



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



01 CC-DRIVER

May 2020

Cluster initiation phase

19 Projects

Over the course of 3 years



02 CYBERSPACE

February 2023

Expansion and consolidation phase

36 Projects

17 projects joined the cluster



03 SAFEHORIZON

September 2024

Integration and scaling phase

48 Projects

12 projects joined the cluster

 AI4CYBER

 ALIGNER

 CC-DRIVER

 CEASEFIRE

 COPKIT

 CounterR

 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
NextGen Collaborative Cybercrime Investigation Framework

 Grace

 GroundUp

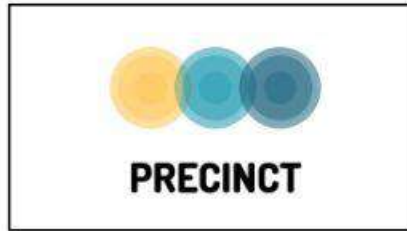
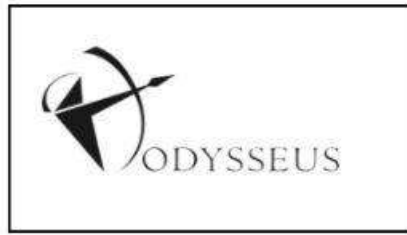
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 KINAITICS



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

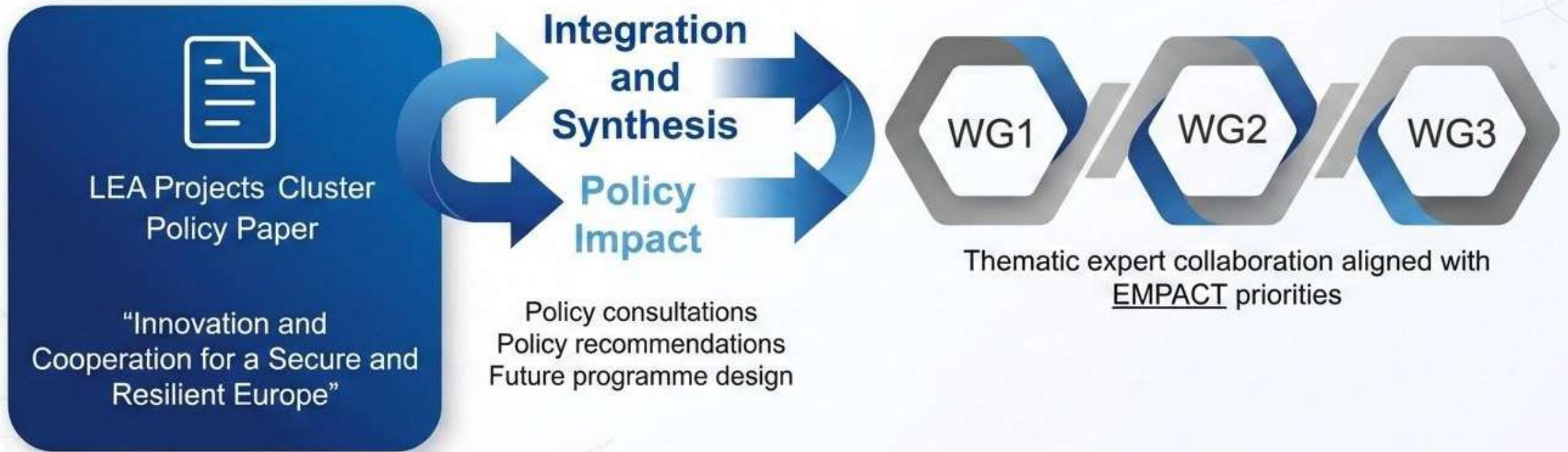


WG3 Human Security & Environmental Crime

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

Integration and Policy Impact **Pathway**

Integration and Synthesis of Cross-Project Results



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



Privanova presents
the LEA Projects
Cluster at UNODC

**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 January, 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/>

Policy Brief # 1

From AI Tools to Trustworthy
Investigations



March 2026

**Strengthening Governance, Ethics, and Reuse of Research
AI Solutions for Investigations of Cyber-Enabled Crime**

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