

Inspiring CitizeNS Participation for Enhanced Community Policing



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INSPEC²T KICKS OFF IN ATHENS

On June 22nd & 23rd, 2015, Center for Security Studies (KEMEA) hosted the Kick off Meeting of INSPEC²T (Inspiring CitizeNS Participation for Enhanced Community Policing AcTions) project.

INSPEC²T is a three-year project that started in May 2015. The project is funded by the European Commission, under the “H2020-FCT-2014 Ethical/Societal Dimension Topic 2: Enhancing cooperation between law enforcement agencies and citizens - Community policing” call.

INSPEC²T projects’ scope is to develop a sustainable framework for Community Policing that effectively addresses and promotes seamless collaboration between the police and the community. INSPEC²T approach bases its conceptual foundations on EU crime prevention and Member States specific Internal Security Policies, validated research results and best practices from cooperation between police and local, regional and national communities. This is perceived as an origin to apprehend special characteristics, particularities and determinants for trust between all stakeholders. INSPEC²T is focusing on a user-centric design and development approach, and has already mobilized and engaged a critical user group mass, in EU and abroad. With special emphasis on social media, it consolidates and modernizes bidirectional communication of stakeholders, using multi-level anonymity flags and having a clear understanding of acceptability issues. Driven from accommodated transnational and multicultural best practices, it adheres to an approach where social, cultural, legal and ethical dimensions are embedded into core user centric design specifications and implementation procedures.

INSPEC²T will be demonstrated and validated in 5 cities in 4 EU countries (UK, Spain, Cyprus, Netherlands) by a wide range of relevant stakeholders. INSPEC²T engagement and active participation is stimulated through fully dynamic, interactive and immersive training Serious Game applications that empower players to familiarize themselves with the system, gain an intuitive understanding of its functionalities and motivate their engagement in Community Policing activities.

Special focus will be given to Community Policing awareness raising activities for both police and citizens. The above activities and associated results, will provide a solid foundation for the evolution of the Next Generation Community Policing roadmap in Europe.

INSPEC²T consortium consists of eighteen partners from eight European countries:

- Center for Security Studies (KEMEA), Greece
- Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), Netherlands
- The German Police University (DHPOL), Germany
- The Vienna Centre for Societal Security (VICESSE), Austria
- Vicomtech-IK4, Spain
- Ulster University , UK
- Intrasoft International, Luxembourg
- CGI, Netherlands
- Aditess, Cyprus
- Trilateral Research & Consulting, UK
- Satways Ltd, Greece
- Eticas Research & Consulting, Spain
- Exus Software Ltd, UK
- IMC Technologies, Greece
- Valencia City Council – Local Police, Spain
- Lancashire Constabulary, UK
- Guardia Civil, Spain
- Playgen, UK

During the Kick Off meeting, project partners had the opportunity to discuss the project's detailed plan and activities, to review the necessary links and correlations between different tasks and have an overall view of the project's process and expected outcomes.

The next planned event for INSPEC²T project is the first Stakeholders Advisory Group & External Experts Group Workshop, which will be hosted by VICESSE in Vienna, Austria, on the first week of November, 2015 (exact date tbc).

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