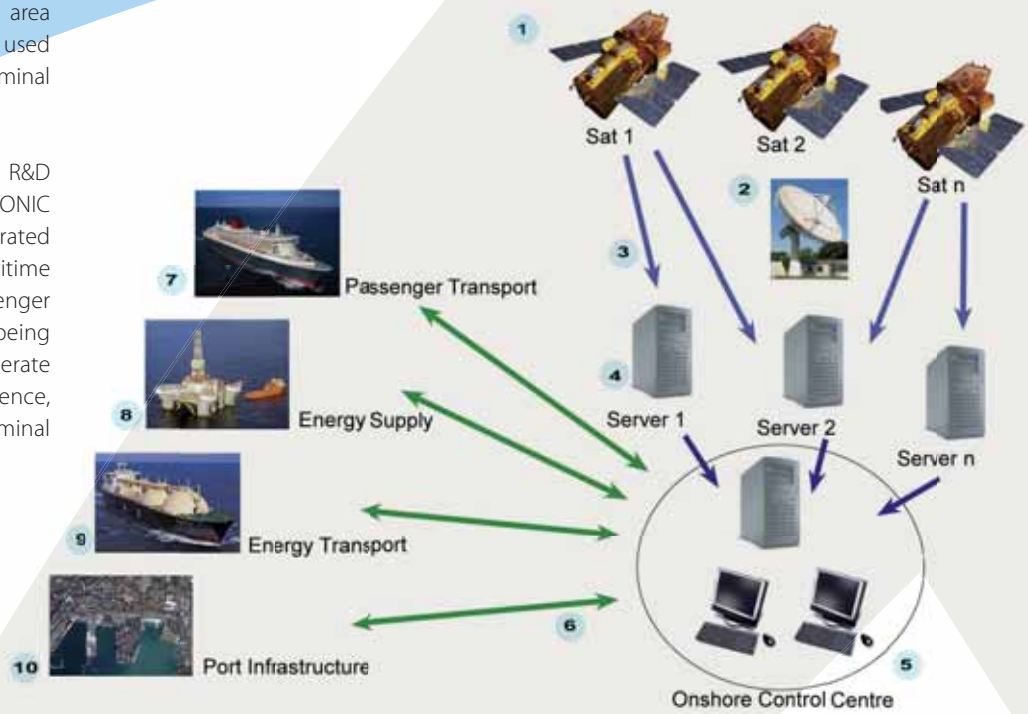
The end-users themselves or permitted third-parties can access a composite of infrastructure observations in real-time. The end-users will be able to shield the infrastructure by protective means in security-related situations.

The proposed system is a 24h small area surveillance system that is designed to be used on any ship, platform, container/oil/gas terminal or port and harbour infrastructure.

The initiative is an end-users driven R&D activity.The overall objective of the SECTRONIC research project is to develop an integrated system for the ultimate security of maritime infrastructures covering ports, passenger transport and energy supply against being damaged, destroyed or disrupted by deliberate acts of terrorism, natural disasters, negligence, accidents or computer hacking, criminal activity and malicious behaviour.

The project aims to develop an integrated security system that:

- Accurately observes, characterizes and tracks any object of significance, 360 degrees around an infrastructure, 24 h a day in all weather conditions by means of:
  - Near range equipment
  - Far range equipment
- Communicates security information of significance to the infrastructure authorities (sea masters, operation control managers, etc.) and to selected authorised third parties of importance for the overall security situation (port authorities, coast guards, etc.) in real time.
- Aggregates, reports and displays any security-related information of significance in an intuitively understandable way. Reliably raises alarms in identified situations.
- Enables response procedures and actions to be undertaken in situations that require effective use of protective measures.
- Demonstrates system effectiveness in real maritime infrastructures.



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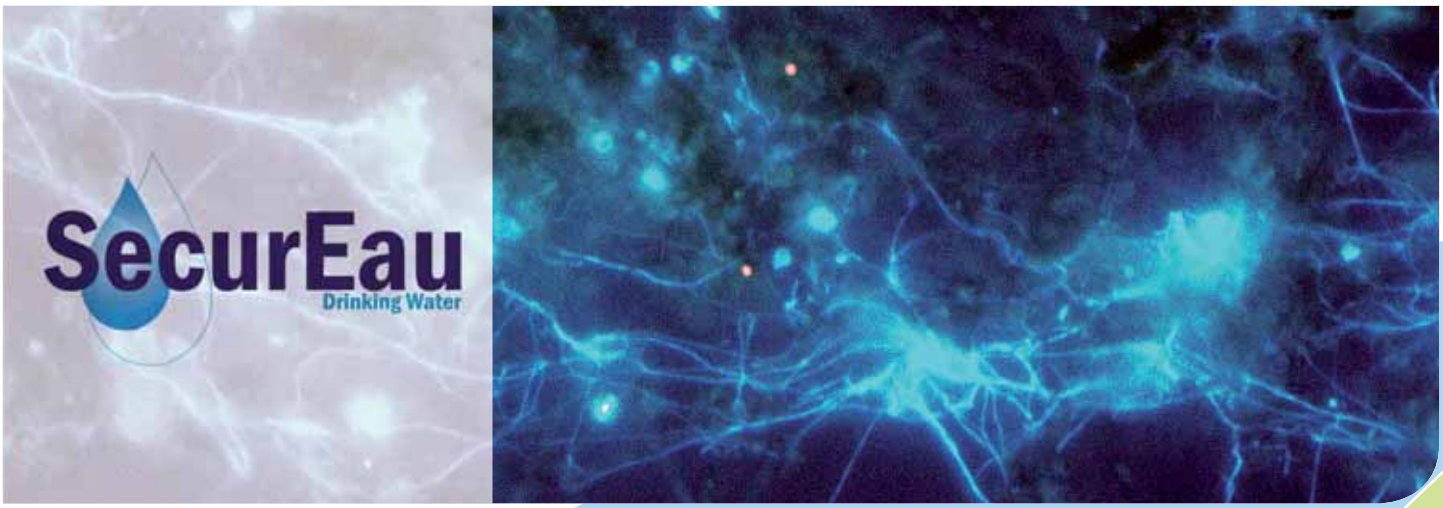
SecurEau Security and decontamination of drinking water distribution systems following a deliberate contamination



Project objectives

The main objective of this proposal is to launch an appropriate response for rapidly restoring the use of the drinking water network after a deliberate contamination and by way of consequence to limit the impact on the population of safe water privation because of contaminated networks. Five main topics will be addressed:

- Detection of unexpected changes in water quality.
- Adaptation of analytical methods to rapidly detect specific CBRN contaminants.
- Localization of the point source (s) of contamination.
- Decontamination procedures of the distribution system.
- Controlling the efficacy of the corrective actions.

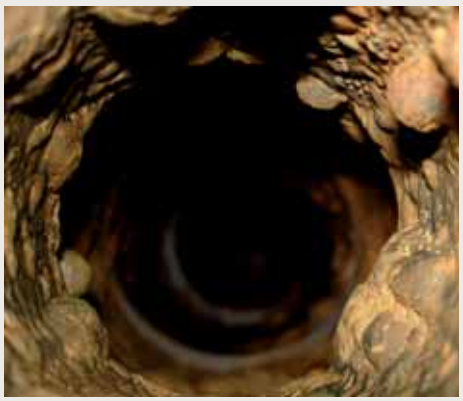
Description of the work

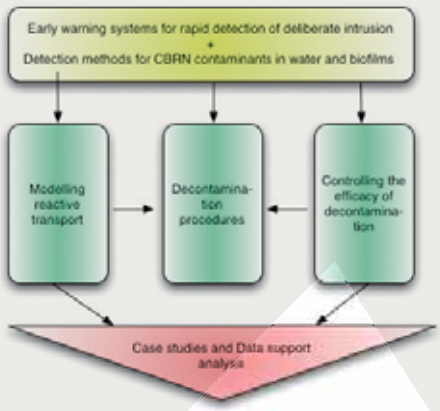
SecurEau will implement an effective and timely response on CBRN attack. Questions that will be addressed for successful coordinated response of water utilities and regulatory agencies to contamination include:

- Detection of unexpected changes in water quality which could be in relation with a deliberate contamination event, by applying commercially available or recently developed generic sensors placed throughout the distribution systems.
- Adaptation of known analytical methods to rapidly detect specific CBRN contaminants in water and especially in biofilms and on pipes' walls.
- Localization of the point source(s) of contamination and subsequently the contaminated area (via modelling reactive transport) allowing delimitation of the corrective actions.
- Decontamination procedures (efficient and realistic) of the distribution system, i.e. adapted to size, age, architecture of the network, including the treatment of water extracted from the system and used for washing the pipe wall.
- Controlling the efficacy of the corrective actions by analysing the water bulk and especially the pipe walls' surface and the deposits.
- The case studies will give the chance for the practitioners to apply on site in realistic conditions the selected sensors, software and remediation technologies. It is a unique occasion to test an emergency procedure on a complicated, quasi directly inaccessible and relatively fragile system, to evaluate its feasibility at field scale and to evaluate the difficulty to apply corrective treatments to the huge water bulk generated by the neutralisation/extraction of contaminants.

Expected results

As a result of this research and methodological effort the consortium plans to develop and validate adapted technologies, analytical tools, sensors and new software, which should reinforce the competitiveness of European Union. These tools and technologies are planned to give results quickly at affordable costs. Case studies will give the chance for the practitioners to apply on site in real conditions the selected sensors, software and remediation technologies.





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SECURENV - Assessment of environmental accidents from a security perspective

Project Objectives

Environmental security is becoming an important issue for the future development of the European Union. New future threats and the potential consequences of these are becoming more and more difficult to anticipate.

Industrial accidents and natural disasters have repeatedly shown how sensitive the environment is to human negligence. Despite all efforts and advances in security and civil protection, the human habitat remains most vulnerable. The overall objective of the project is to increase the knowledge- base needed to ensure the security of the natural environment.

The project will analyse major industrial and environmental accidents from a security perspective using foresight methods and scenario building techniques to give end-users a better understanding of future environmental risks.

Natural phenomena (fires, floods, etc.), industrial accidents (chemical, biological and other) and other possible threats in a broad perspective will be investigated.

Description of the work

Given the strong uncertainty aspect of the environmental security domain, foresight methods and scenario- building techniques will be employed to a large extent during the implementation of the project. Work will include:

- The review and analysis of past environmental accidents, catastrophes and effects of human actions.
- The establishment of data-bases with relevant information for end-users.
- The identification of novel and emerging threats on the environment as well as the technological opportunities.
- The development of an appropriate foresight methodology and potential scenarios involving future environmental risks and its use for investigating policy options.

Expected results

The project will support the development of policies, programmes and initiatives which aim at further enhancing the security of European citizens. It will provide improved insight and advice for security policy makers, security research programme managers and security researchers.

The project will also contribute to the definition of strategic roadmap for future FP7 Security research and in planning and designing of other future security research programmes and actions.

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SEREN
SECURITY RESEARCH NCP NETWORK – PHASE 1

Project objectives

Security Research presents several specificities as compared to other Cooperation's FP7 thematic priorities. Indeed, it is a new theme within FP7 and therefore the Security Research community has only a limited experience gained during the 3 years of the Preparatory Action for Security Research.

Moreover, projects need to be mission-oriented and as such must involve end-users who are not familiar with FP.

Also, the Security products' market is complex, large, and relatively new. Finally, by its very nature, the Security research theme has introduced sensitivity issues into the 7th Framework Programme.

As a consequence, perhaps more than in the other specific programmes and themes, there is a strong necessity to inform and support the European Security Research community in its participation to FP7. One way to facilitate this is through a stronger National Contact Points (NCPs) network.

SEREN will thus aim at strengthening the Security research NCP network by raising the knowledge level of its members, initiate coordination and, as a matter of fact, the ability of its members to deliver a high level of service to the community.

Description of the work

The aim of the SEREN-phase 1 coordination action is to link the different Security Research NCPs, to identify fields of improvement for the structuring of the network, to initiate coordination and to start promoting joint activities. In order to reach those objectives, SEREN will tackle four main issues:

Identification of the network needs and initiation of coordination among its members.
This will be mainly obtained through surveys in order to gain a better understanding of the needs of the Security Research community and of the requirements that NCPs must fulfil in order to deliver a high level of service. Also, coordination will be initiated in order to raise the level of knowledge of NCPs. This will be obtained by making common guides and setting up a website where all the deliverables will be made available.

Increase NCP knowledge and awareness of the European Security landscape.
In order to deliver advices in their respective country, NCPs must have a minimum understanding of the European security landscape. Therefore, a mapping of the Security research programmes launched in Member States will be made. In addition, a mapping of competencies will be initiated. This latter task will aim at the identification of support structures such as government agencies, professional associations, end-users associations, SMEs associations, clusters involved in Security Research across Europe.

Coordination to ease transnational cooperation and training.
The EU community potentially interested in Security Research faces a high level of fragmentation. Therefore, participants are confronted with difficulties finding other potential partners with whom they might collaborate. Hence, it is extremely important that the NCPs network delivers a high level service for the partner searches.

SEREN will initiate coordination in this field by agreeing on standardised partner search templates. In addition one training session focussed on the evaluation will be organised.

This shall enable an increase of the average advice quality delivered by the network and further optimize its services to the Security Research community.

Security research policies.
SEREN will produce synthesis papers on key policies issues related to Security research in order to raise awareness on the contextual framework surrounding ESRP.

Expected results

Thanks to SEREN, the Security research NCPs network will become more efficient and coordinated and therefore will deliver a higher level of service throughout Member and Associated States. As an efficient interface between the European Commission and the Security Research community, SEREN will improve the overall promotion of the FP7 Security theme, and of its specificities and its procedures. As a result, the average quality of proposals submitted to call for proposals should increase.

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SGL for USaR

Second Generation Locator for Urban Search and Rescue Operations

SGL for USaR is mission oriented towards solving critical problems following large scale structural collapses in urban locations. The devotion, courage and expertise of rescuers need to be matched by procedures and technology that will enable safe and effective responses.

This project will combine chemical and physical sensors integration with the development of an open ICT platform for addressing mobility and time-critical requirements of USaR Operations. The project will also focus on medical issues and on the relevant ethical dilemmas.

Project objectives

- To use video images (image analysis), sound (sound signatures), field chemical analysis (marker compounds), optical sensors (spectral analysis), data fusion and wireless communication in order to develop integrated, stand-alone early location devices for entrapped people and dead bodies. Employ the same kind of devices for monitoring and identifying hazardous conditions in voids of collapsed buildings due to construction's physical damage, flaming or smoldering fires and gases released.

- To develop integrated remote early location and monitoring systems for localization purposes based on the deployment of networks of probes. Such systems will also be capable of receiving other type of data (e.g. sonar).

- To integrate early location and monitoring systems with communication and information management applications that can provide with multi-level processing and data fusion and will support relevant USaR services and logistics (medical support, mobilization, tools, transportations, communications) SGL for USaR project will use multidisciplinary approaches, optimize existing cutting-edge technologies and make the best use of available resources.

The project is targeted on delivering next generation systems for USaR operations.

For that purpose, relevant technical, scientific and operational issues will be addressed.

The project focuses on rapid location of entrapped or buried victims (alive or deceased) and the continuous monitoring of the air conditions in the voids of damaged and partially collapsed structures. Entrapped people and voids are associated with characteristic visual, sound and chemical profiles, due to specific images or spectral emissions, to acoustic signatures and chemical markers.

The adaptation of crisis management USaR services (logistics) with the early location and monitoring systems in a mobile command and control operational center is employed.

The project is formed by eight sub-projects (work packages) running in parallel. These WPs address the development of simulation environments; the development and validation of portable devices for location operations; the development and validation of smart sensors environment for monitoring the situation under the ruins; the management of medical information, including privacy and bioethics; and finally the development of an ICT platform that will integrate all the previous data, ensure interoperability and control the flow of the information from the field to the operational center.

SGL for USaR will deliver methods and guidelines, as well as, tangible prototypes: a stand-alone FIRST responder device that integrates five different location methods; a networked rapid casualty location system (REDS) equipped with wireless sensor probes; an advanced environmental simulator for training and testing search and rescue units, including canine teams; and a prototype mobile operational command and control platform.

SECOND GENERATION LOCATOR
for URBAN SEARCH and RESCUE OPERATIONS

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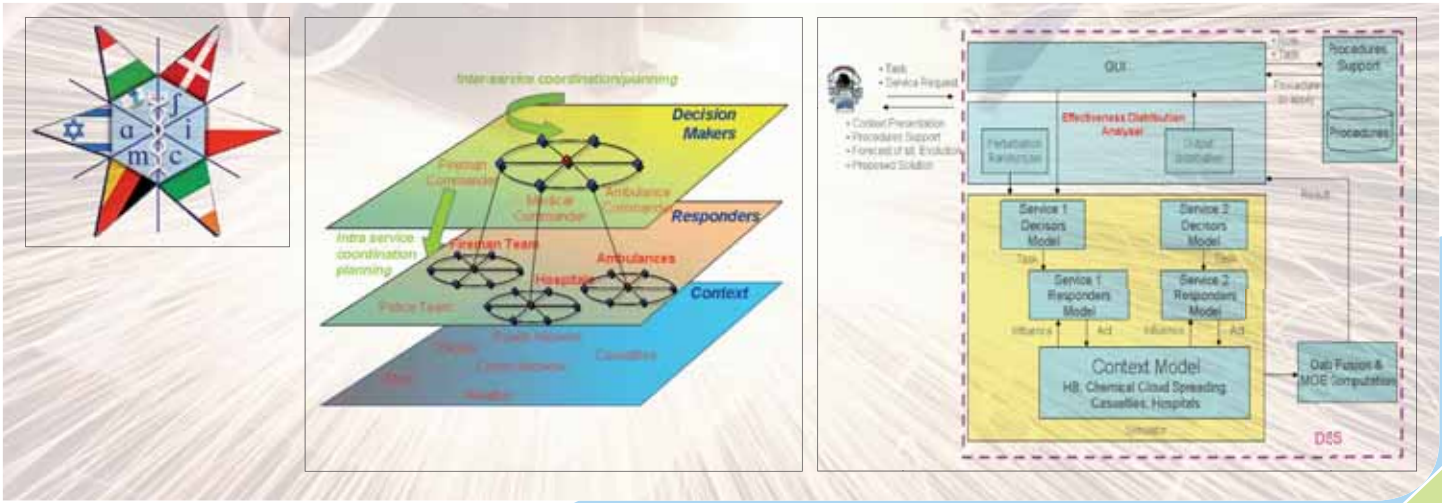
SICMA
Simulation of Crisis Management Activities



Project objectives

The SICMA project is a 30 months capability project focused on computer assisted decision making for Health Service crisis managers. It aims at improving decision-making capabilities through an integrated suite of modelling and analysis tools providing insights into the collective behaviour of the whole organisation in response to crisis scenarios.

Mission

The response to the crisis is the result of the activities of:

- Different services (e.g. police, medical care, rescue forces, fire fighting, etc);
- interacting vertically (i.e. with components of the same organization) and horizontally (i.e. with components of other organizations); and
- in a complex environment characterized by both "predictable" factors (e.g. the crisis responders' behaviour according to procedures) and "unpredictable" ones (e.g. human/crowd behaviour).

As a consequence, the decision making process both in the preparedness and in the response phase is hard and complex due to the impossibility to estimate the effects of alternative decisions.
Within this context, decision making support will be provided addressing the following key aspects:

- "bottom-up" modelling approach building independent model components and then combining them,
- unpredictable factors modelling (e.g. human/crowd behaviour),
- procedure support to provide the user with the correct procedures to solve the problem, and
- computation of the "distribution" of the effectiveness of a certain "decision" rather than the effectiveness of that solution deterministically dependant on the preconceived scenario.

The combined effects of the above points will allow to document both the unexpected bad and good things in the organization(s) thus leading to better responses, fewer unintended consequences and greater consensus on important decisions.

Application scenarios

The following scenarios have been selected:

- Conventional weapons terrorist attack: being the most common and hence the most likely threat in the future, this scenario will be used to evaluate the decision support achievable with the SICMA prototype in the management of casualties. The focus will be on the management of the most likely category of casualties that can be generated by a large number of different types of disasters that is: trauma casualties.
- Chemical weapons terrorist attack: specific types of disasters may result in additional decision making activities to be carried out by the crisis manager. This scenario will be used to highlight the additional support that can be provided to decision making activities specifically related to the kind of accident. The decontamination-station deployment and hazard estimate/update will be used as case study in the chemical attack Scenario.

High level architecture

Even if the high level system design will be defined in the next phase of the project, the presence of the following macro-components is foreseeable:

- Services Models,
- Context Models,
- Effectiveness Distribution Analyser, and
- Procedure Support.

Current achievement

The project has been divided into four phases: User Requirement Analysis, High Level System Design, Prototype Development, Case Study Implementation. At the end of the first phase system scenarios, user requirements and system requirements have been defined.

Expected results

SICMA will deliver a "shoe box" Demonstrator (prototype) comprising the modeling and analysis tools able to prove, on a case-study scenario the need, feasibility, relevance and efficiency of the proposed approach.

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STRAW
Security Technology Active Watch

Project objectives

Europe is confronted with extremely diverse threats backed by unseen command structures and business-like financing mechanisms. Various security agencies concur that information is the key to defeating the enemy. This new environment has not only created a greater need for information but also a greater need to share and effectively control access to that information. This is the single greatest challenge European Security is facing today STRAW is a Coordination and Support Action under the Security Research Theme that aims at providing a European Service of Technology Watch (TW) on Security Technologies.

The mission of STRAW is not only advicing potencial end-users (public authorities, EU security research community and public at large) about the fundamental technologies but also bring together the defense and security research industry for developing new civil applications.

A main output will be a web-based IT system with a TW list and interface for entering data on user requirements.

Description of the work

Several key milestones are specified to achieve this objective:

- Network and panel of experts constitution: The Consortium will identify the foremost representatives of the Security Sector mainly in Europe. Some of them will be invited to participate in a panel of experts to validate the results of the project. The STRAW network will be growing during the whole project.
- Information Collection: A main task will be the collection of relevant information related to security technologies, stakeholders and initiatives. Members of the network are requested to insert in STRAW any documentation that they consider to be interesting for analysis in STRAW website.
- Information Analysis: In collaboration with the panel of experts, partners will analyze the collected information by means of TW tools in order to present clear snapshot of the relevant security threats and opportunities existing on security.

One of the main outputs will be to release a reviewed taxonomy on Security (based mostly on STACCATO) linked with a Data Base with information of providers, users and technologies.

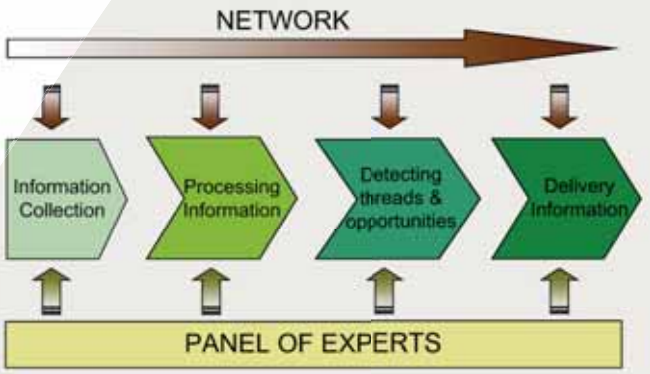
- Wikibook construction: A wikibook will be developed to present the results of STRAW. The interactive element of the Wikibook will ensure the relevance of the project's results beyond its duration.
- Delivery of information: The project's main results will be delivered to the potential users of the information primarily through the STRAW web page and workshops.

Expected results

Apart from direct results, the following events are also expected:

- Italian Workshop: This workshop will be organized by Fondazione Rosselli in June-July 2009
- Spanish Workshop The Instituto Nacional de Técnica Aeroespacial (INTA) will be in charge of organizing this workshop in January-February 2010.

For more information, please visit our website.



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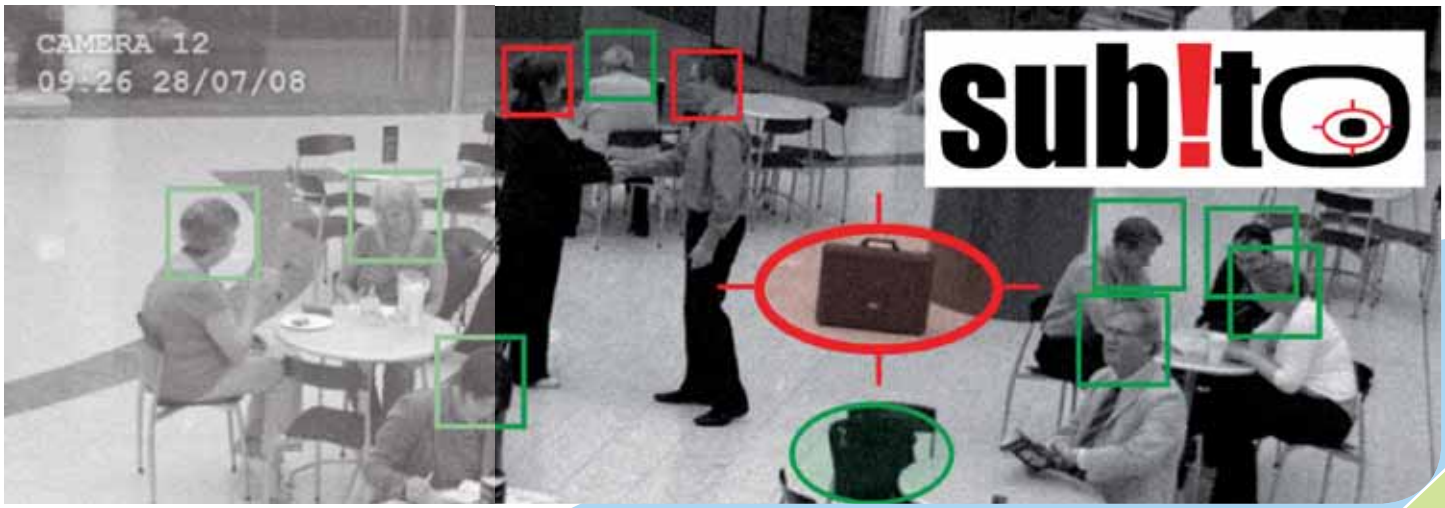
SUBITO Surveillance of Unattended Baggage and the Identification and Tracking of the Owner



Project objectives

SUBITO will research and develop automated detection of abandoned luggage, fast identification of the individual responsible and the tracking of their subsequent path.

The consortium, a diverse group of technology and implementation experts from across the EU, will develop an integrated threat detection system that provides a robust, timely alert to security personnel. Working closely with the end users, the team will design a system that is capable of distinguishing between genuine threats and false alarms in order to alert the user to high priority situations.

Key objectives are:

- Find abandoned luggage and identify and track the owner.
- Reduce the number and impact of false alarms.
- Demonstrate automated detection of abandoned goods, fast identification of individual who left them and fast determination of the individual's location or their path.
- Demonstrate a scalable route to implementation.
- Examine the wider user of technologies for explosive threat identification in this context.
- Examine the use of camera technologies to distinguish between threatening and non-threatening goods, and
- Manage public perception of this technology and its implications.

Description of the work

In recent years, there has been a number of incidents where terror organisations have planted explosive devices in ordinary baggage to cause immense disruption in mass transportation networks and other areas of critical infrastructure.

The threat of unattended baggage has led to increased vigilance amongst security personnel and the general public to ensure that unattended baggage is reported and investigated with utmost urgency. In conjunction with the introduction of enhanced CCTV, this has enabled an increase in the breadth and scope of data that can be collected at key locations. Unfortunately, this has not been matched by a corresponding improvement in the capabilities of systems to interpret and filter the data. This has remained the duty of trained human operators who often do not have the capacity to process the breadth of data that is received. Consequently, the increase in data availability has been met by an increase in the number of false alarms; situations where unattended baggage has been incorrectly considered a potential threat. Often, due to the pressure to act quickly, the situational data is only analysed once a major event has occurred. This has resulted in unnecessary disruption to business operations, with associated cost implications and a lack of confidence regarding security procedures and equipment.

Building upon existing surveillance technology, the SUBITO programme will deliver a demonstration of semi-automated data processing designed to provide real-time detection of goods that have been abandoned. At the same time, the system will identify the individual who left the goods and will utilise the surveillance network to determine the current location of that individual and track their followed path. SUBITO will improve the efficiency of security personnel by automatically filtering out the major false alarms and therefore focusing their attention only on credible threats.

Expected results

With the help of our end user partners, SUBITO will demonstrate that a solution to this problem is achievable using existing infrastructure and security technologies from real locations operating under standard procedures.

SUBITO aims to deliver a generic approach that can be also applied to solve similar problems in more diverse applications. In addition the programme will carry out supporting studies investigating the benefits of incorporating additional sensors and controllable cameras to the system.

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TALOS

Transportable Autonomous patrol for Land bOrder Surveillance system

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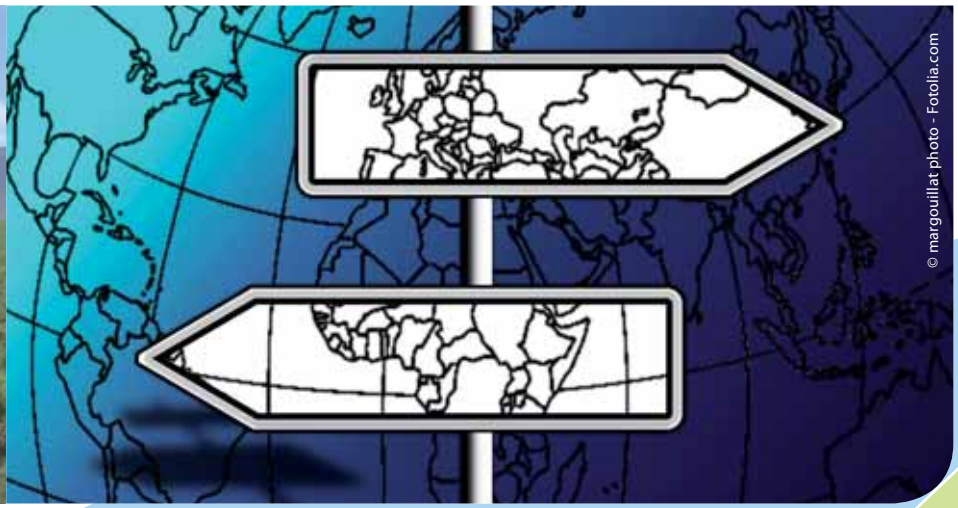
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TALOS is an innovative, Adaptable Land Border Large Area Surveillance System based on transportable surveillance integrated with fast deployable mobile unmanned ground (UGV) and air vehicles (UAV) which will address new challenges of external land borders of the enlarged European Union.

Project objectives

TALOS project proposes to develop an integrated, adaptable land and large area (including devastated environment) surveillance system that:

- Is capable of Detecting, Locating, Tracking and Tracing:
  - individuals,
  - vehicles,
  - hazardous substance.
- Combines remote and autonomous platforms featuring:
  - multi sensor data fusion (including biological and chemical),
  - active imaging,
  - data Fusion,
  - command Control & Communication.

The TALOS project main objectives are as follows :

- To design the Integrated, Adaptable Land Border Large Area Surveillance System based on Unmanned Ground and Air Vehicles (TALOS system).
- To run research works in the main topics addressed by TALOS project, i.e.: Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV), Command and Control, Communication, Virtual prototyping.
- To implement the core components of the designed TALOS system as a proof-of-concept prototype in the Integrated Project (IP).
- To set-up and run the TALOS demonstrator (prototype) that will show the main benefits of the proposed approach.
- To promote the usage of TALOS system concept all over Europe, and to contribute to the on-going efforts of their standardization in Europe.
- To show the cost-effectiveness of the TALOS mobile / transportable concept as opposed to conventional stationary border surveillance solution.

The main TALOS innovation covers :

- Scalability – its ability to change easily system scale due to changes in the requirements and local conditions such as border size, topography, density of surveillance elements etc. ;
- Autonomous capability based on sets of rules (artificial intelligence) - programmed to the computers of the UGV's and the Command & Control system ;
- Mobility / transportability - the whole system will be Mobile / Transportable installed in standard containers, transported on trailers for fast deployment in selected border zones (according to intelligence) ;
- Tactical learning/adaptation behaviour – during development process, system will be adapted to local operational requirements, operators will be interrogated, and their needs implemented in system mission planning module ;
- No need for fix infrastructure or fences – TALOS system, owing to its mobility and transportability, does not require any fixed infrastructure as well as fences ;
- Enables response to intrusion in minutes – system will respond to intrusion in the matter of minutes, not hours ; and
- Usage of "green" energy – in remote locations (where it is impossible to connect to standard power liens) the energy will be drawn from the natural sources e.g. by means of solar panels (sunny area), wind towers (windy area), water wheels (near to rivers).

INFORMATION

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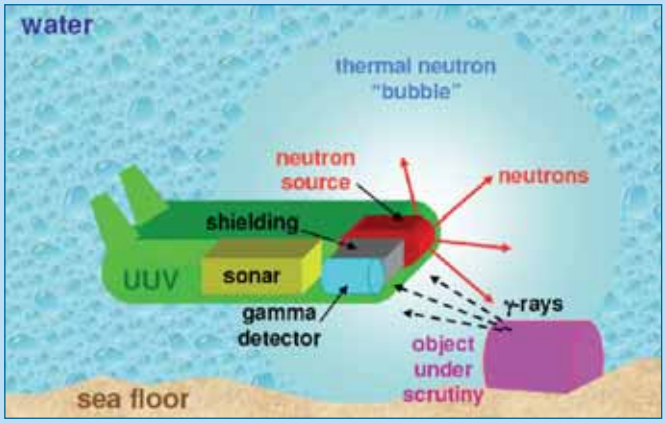
UNCOSS
UNDERWATER COASTAL SEA SURVEYOR



Underwater vehicle equipped with the neutron sensor.

fig.1

The waterways are becoming more and crucial for coastal economy and paradoxically, such areas remain very vulnerable to terrorism attacks especially against underwater IED threats. Coastal regions such as in southern Europe and south-east Asia are contaminated by different ammunition left on the sea bottom after war activities from World War I, II and more recent conflicts. This represents a constant threat to the sea traffic, fishermen, tourists and local populations. The objects on the sea bottom are of different nature and include torpedoes, airplane bombs, anti-ship mines, grenades, gun fuses, ammunition and projectiles of different calibers. For example, it is estimated that there are at least 130 000 tons of explosive devices in the eastern coastal waters of the Adriatic Sea. This dramatic pollution weakens the economic development capacity of such regions.

fig.2

A major challenge is to provide new tools for keeping naval infrastructure safe: harbours, ships, coastal areas, ferry terminals, oil and gas terminals, power/nuclear plants, etc. The main objective of UNCOSS project is to provide tools for the non-destructive inspection of underwater objects mainly based on neutron sensor. This technology used has already been experimented for Land Protection (especially in the frame of FP6/Euritrack project). The application of this technology for underwater protection will be a major achievement.

fig.2

The classical approach for underwater IED detection is mainly based on sonar detection (derived from military development for mine clearance) which can not guarantee if unattended objects contain explosive. The identification/classification of underwater objects using classical sensors such as sonar and video cameras, becomes more and more difficult when facing asymmetrical attacks. The UNCOSS project is a cost-effective response to new terrorism threats and provides a fundamental technology for the global issue of maritime surveillance and port/naval infrastructure protection.

There is no specific device capable of identifying explosive contents of submerged UneXplode Ordnance (UXO) therefore Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams at present have to remove the objects without knowledge of the explosive charge presence.

The end product of this project will be a prototype of a complete coastal survey system that will make use of a specifically designed underwater neutron sensor capable of confirming the presence of explosives on the bottom of the sea, either visible or partially covered by sediments. Such a device will allow a safer and more efficient removal of explosive devices from the sea bottom of the ports and elsewhere.

The final demonstration campaign shall perform in Croatia under the supervision of the IRB which shall be responsible for the management of all licensing and authorization issues.

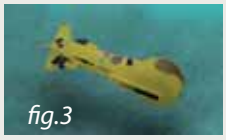

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Figure 1: Torpedo from the World War II
Figure 2: Antiship mines
Figure 3: ECA's innovative mine killer with tiltable head
Figure 4: ECA OLISTER MIDS Identification and destruction of mines
Figure 5: H1000, 1000m rated, remotely controlled subsea inspection vehicle (ROV)

INFORMATION

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WIMA²S
WIDE MARITIME AREA AIRBORNE SURVEILLANCE

WiMA²S is a capability project addressing the European Commission FP7 Security Research Call 1 topic "Surveillance in wide maritime areas through active and passive means", providing the key airborne "Building Block" (including UAVs) of a maritime surveillance "System of Systems" to be defined in Europe.

Project objectives

WiMA²S addresses primarily the urgent need to control illegal immigration and human trafficking by sea, in the context of the Integrated Border Management. In line with the EU Maritime Policy, it also contributes to other public service missions: shipping safety, search and rescue, protection of the marine environment, fisheries monitoring, interception of illegal trade and smuggling arriving by sea.

WiMA²S aims in particular at developing key technologies to prepare the future for the operational use of Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAVs) and innovative mission aircraft

WiMA²S takes into account the operational end-user requirements and the need to develop strong European capabilities in maritime surveillance.

Taking into account that:

- To build a maritime picture, detection and identification phases are mandatory.
- Air assets are unique for wide area maritime surveillance: they are the only one which can provide situation awareness over extended areas because of their endurance, speed and their capacity of reliable long distance detection accuracy ; they can be directed to areas of interest, as close as possible from the threat point of origin, and have the flexibility to react to the situation, performing close-up inspection when needed.
- Shortfalls of surveillance capacities of EU wide maritime areas concerning responsibilities in border security, illegal immigration, fisheries control, pollution, terrorism,…
- Lack of air assets for surveillance and their relatively high costs.
- UAVs can be a very attractive technical solution for maritime surveillance – however, one of the main obstacles is integration in the European Air Traffic.

WiMA²S proposes solutions to these issues by :

- Developing original and innovative technological solutions to increase airborne maritime surveillance efficiency while reducing costs.
- Filling the gap between Piloted Mission Aircraft and UAVs for maritime surveillance, and preparing concepts for using UAVs with remote control mission system operation and combining these with existing maritime surveillance systems.
- Partly simulating and partly demonstrating - including a flight demo of a UAV - the concept with End-Users feedback.
- Analysing the cost efficiency in support of the feasibility of the concept.
- Reporting a road map in the final report for further technological projects in the priority topic of maritime surveillance.

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