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## Editor's Word

I am delighted to introduce the latest edition of the LEA Project Cluster Newsletter. This newsletter highlights the ongoing work of this vital collaborative platform, which unites EU-funded projects focused on cybersecurity, law enforcement, anti-money laundering, and counter-terrorism.

The LEA Project Cluster serves as a hub for fostering synergy among these diverse projects, enabling the sharing of knowledge, resources, and best practices. Through these collaborative efforts, we aim to enhance our collective capability to address the complexities of cybercrime and other evolving security challenges.

In this issue, you will find updates on key projects, showcasing the innovative solutions and collaborative spirit that drive the LEA Project Cluster forward. We encourage you to explore the opportunities for engagement and collaboration within the Cluster. If you represent an EU-funded project addressing topics relevant to law enforcement, we invite you to join us in building a safer digital world.

### **Farhan SAHITO**

Editor-in-Chief / Partner at Privanova



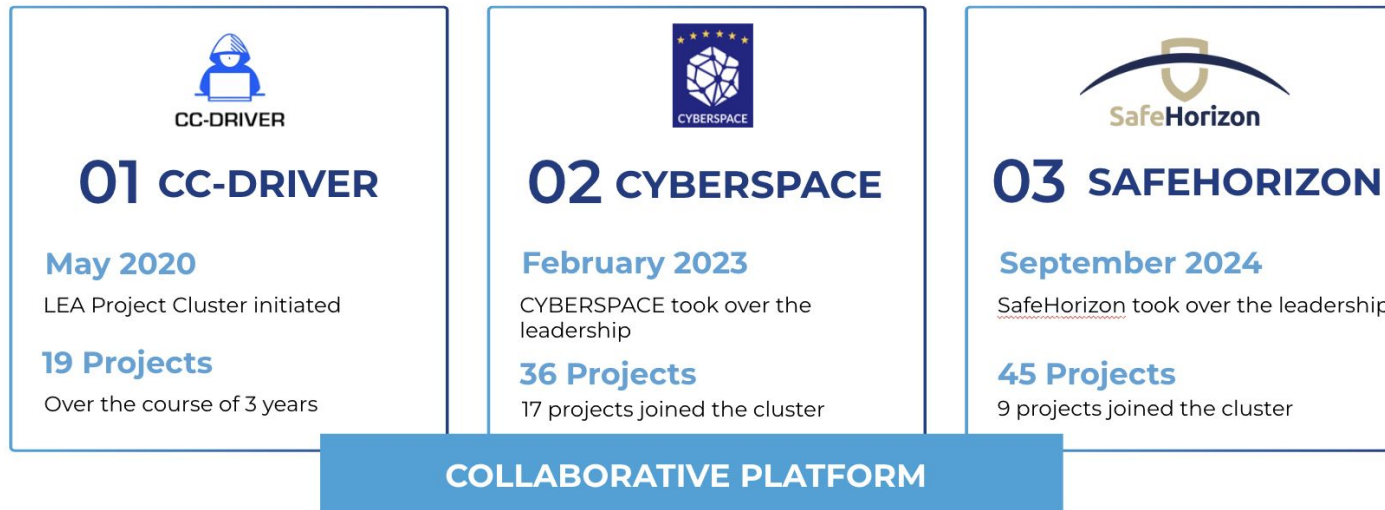
# Driving Law Enforcement Innovation Through Collaboration

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The Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) Projects Cluster, led by Privanova, unites interdisciplinary EU-funded projects relevant to the law enforcement community.



# The evolution of the **LEA Projects Cluster**

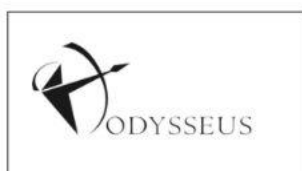
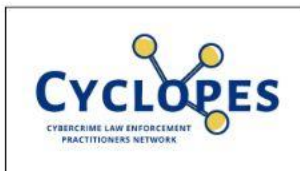


The LEA Project Cluster has evolved through several phases:

1) Initiated in May 2020 under the **CC-DRIVER** project, bringing together 19 projects over three years.

2) In February 2023, the **CYBERSPACE** project took over leadership, expanding the Cluster to 36 projects with an additional 17 projects joining.

3) Since September 2024, the **SAFEHORIZON** project leads the Cluster, continuing to unite 45 projects in collaborative efforts.



**LEA Projects Cluster Members**

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# LEA Projects Cluster Highlights

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# Highlights



**LEA Projects Cluster  
developed a new Strategic  
Vision Q4 2025 - Q2 2027**

The Cluster transitions  
“from structure to  
impact”



**PRESERVE, ENSEMBLE,  
ENACT, Gandalf,  
GroundUp and SparkUP  
Projects Join the LEA  
Projects Cluster.**

The LEA Projects Cluster  
is now counting  
**45 members!**



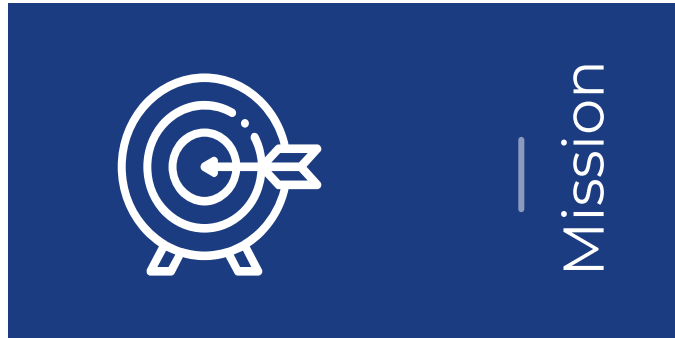
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featured at UNODC**

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**UNODC Constructive  
Dialogue on Trafficking  
in Persons.**

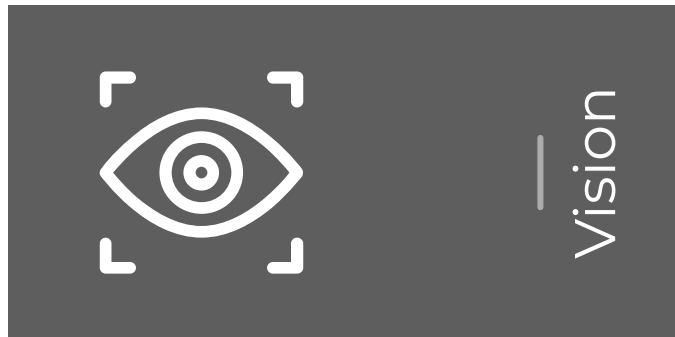


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# Strategic Vision Q4 2025 – Q2 2027



**Connecting Projects,  
Shaping Policy**



**Evolving into a Recognised  
Cooperation Hub**

The LEA Projects Cluster enters a new phase: **a shift from structure to impact**. The Cluster will strengthen cooperation across 45+ EU-funded projects and translate research outcomes into tangible policy insights, shared methodologies, and sustainable collaboration frameworks.

Its **mission** is to connect projects, LEAs, and researchers, while its **long-term vision** is to evolve into a recognised European cooperation hub for security innovation and digital resilience.

# Working Groups Framework



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**WG1 - Cyber and Digital Crime**

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**WG2 - Criminal Networks & Financial Crime**

3

**WG3 - Human Security & Environmental Crime**

The LEA Projects Cluster will structure its cooperation through **three dedicated working groups (WGs)**, each focused on a specific thematic area.

These working groups align with the broader EU security strategy defined under the **EMPACT framework**, the permanent EU mechanism coordinated by Europol to address serious and organised crime.

# LEA Projects Cluster featured at **UNODC** **Constructive Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons**



Farhan Sahito, Partner at Privanova, participated in the [UNODC Constructive Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons](#) on 8 October 2025.

Farhan highlighted the importance of addressing trafficking in persons at the intersection of cybersecurity, ethics, and law enforcement cooperation. He shared insights on achieving a balance between digital evidence management, cross-border data sharing, and privacy protection in combating trafficking and online exploitation.

In his statement, he referred to Privanova's ongoing work and expertise developed through several EU-funded projects, including [POLIICE](#), [IAMI](#), [SafeHorizon](#), [GroundUp](#), and [SparkUp](#), as well as our coordination of the LEA Projects Cluster, which brings together interdisciplinary initiatives relevant to the law enforcement community.

# LEA Projects Cluster Meeting hosted in October



[Privanova](#) and [SafeHorizon](#) hosted an online LEA Projects Cluster on 24 October 2025, gathering representatives from over 45 EU-funded projects in the field of law enforcement innovation, cybersecurity, and digital resilience. The event took place under the European Cybersecurity Month initiative.

It featured special keynote sessions by the [INTERPOL Innovation Centre](#) and the [Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences](#). Four new Cluster members were welcomed to the community - [ENACT](#), [GANNDALF](#), [PRESERVE](#), and [ENSEMBLE](#) and took the chance to present their projects initiatives.

The meeting focused on presenting the new Strategic Vision and Operational Plan 2025-2027 for the Cluster, introducing its new Working Groups framework, and highlighting recent achievements.

[Learn more about the event and access the full presentation slides from the event.](#)

# Joint stakeholder workshop by **PRESERVE**, **SafeHorizon**, **ENSEMBLE**, and **LEA Projects Cluster**



LEA Projects Cluster, led by [Privanova](#), co-organised the joint stakeholder workshop with [PRESERVE](#), [SafeHorizon](#), and [ENSEMBLE](#), on 29 October 2025, in Madrid.

The workshop offers participants a unique opportunity to engage in high-level discussions through thematic Roundtable Dialogues, covering critical topics such as new trends in malware, illicit financial flows, ethical challenges in cybercrime investigations, AI-driven investigations, and gaps in investigative tools.

Kristina Isakzay, Cluster Coordinator from Privanova, presented the LEA Projects Cluster, its members, goals, and objectives, as well as the Strategic Vision for 2025-2027.

# LEA Projects Cluster featured at the **SECUR-EU Workshop**



[Privanova](#) participated in the [SECUR-EU](#) Workshop “Alliance for Resilience: Cybersecurity Synergies in Europe’s Digital Future.” This one-day hybrid conference brought together European SMEs, industry experts, and EU-funded projects, co-organised with CYBERFORT, INTERSOC, CYBERGUARD, and CYBERSTAND, on 4 November 2025, in Cyprus.

Farhan Sahito, partner at Privanova, was speaking in the session “LEA Cluster Excellence: Connecting Law Enforcement Needs with Cybersecurity Solution Providers”. He introduced the LEA Projects Cluster, its mission and goals, and showcased Privanova’s projects and LEA Projects Cluster members [IAMI](#), [POLIICE](#), and [SafeHorizon](#), as examples of how the cluster bridges the gap between research and stakeholders.

# Welcoming **New Members**



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[Learn more](#)



**ENACT** aims to establish a Knowledge Network for Security R&I, offering support to the fight against crime and terrorism (FCT) sector. Equipped with a unique blend of resources and expertise, it endeavours to streamline knowledge exchange, foster collaboration and bolster the uptake of innovative solutions in the FCT security domain, thereby reinforcing Europe's security infrastructure.

[Learn more](#)



**ENSEMBLE** aims to equip LEAs with cutting-edge technologies to combat cybercrime through innovative tools and techniques developed based on user-centric criteria, best practices in current investigation processes, and identified gaps. After understanding cybercriminal methods and identifying gaps in current investigations and user needs, ENSEMBLE will use these insights to develop a ToolBox. This ToolBox will be designed for the advanced detection, identification, acquisition, processing, analysis, and correlation of various types of data related to cybercrime.

[Learn more](#)

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# Project Members News

# Project News

## SAFEHORIZON

Genny Dimitrakopoulou from the [Center for Security Studies \(KEMEA\)](#) participated in the 8th International Course on Risk and Crisis Management (17–21 November), hosted by the [Geneva Centre for Security Policy \(GCSP\)](#) with the support of the [Federal Office for Civil Protection FOCP](#) and the Permanent Representation of Switzerland to [NATO](#), in Schwarzenburg, Switzerland.

She presented CaaS as a Service, showcasing our innovative approaches to crisis management and resilience developed under the SafeHorizon. This high-level engagement provided excellent exposure for SafeHorizon reinforcing the significance of our mission and objectives.



**SafeHorizon** tackles the emerging threat of Crime-as-a-Service (CaaS) by harnessing intelligence from various sources including the clear web, deep web, dark web, public dumps, and law enforcement datasets. By integrating these data streams with machine learning technologies, the project seeks to extract actionable evidence for legal use.

**Website:**

[www.project-safehorizon.eu/](http://www.project-safehorizon.eu/)



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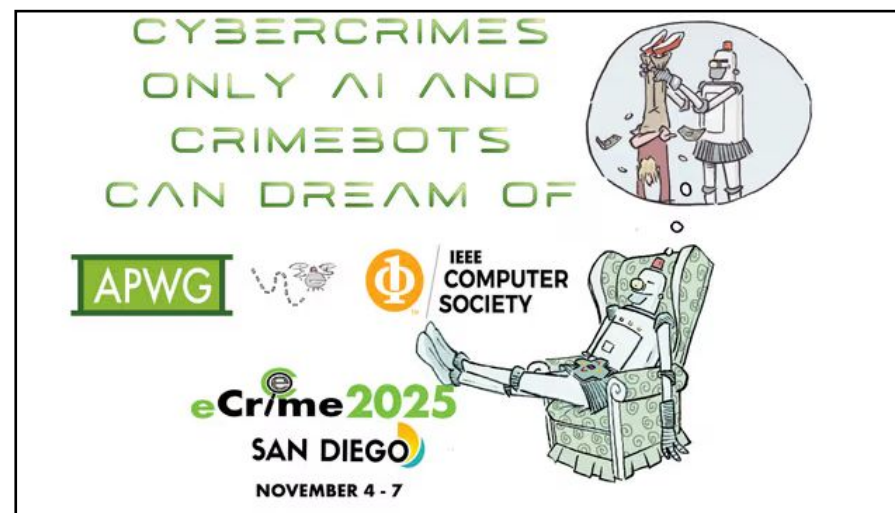
# Project News

## SAFEHORIZON

[SafeHorizon](#) was featured in three papers that were presented at [APWG eCrime 2025](#), showcasing our latest research and innovations in cybersecurity.

- Inside LockBit: Technical, Behavioral, and Financial Anatomy of a Ransomware Empire
- Just in Plain Sight: Unveiling CSAM Distribution Campaigns on the Clear Web
- From Lamborghinis to Ladas: Empirical Analysis of LockBit's Business Operations -

The abstracts can be found [here](#).



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Valencia Local Police represented GANNDALF at the InCyber Forum Canada 2025, showcasing how European research enhances citizen security through AI-driven cybercrime-fighting tools. The session “Public safety through innovation: how GANNDALF advances Horizon Europe’s security mission” highlighted the role of Law Enforcement Agencies in Horizon Europe projects, key challenges in cybercrime research, and GANNDALF’s tools for data sharing and decision support. Following Canada’s 2024 association to Horizon Europe, the event emphasized new opportunities for EU–Canada collaboration in security and cybercrime prevention.



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<https://gandalf-project.eu/>



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# Project News

## GANNDALF

At [CINTiA 2025](#) in Krakow, [AEGIS IT RESEARCH](#) presented GRIPHIA, demonstrating how it integrates forensic psychology principles with AI-driven analysis to support law enforcement investigations. The sessions led by Costas Kalogiros, Marina Papaefthymiou, and Andreas Alexopoulos showcased how GRIPHIA detects hidden communication patterns, connects psychological traits with crime types, and prioritizes investigative leads more effectively. A dedicated workshop further explored a [GANNDALF](#) use case, revealing how GRIPHIA's analytical capabilities can strengthen cybercrime investigations and help investigators interpret complex communication data with greater precision.



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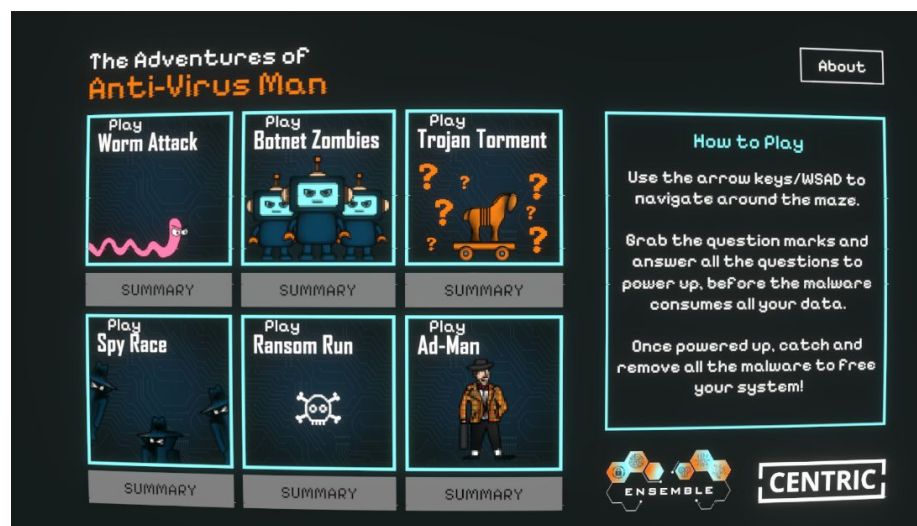
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# Project News

## ENSEMBLE

**ENSEMBLE** is proud to announce the launch of “The Adventures of Anti-Virus Man”, a web-based game designed to provide fun, engaging, and bite sized learning experiences, aimed at increasing the players knowledge of the different types of malware and importantly what to do if malware has infiltrated the user’s system. The game features six different challenges, each focusing on a particular type of attack. Players must navigate mazes and avoid the malware adversaries. By answering questions, the player will power-up and be able to stop the malware in its tracks.

[Play the game.](#)



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**Website:**  
<https://ensemble-he.eu/>



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 101168360.

# Project News

## TRACY

The fourteenth annual [BITE Awards](#), under the auspices of the Ministry of Digital Governance, on September 16, 2025, in Athens, celebrated the very best in technological innovation.

For the TRACY project, [Performance Technologies](#) won 4 gold and 1 platinum awards

Read the full story [here](#).



## TRACY

**TRACY** is a two-year project, funded through the European Commission. Starting in June 2023 TRACY will provide an innovative digital forensic and investigation platform to identify suspects of serious organized crimes and terrorism in dense urban areas significantly advancing the process of LEAs investigations and prosecutions.

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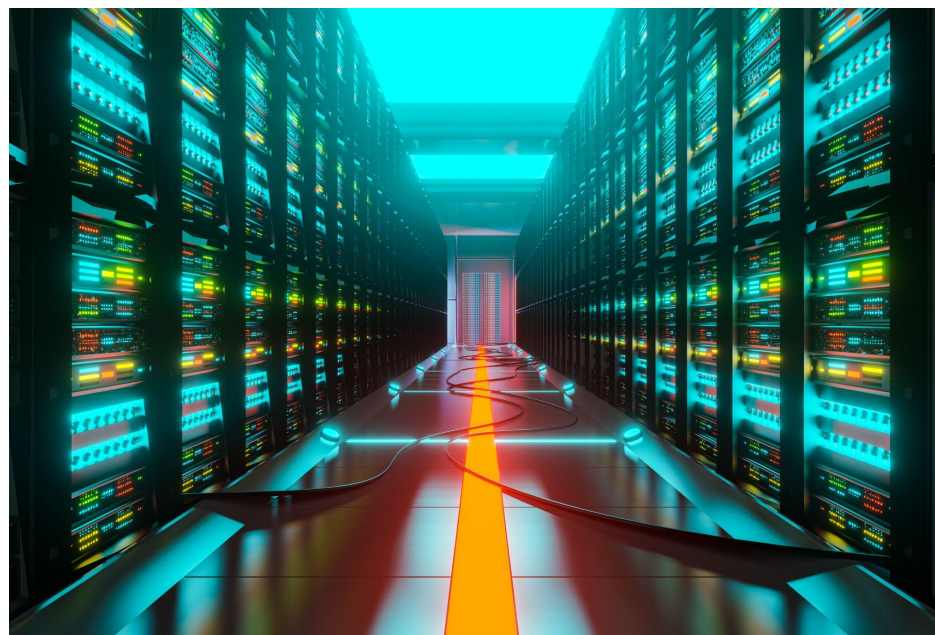
This project has received funding from the European Union's Internal Security Fund - Police programme under grant agreement No 101102641.

# Project News

## TRACY

The synthetic NCD dataset, based on Athens pilot cases, is a simulated yet realistic resource that can support the testing of AI and analytics algorithms for crime resolution.

The abovementioned dataset is available upon request to all LEAs via Zenodo (<https://zenodo.org/records/15585355>)



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# Project News

## PRESERVE

As part of the “Networking within the Security Research Community!” event series, launched by [PRESERVE](#) in April 2025 in Athens, the second edition of this collaborative clustering workshop took place on 29 October 2025 at the Eurostars Tower in Madrid.

This joint stakeholder workshop with [ENSEMBLE](#), [SafeHorizon](#) and the LEA Projects Cluster, led by [Privanova](#), featured Roundtable Dialogues on key topics, aiming to generate actionable outcomes and draft a common policy brief following the event.

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**Website:**

<https://preserveproject.eu/>



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101168309.

# Project News

## SECUR-EU

Leading Partners of **SECUR-EU** Consortia and other security projects organized the Cybersecurity Conference, in the framework of the EU-funded initiatives under the Digital Europe Programme, on 4 November 2025, in Cyprus.

The Conference aimed to consolidate efforts and create Synergies between Projects, with a particular focus on strengthening European Cooperation on CRA Compliance, SMEs Cyber Resilience, and advanced SOC development. High-level Representatives of the participating Consortia, European and National Institutions, Industry Leaders and Cybersecurity Experts provided unique and important perspectives



**SECUR-EU** is an EU-funded project dedicated to building a shared cybersecurity culture among SMEs. By developing and testing innovative tools, proactive defence tactics, and collaborative networks, the project helps organisations identify vulnerabilities, strengthen digital defences, and improve resilience against emerging cyber threats.

**Website:**

<https://www.secur-eu.eu/>



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101128029.

# Project News

## GROUNDUP

At the [University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies in Belgrade](#), from 15 to 19 September 2025, a specialized training was held for master's programme students in CBRNE from the [University of Tor Vergata](#).

During the five-day programme, participants had the opportunity to become familiar with the basics of ionizing radiation, management of radioactive waste, detection and protection techniques in case of radiological incidents, as well as practical procedures for decontamination and correct use of personal protective equipment.

Read the full story [here](#).



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### Website:

<https://www.groundup-project.eu/>



This project has received funding from the European Union's Internal Security Fund - Police programme under grant agreement No 101214954.

# Project News

## SPARKUP

Specialized [INTERPOL](#) training program was held at the Training Center “Mitrovo Polje” on Mount Goč. The program was designed for police officers from 18 countries worldwide and focused on detecting and dismantling illegal laboratories for drug and precursor production, combating drug trafficking, and learning about new trends in narcotics production.

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**Website:**

<https://www.sparkup-project.eu/>



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# Project News

## SPARKUP

Associate Professor Dr. Ana Branković from the University of [Criminal Investigation and Police Studies](#) and Senior Research Associate Dr. Ana Todorović from the [Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences](#) participated in the [BEHEALTH 2025](#) conference, held in Bucharest from October 20 to 24, 2025. This important event brought together representatives of European institutions, researchers, and companies active in the field of healthcare innovation.

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### Website:

<https://www.sparkup-project.eu/>



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# Project News

## POLIIICE

The [POLIIICE Project](#) has officially come to an end. On 10 September 2025, [the Centre for Security Studies \(KEMEA\)](#) proudly co-organised the POLIIICE Final Workshop at the [European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training \(CEPOL\)](#) headquarters in Budapest, Hungary.

Watch the workshop video [here](#).



FINAL WORKSHOP

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SEP 10  
2025

CEPOL Premises  
Budapest, Hungary

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**POLIIICE** vision is to advance European LEAs to a novel lawful-interception (LI), investigation, and intelligence era in which they will be able to effectively prevent, detect, and investigate crime and terrorism amid the new age of communication (5G&Beyond, end-to-end encrypted communication and Quantum based encryption).

**Website:**

<https://poliice-project.eu/>



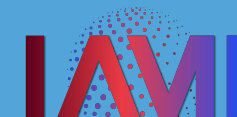
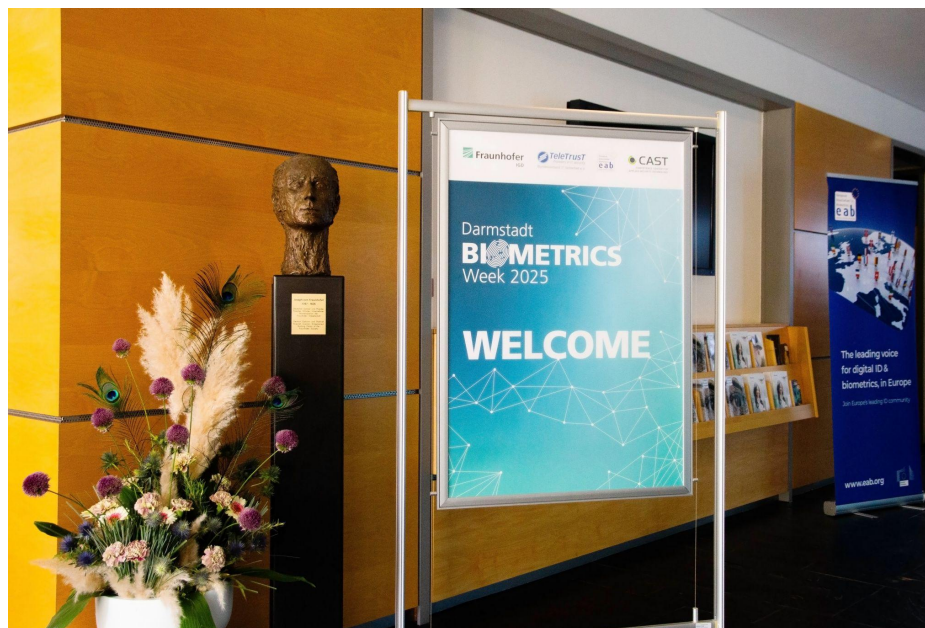
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# Project News

## IAMI

IAMI Project participated in the [EAB Research Projects Conference 2025](#).

IAMI Project's partners from [Hochschule für den öffentlichen Dienst in Bayern](#) and [AIT Austrian Institute of Technology](#) successfully presented project's objectives and goals, helping EU agencies improve investigations, collaboration, and intelligence sharing through a new identity-attributes framework.



IAMI project aims to develop an AI-powered software system that seamlessly integrates with existing case management systems and analytic tools, enhancing entity identification and resolution.

**Website:**

<https://www.privanova.com/eu-projects/iami>



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101168272.

# Project News

## CYCLOPES

The [CYCLOPES project](#) final practitioner workshop was organized on 19th – 20th November, in Malta. Over two productive days, LEA practitioners, experts, and researchers explored how law enforcement can strengthen strategic readiness and resilience in the face of an evolving cybercrime landscape.

The workshop helped consolidate five years of CYCLOPES insights, mapping LEA gaps, needs, and priorities across Europe, translating them into actionable strategies for the future. Key themes included long-term preparation for emerging cyber threats, capability gaps, digital investigation trends, and the importance of cross-sector cooperation.

Read the full story [here](#).



**CYCLOPES** is a 5-year running EU-funded project building and maintaining an innovation-driven network of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) combating cybercrime. CYCLOPES identifies solutions and research activities that help tackle the complexity of cybercrime — whilst eliciting priorities for standardisation and recommendations for innovation implementation and increased uptake.

**Website:**

<https://www.cyclopes-project.eu/>



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Join Us

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# Become a **LEA Projects Cluster Member!**



## How to join?

- Interested parties are encouraged to reach out to the Cluster Coordinator: [kristina.isakzay@privanova.com](mailto:kristina.isakzay@privanova.com)
- Submit a brief description of your project, highlighting its objectives, outcomes, and relevance to the broader themes of cybersecurity and law enforcement.
- Attend an introductory meeting with the Cluster Coordination Team to explore potential synergies, collaboration opportunities, and to discuss how your project can contribute to and benefit from the cluster.

## Who should join?

- EU-funded projects addressing topics of interest to the law enforcement community (i.e. cybercrime, counter-terrorism, radicalisation, border control, etc).

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