LEA projects cluster

Overview and Impact

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Unlocking the Full Value **of EU Security Research**

EU-funded security research generates significant knowledge and innovation. However, its impact remains limited due to **fragmentation** across projects, timelines, and thematic areas. As a result, insights do not fully translate into coordinated action, operational uptake, or EU policy development.

The LEA Projects Cluster addresses this gap by **integrating results, connecting stakeholders, and enabling structured cooperation.**

Cluster Impact across the EU Security Ecosystem

Research Consolidation

The Cluster reduces fragmentation across EU-funded projects by mapping results, identifying overlaps, and enabling structured collaboration.

Policy Contribution

The Cluster translates project outcomes into policy-relevant insights, supporting evidence-based EU decision-making.

Institutional Recognition

The Cluster connects EU-funded projects with institutional stakeholders, strengthening their visibility and recognition.

Operational Integration and Direct Exploitation Pathways

Through engagement with end users and stakeholders, the Cluster facilitates the uptake and validation of project results, supporting their application in real-world law enforcement contexts.

From Project-Based Initiative
To Structured EU Cooperation Mechanism

CC-DRIVER

01 CC-DRIVER

May 2020

Cluster initiation phase

19 Projects

Over the course of 3 years

CYBERSPACE

02 CYBERSPACE

February 2023

Expansion and consolidation phase

36 Projects

17 projects joined the cluster

SafeHorizon

03 SAFEHORIZON

September 2024

Integration and scaling phase

48 Projects

12 projects joined the cluster

AI4CYBER

ALIGNER

CC-DRIVER

CEASEFIRE

COPKIT

CounteR

CYBERSPACE

CUT THE CRD

DARLENE

CYCLOPES
CYBERCRIME LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTITIONERS NETWORK

DYNAMO

EINSTEIN

emeritus

ENACT.
European Network Against Crime and Terrorism

ENSEMBLE

EU-HYBNET

FREE TOOL
Free Reliable Tools for Investigating Cybercrime

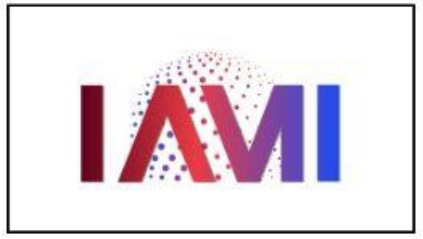
GANNDALF

Grace

GroundUp

HEROES

INSPECTr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LAW-GAME
LOCARD
MULTIRATE
ODYSSEUS
NOTIONES
popAI
POLIICE
PRESERVE
PRECINCT
PREVISION
PRO TAX
RAYUELA
a fun way to fight cybercrime
Resilmesh
securing cyber infrastructures
ROXANNE
SafeHorizon
SECUR EU
SPARKUP
Tools4LEAs
STARLIGHT
TRACY
TRACE
UNCOVER
VANGUARD
48+ projects | 200+ partners |
50+ security practitioners

Strategic **Mission**

Integrating EU-funded projects into a coordinated security ecosystem

The mission of the Cluster is to transform dispersed project outputs into **coordinated**, **policy-relevant**, and **operationally usable outcomes** by reducing fragmentation, enabling cross-project synergies, aligning results with law enforcement needs and EU priorities, and ensuring sustained impact beyond project lifetimes.

Strategic **Vision**

Evolving into a recognised EU-level cooperation mechanism for security research and innovation

The LEA Projects Cluster aims to progressively evolve into a permanent, recognised EU-level cooperation mechanism for law enforcement innovation, strengthening end-user engagement, supporting the uptake of results beyond project lifetimes, and reinforcing the link between research and EU security policy.

Working Groups **Framework**

Enabling cross-project collaboration, operational input, and coordinated outputs

European cooperation mechanism, fully aligned with 2026-2029 EMPACT crime priorities.

1

WG1 Cyber and Digital Crime

Addressing emerging online threats and digital resilience

2

WG2 Criminal Networks & Financial Crime

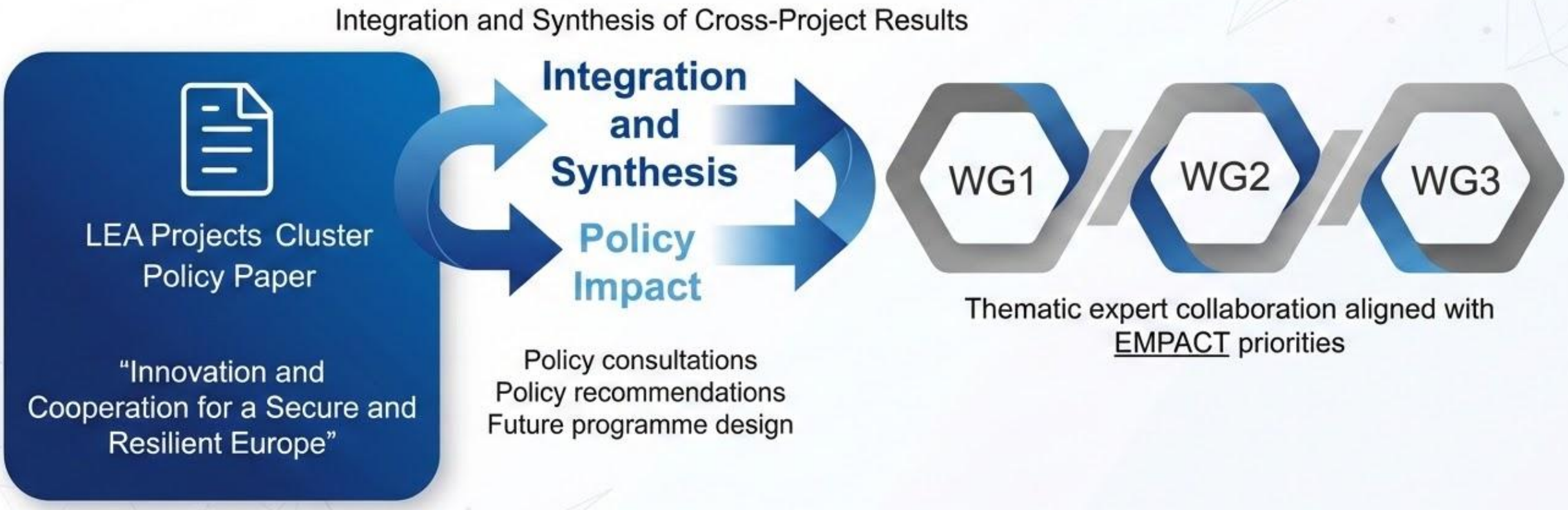
Supporting disruption of complex criminal and financial ecosystems

3

WG3 Human Security & Environmental Crime

Focusing on societal, environmental, and cross-border security challenges

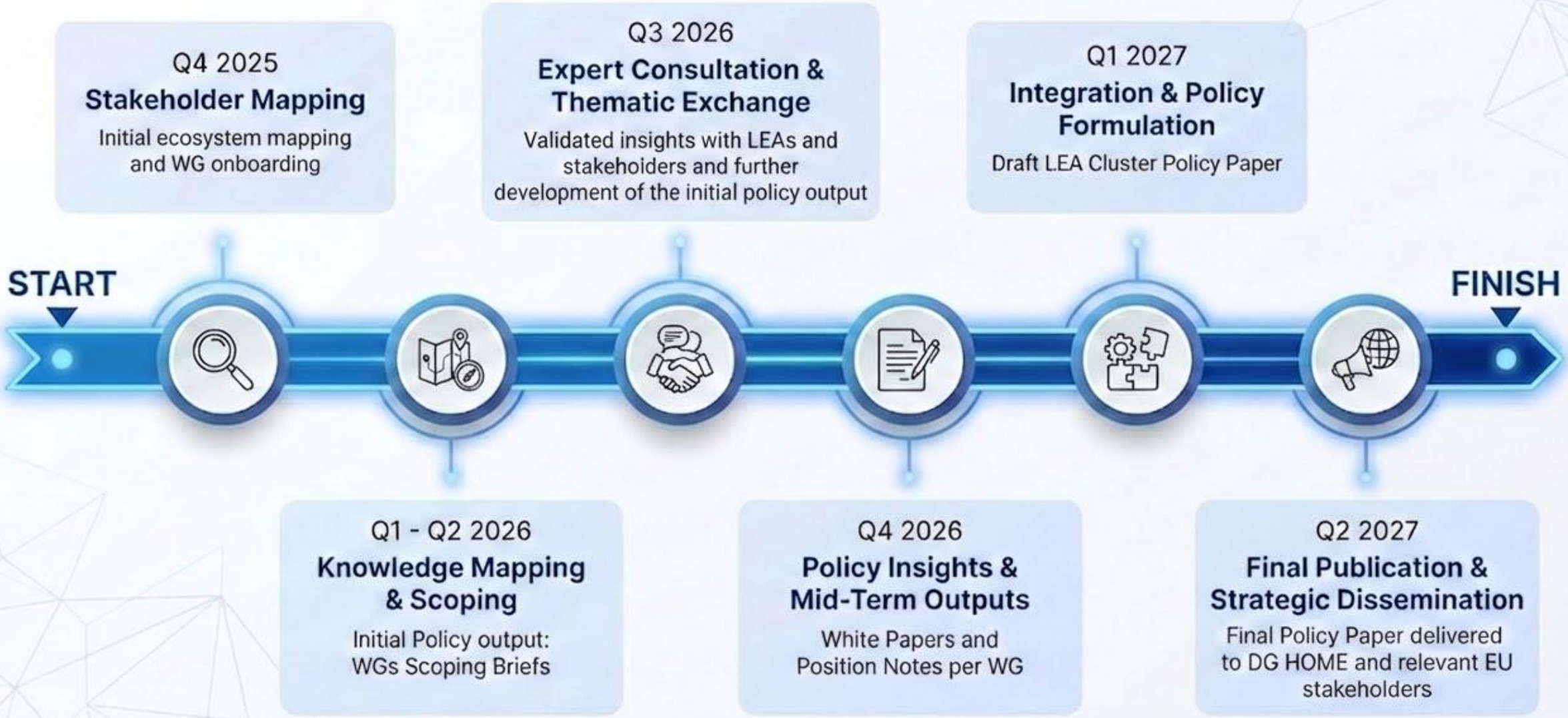
Integration and Policy Impact **Pathway**



Evidence-based Methodological **Approach**

Transforming project results into coordinated outputs and policy-relevant insights

Operational **Timeline**



LEA Project Cluster Institutional Engagement

Privanova presents the LEA Projects Cluster at UNODC Constructive Dialogue on Technical Assistance and International Cooperation

2 June. 2025

Privanova presents the LEA Projects Cluster at UNODC Event "Emerging Issues in Trafficking in Persons: Forced Criminality Online”

30 July, 2025

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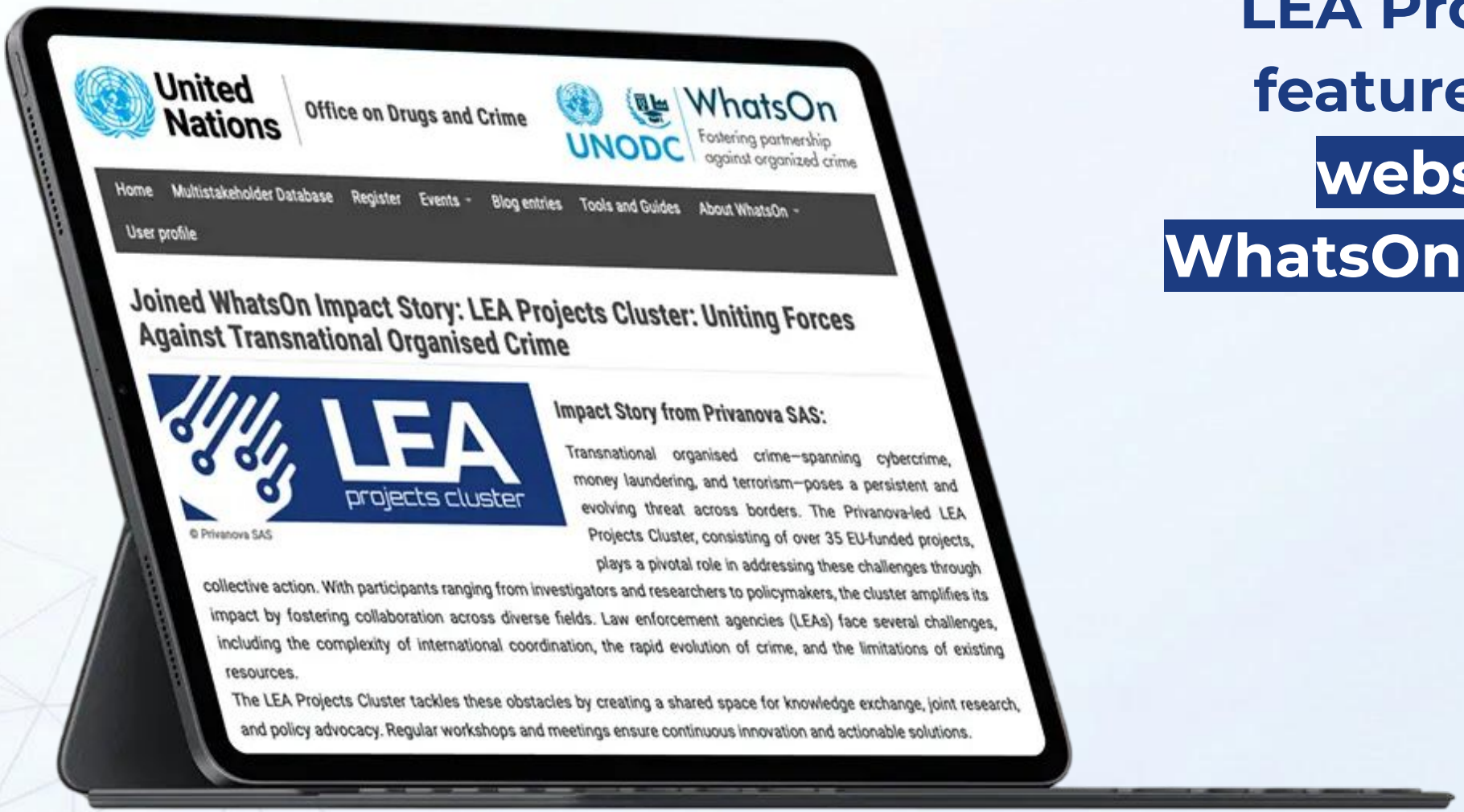
Constructive Dialogue on Technical Assistance and International Cooperation

8 October, 2025



LEA Projects Cluster featured on UNODC website as part of WhatsOn Impact story

15 November, 2024

INTERPOL

INTERPOL Innovation Center representative joined LEA Projects Cluster Meeting as keynote speaker

24 October, 2025

The Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) representative joined LEA Projects Cluster Meeting as keynote speaker

29 Janurary, 2026

European Security and Defence College

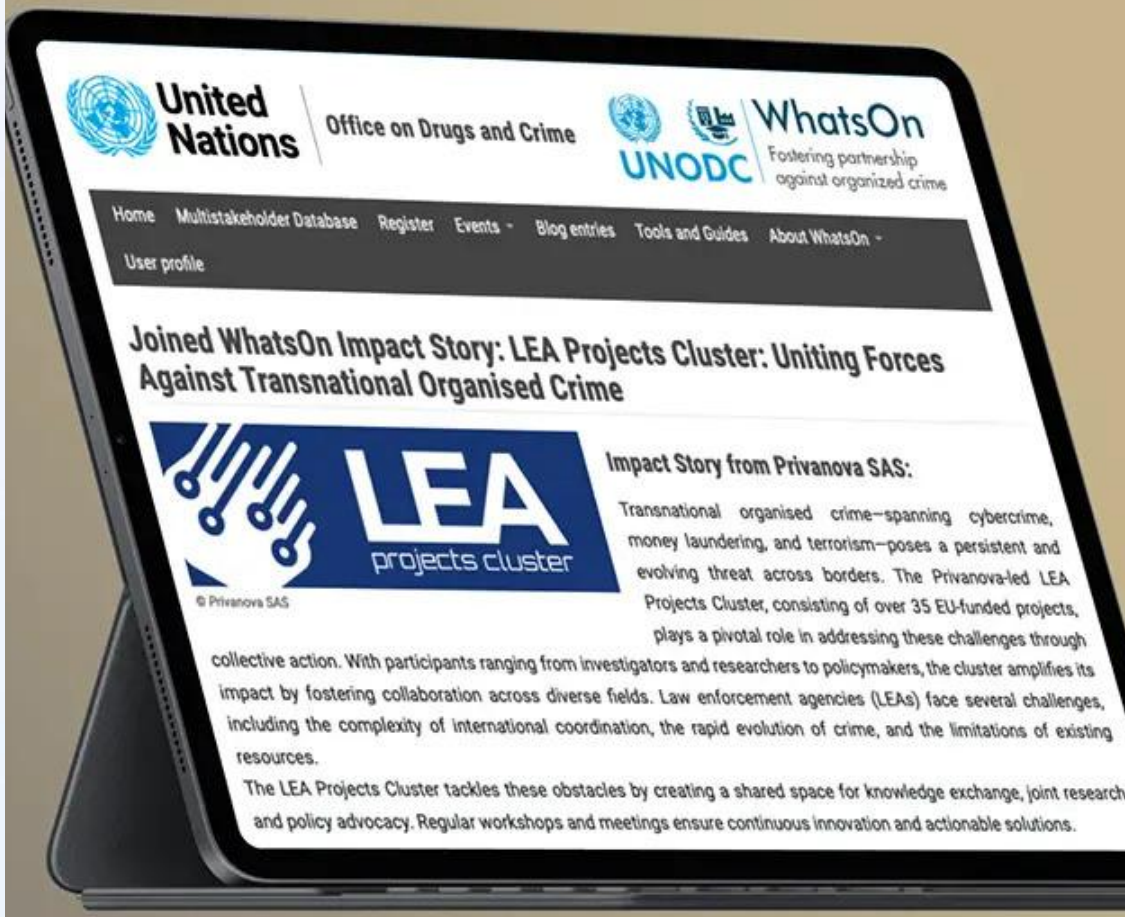
LEA Projects Cluster was invited to deliver a keynote during the ESDC course on International Law and Cybersecurity

18 February, 2026

LEA Projects Cluster
Latest Activities

LEA Projects Cluster Gains Global Recognition: Featured on UNODC Website

Link: https://www.project-safehorizon.eu/lea-projects-cluster-gains-global-recognition-featured-on-unodc-website/



Interagency Collaboration: Best Practices from the LEA Projects Cluster

Link: https://www.privanova.com/resources/interagency-collaboration-best-practices-from-the-lea-projects-cluster

From Research to Practice: The Impact of EU Funding on Law Enforcement Agencies within the LEA Projects Cluster

Link:
https://www.privanova.com/resources/from-research-to-practice-the-impact-of-eu-funding-on-law-enforcement-agencies-within-the-lea-projects-cluster

LEA Projects Cluster Hosted a Meeting for Cybersecurity Awareness Month

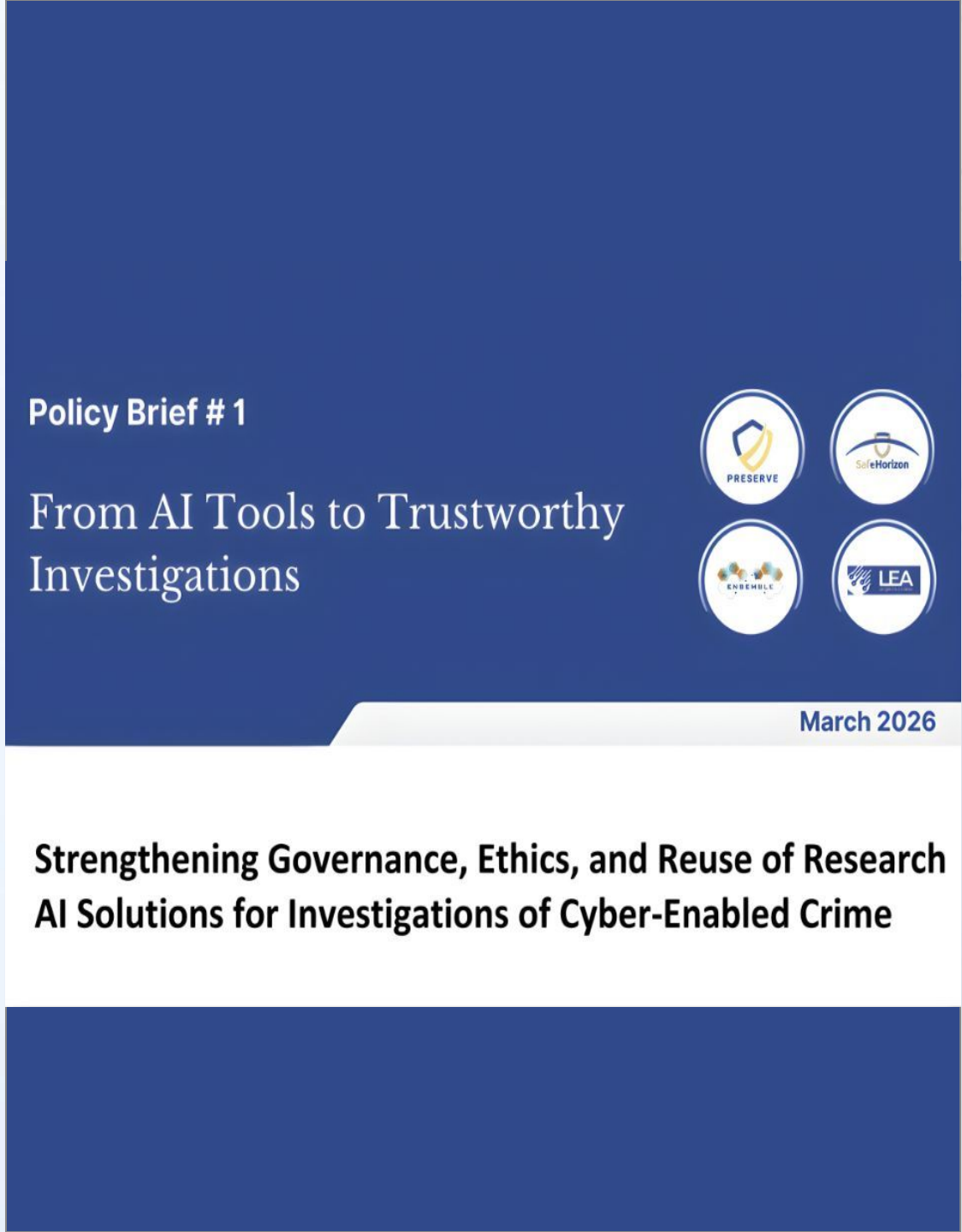
Link: https://www.privanova.com/resources/privanova-and-safehorizon-hosted-the-lea-projects-cluster-meeting-for-cybersecurity-awareness-month

LEA Projects Cluster Hosts Law Enforcement Innovation & Synergies Workshop

Link:
https://www.privanova.com/resources/law-enforcement-innovation-synergies-workshop-organised-by-the-lea-projects-cluster

Joint Stakeholder Workshop – PRESERVE, SafeHorizon, ENSEMBLE, and LEA Projects Cluster

Link to the brief:
https://preserveproject.eu/publications/just-out-policy-brief-from-ai-tools-to-trustworthy-investigations/



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