



LION DC
AGAINST ONLINE DRUG CRIMES

**LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGICAL
INNOVATION CONSOLIDATION
FOR FIGHT AGAINST ONLINE
DRUG CRIMES**

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WELCOME

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of the Lion DC project newsletter.

A lot of activities occurred since the Kick-off in January 2019 aiming to provide Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) with new skills, methodologies and tools in the fight against online drug trafficking.

The project team is now collecting and preparing the end-users requirements that will be utilized to configure the training simulator platform. This will be a good opportunity to realize the operational & legislation gaps and identify LEAs current needs.

Based on findings and their evaluation, the operational concept and the simulator design will be enhanced in view to produce and deliver a mature toolset for online drug crimes, that will be tested during scheduled exercises.

This newsletter provides insight into the project and its activities and events.

Wish to find out more about the project? Go through this newsletter. Interested in getting involved? Have a look at the LION DC LinkedIn group managed by consortium and at the Stakeholders Group section.

Looking forward to getting you on board this project.

The Project Coordinator



LION DC PROJECT

Project Name: *Law Enforcement Technological Innovation Consolidation for Fight Against Online Drug Crimes*

Start Date: *10 December 2018*

Duration: *24 months*

Coordinator: *MYKOLO ROMERIO UNIVERSITETAS (MRU)*

Partners: *12 partners*

Call identifier: *ISFP-2017-AG-DRUGS*

Concept:

The Lion DC project aims to provide Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) with new skills, methodologies and tools in the fight against drug trafficking.

Objectives:

- *to create a functioning Online Drugs investigation community, comprised of practitioners, and participants from academia by extending SENTER, ENTER and i-LEAD initiatives.*
- *to develop new investigation methods using available OSINT, Dark Web, Cryptocurrencies Investigation technologies.*

Kick-off meeting:

The successful Kick Off Meeting took place on January 14th and 15th, 2019 at Lithuanian Research Development and Innovation Liaison Office (Brussels), with over 15 attendees representing the LION DC consortium, eager to further develop existing technologies and provide LEAs with new skills and tools assisting their fight against online crimes and specifically, drug trafficking.

LION DC consortium extends over a wide EU geographic coverage including partners from Lithuania, Poland, Greece, Netherlands, Bulgaria & Romania.

The project actively addresses priorities and focus areas, identified in Development of a renewed European Union Internal Security Strategy paragraph 2 "Strengthening a Comprehensive and coherent Approach".

LION DC project is funded by the European Union and the ISF Police program under Grant Agreement no 822616, with a total budget of 836.860,38 €



Figure 1: LION DC consortium - Kick-off meeting



LION DC CONSORTIUM

 <p>MYKOLO ROMERIO UNIVERSITETAS</p>	<p><u>Mykolo Romerio Universitetas, Lithuania</u></p> <p>https://www.mruni.eu/en/</p>	 <p>POLISH PLATFORM FOR HOMELAND SECURITY</p>	<p><u>Polish Platform for Homeland Security, Poland</u></p> <p>https://www.ppbw.pl/en</p>
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	<p><u>International Cyber Investigation Training Academy, Bulgaria</u></p> <p>https://e-crimeacademy.com/</p>		<p><u>Inspectoratul General al Politiei Romane, Romania</u></p> <p>https://www.politiaromana.ro/</p>



STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

WHAT EXACTLY IS LION DC STAKEHOLDERS GROUP....

The stakeholder group is an auxiliary body of LION DC project, targeting to provide regular and meaningful input and ensure, as far as possible, that the project objectives are broadly understood. The second objective of this board is to support and alleviate planning and execution of project activities, including trainings and to disseminate further the results in the project's duration. It will be mainly formed by LEAs and members of different networks (ENLETS, SENTER) that are not directly involved in the LION DC consortium.

THE ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

This group has a specific role regarding its activities during the project duration. These activities will be conducted by invitation of the members to dedicated project meetings and their involvement in the dedicated lion dc events (e.g. workshops, trainings, etc.) And the LION DC project team will ensure their strong involvement for the following activities:

Participate and contribute, to meetings with the lion dc consortium to improve knowledge on present status and needs of the online drug crime for prevention, inspection, in order to cope with this effectively. The main input of this group is their contribution to the extraction of requirements, scenarios and definition of drugs.

- *Provide expertise to inquiries on specific questions relevant to their stakeholder type (policy-makers, drug crime experts, etc.*
- *Attend and actively participate in LION DC workshops & trainings and in the several evaluation and dissemination even*
- *Contribute to the establishment of a standardized training and EU common digital online drug crimes investigation methodological protocols.*

EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL MOI INNOVATION & FORESIGHT SUMMIT, 5-6 FEB 2019



Figure 2: LION DC delegate - 2nd Annual MOI Innovation & Foresight Summit

Following the 2016 launch of the 'UAE Strategy for the Future' by the President, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE Ministry of Interior has initiated series of activities and implemented new programs and policies nationwide to drive and stimulate the culture of innovation amongst various government entities to focus their ideas on how to anticipate and better prepare for the future. The 2nd MOI Innovation and Foresight Summit will therefore be providing a platform for UAE government entities such as the Ministry of Interior, Law Enforcement agencies, National Security agencies, Regulatory bodies, Police Forces, Military and Defense, Customs and Port Authorities, Research Institutes, regional and international experts to deliberate on how innovation can be effectively channeled in the digital era towards solving future challenges, today.

Egidija Versinskiene – Director, Lithuanian Center of Excellence for Training, Research and Education (L3CE), delivered a presentation on Accelerating Innovation: Future Readiness and participated in the panel session discussions: Technologies for Managing New Threats. The **LION DC** project was introduced to the wide auditorium of security practitioners. Unique approach to the project implementation and down to the ground project results attracted a great interest from UAE security practitioners.

22ND EUROPEAN POLICE CONGRESS, 19 FEB 2019

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Figure 3: LION DC delegate - 22nd European Police Congress

The European Police Congress is the largest annual conference concerned with internal security in the European Union. It is a meeting place for about 1.500 experts from over 20 countries. Representatives of police authorities, border police, secret services, as well as governments, parliaments and industry, regularly attend this major event.

The European Police Congress was organized by the independent "Behörden Spiegel", the highest-circulation newspaper targeting the public sector in Germany with a readership of close to 114,000 that includes not only the federal capital of Berlin but effectively every municipality and district in the country.

*Egidija Versinskiene – Director, Lithuanian Cybercrime Center of Excellence for Training Research and Education (L3CE), participated in a panel discussion entitled Cybercrime: current phenomena and challenges and introduced L3CE's latest initiatives in the field of Information Warfare. **LION DC** project as a great result of effective collaboration between Networks of practitioners and researches have been presented to the wide auditorium of security practitioners.*

WORKSHOP IN VILNIUS, 25-26 FEB 2019

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Workshop with representatives of Federal Criminal Police office, International Coordination, Centre of education and Research division IZ (DE) and Fit4Sec/BERKoS network coordinator (DE).

The aim of the meeting was:

- *To share L3CE /MRU experience and findings being in the role of facilitator of ECOSYSTEM that unites two communities (academia and end-users) in a common purpose: development of innovations in the public security domain.*
- *To introduce results and outcomes of the effective collaboration model/ EU funded projects **LION DC**, PRoTECT, SPARTA, I-LEAD, ECOPOL*
- *To discuss how Fit4Sec/BERKoS network could be integrated in to existing SENTER-ENLETS-SINCERE ecosystem.*

***LION DC** project was presented to the German delegation as a great outcome of co-creation process between researches and practitioners. The project idea is based on the innovation, knowledge and challenges faced by EU LEA fighting against drugs criminality in the Internet and Dark Web.*

*Representatives of German delegation expressed their desire to follow **LION DC** project implementation with the great interest. It was agreed that IZ division will coordinate distribution of information about **LION DC** activities to the relevant BKA units as well as to the 16 German state polices.*

WORKSHOPS

1ST WORKSHOP REPORT



Figure 4: LION DC - 1st workshop Poznan

The first workshop within the LION DC project and WP2 (Online Drug Crime Phenomena Definition & LEA needs assessment) took place on February 27-28, 2019 at Polish Police Regional Headquarter in Poznan (Poland). The event was organized by the Polish Platform for Homeland Security – WP2 Leader.

The main purpose of the meeting was to identify common needs of Law Enforcement Agencies from six countries (Poland, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Greece) in the field of online drug crimes. This was done by presenting crime case scenarios (real cases) prepared by participants. The event also aimed to provide a general overview of the Online Drug Crime Phenomena in the countries and services represented in the consortium.

The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the mutual expectations of the LEA in relation to the project's results and exchange experience between practitioners in this field from various EU countries.

The WP2 workshop was attended by 20 people – mostly representatives of Law Enforcement Agencies.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP N° 2, LEIDEN – THE NETHERLANDS

The second workshop that will be held in Leiden, the Netherlands on 17-18/04/2019, aims to enhance the discussion among Law Enforcement Agencies from different countries about their tooling challenges in investigating Online Drug Crimes.

Participants of the workshop will have an opportunity to explore and practice the TNO dark market simulator to identify the feasibility of improving, thereby raising the level of tool quality and LION DC training.

The workshop will be attended by practitioners from 6 EU countries represented in the LION DC consortium.

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