



## **Inspiring Citizens Participation for Enhanced Community Policing Actions**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Stakeholders Advisory Group / External Experts Group Workshop in Vienna, Austria**

The INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T project successfully concluded the 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholders Advisory Group (SAG) / External Experts Group (EEG) Workshop in Vienna - Austria, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2015. The meeting was hosted by the INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T partner VICESSE at the Austrian Ministry of Interior's Police Academy (SKIE) premises.

The INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T Overview was presented to the SAG and EEG Members by the Project coordinator Dr. George Leventakis from the Center for Security Studies – KEMEA, Ministry of Citizen Protection, Greece.

The presentations included topics related to Community Policing strategy, best practices, analysis, implementation, as well as the Ethical, Legal, and Privacy issues resulting and were delivered by speakers from Police authorities, the Academia, Experts on Community Policing from the EU, the US, and Brazil, as well as Consortium members. During the two-day event, many detailed discussions were conducted in analyzing several aspects of Community Policing with respect to the vision and scope of the INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T project. Having a pan-European vision, INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T was widely accepted by the meeting experts to be a challenging and most promising project with respect to its societal and technological approach, on citizens' awareness and engagement, with respect to Community Policing.

The workshop was attended by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior's officials, the Police President of Mannheim Police, Berlin Police Vice President, and officers from the Austrian and German Police respectively. Furthermore, the SAG/EEG Workshop was attended by the Chief of Citizen Protection and Judicial Police of the Municipal Guard of San Sebastian from Spain, the Chief Officer of Civil Police of Alagoas state from Brazil, the Core Group Leader of THE European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS), and Police officers representing the Netherlands, U.K., and Greece.

Finally, with regards to INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T project's initiative to develop synergies and actively cluster with relevant projects, the UNITY project coordinator of the West Yorkshire Police was invited and attended the SAG/EEG Workshop of INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T Project.

The next planned event for INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T is the second Stakeholders Advisory Group & External Experts Group Workshop, which will be hosted by the Lancashire Constabulary on the first week of April 2016 in U.K. (exact place and date tbc), focusing on the assessment of the early prototype of the INSPEC<sup>2</sup>T solution.