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TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second edition of the LION DC project newsletter.

LION DC is at the turning point. The first year of the project has almost passed and everything goes according to plan. A lot of activities occurred since the last issue of our newsletter, aiming to provide Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) with new skills, methodologies and tools in the fight against online drug trafficking.

The project team is now collecting the training material and preparing the framework, for the envisaged first training workshop on February. This will be a good opportunity to capitalize the knowledge gathered in the previous stages of the project in a practical manner.

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 evaluated during scheduled exercises.

This newsletter provides an up-to-date insight of the project, 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 and Twitter account, and don't forget to read specifically the Stakeholders Group section.

Enjoy your reading and stay tuned with the project through our website and social networks (check at the end of this document).

The Project Coordinator



LION DC PROJECT OVERVIEW

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)

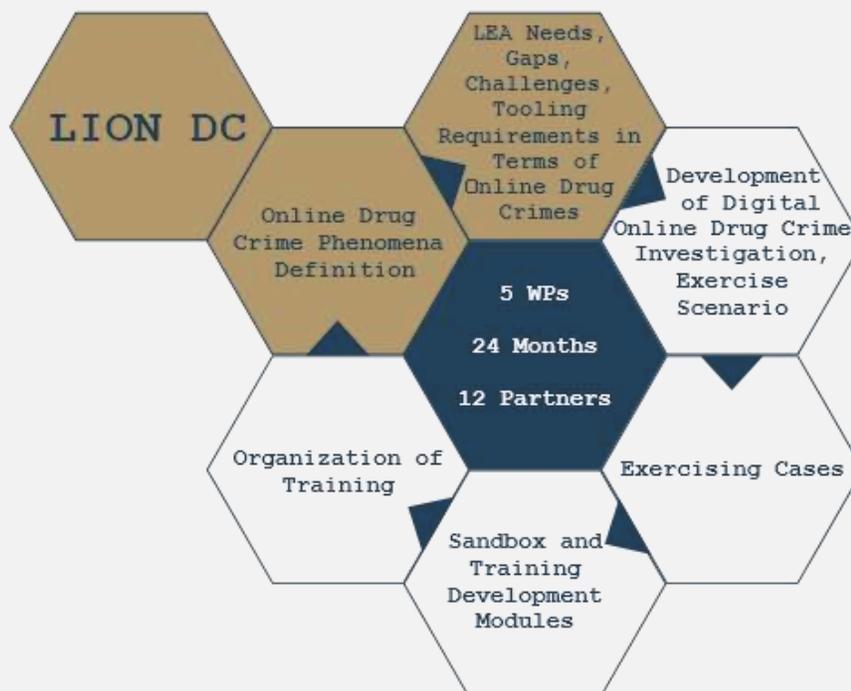
Partners: 12 partners

Call identifier: ISFP-2017-AG-DRUGS

Concept:

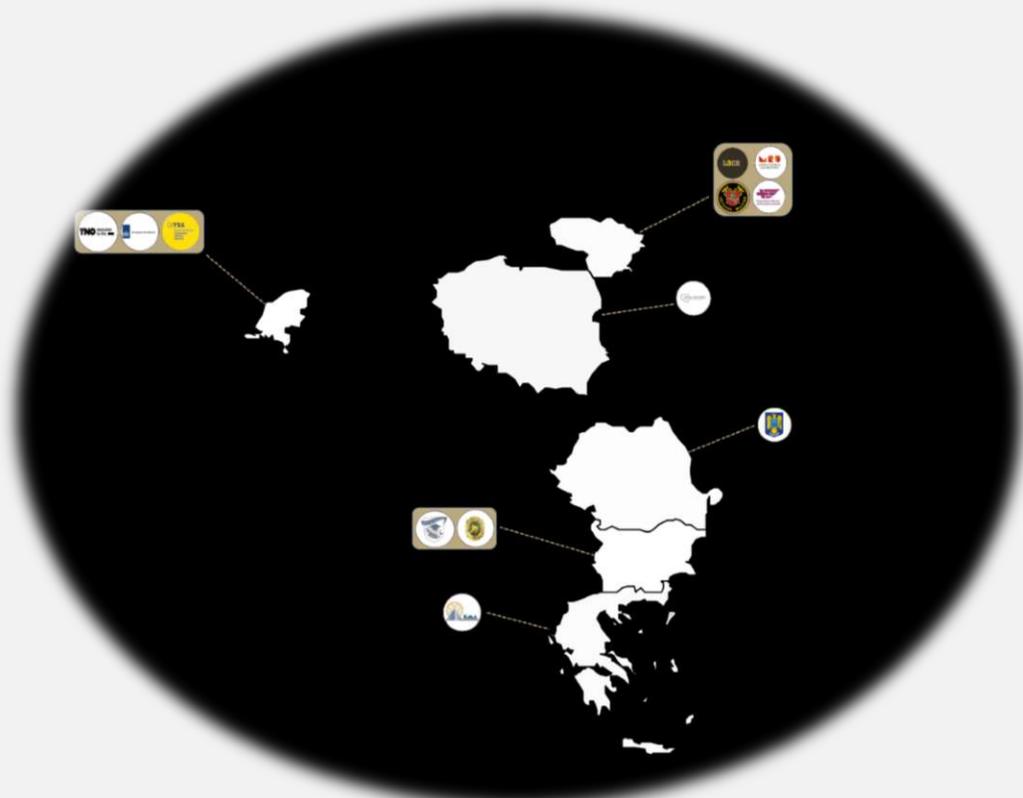
The LION DC project aims to provide Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) with new skills, methodologies and tools in the fight against drug trafficking.

Workplan:



LION DC CONSORTIUM

 Mykolo Romerio Universitetas, Lithuania	 Polish Platform for Homeland Security, Poland
 Lietuvos Kibernetiniu Nusikaltimu Kompetenciju IR Tyrimu Centras, Lithuania	 Glavna Direktsia Borba S Organiziranata Prestupnost, Bulgaria
 Muitines Kriminaline Tarnyba, Lithuania	 Kentro Meleton Asfaleias, Greece
 Nederlandse Organisatie Voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek TNO, Netherlands	 Ministry of Defense, Netherlands
 Stichting Dutch Institute for Technology, Safety & Security, Netherlands	 Viesoji Istaiga Respublikine Vilniaus Universitetine Ligonine, Lithuania
 International Cyber Investigation Training Academy, Bulgaria	 Inspectoratul General al Politiei Romane, Romania



STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

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The stakeholder group is an auxiliary body of LION DC project, targeting to provide regular and meaningful input and ensure 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. This group has a very 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.).

STAKEHOLDERS GROUP BENEFITS



To better communicate and inform the interested audience about the benefits that a SG member could gain, LION DC consortium distributed one-page informative flyer to project's social media and website.

CURRENT SG MEMBERS

Reaching the first year of the project's lifetime, external to the consortium practitioners and experts have shown huge interest in LION DC initiative. At the time being, 20 members from 5 different organizations (national cybercrime units & academia) compose the Stakeholders Group.





WP2 IN A NUTSHELL...

WP2 OVERVIEW

The Polish Platform for Homeland Security (PPHS) - the leader of Work Package 2 (WP2) "Online Drug Crime Phenomena Definition & LEA needs assessment" - was responsible for collecting data and analyzing the online drug crimes phenomena from the perspective of the Law Enforcement Agencies represented in the consortium. The activities of WP2 are successfully completed and the results are passed for further implementation in other Work Packages and activities.

WP2 tasks identified common needs/ gaps of LEA (skills/trainings, procedures and legislation, tools) and challenges as the main challenges they deal with. One part of the work focused on the technologies currently used in online drug cases and resulted in determination of the technological needs and challenges faced by the agencies that oversee security. As a result of WP2, a database was also created containing almost 100 useful Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation tools (commercial and free solutions). At the end of the WP2, two practical exercise scenarios were created for further use in WP3 and WP4. The task ended with a summary of LEA's expectations of improvements to the Digital Online Drug Investigation and the success factors of the LION DC project.

During the WP2, the following reports have been prepared:

- *"LEA Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation Needs Survey Report";*
- *"Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation tooling requirements" consisting of Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation tooling questionnaire and Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation tooling LEA challenges;*
- *"Detailed specification of 2 Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation exercise scenario";*
- *"Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation improvements expectations and success factors".*

The aforementioned reports were based on information obtained from representatives of Law Enforcement Agencies – partners of the LION DC consortium.

In the context of WP2, two international meetings were held. It was an opportunity to conduct a thorough discussion concerning the fight against online drug trafficking. The first meeting was held on February 27-28, 2019 at the Regional Police Headquarters in Poznan (Poland). The main objective of the meeting was to identify the common needs of the agencies that fight against online drug crimes (cybercrime units, drugs divisions etc.). The second meeting was held on April 17-18, 2019 in Leiden (the Netherlands). Its main goal was to discuss the different challenges that LEAs representatives face, when conducting investigations connected with online drug crimes. Moreover, in September 2019, the 3rd LION DC project workshop took place in Vilnius, Lithuania, where the final findings of Work Package 2 were summarized and presented among LION DC Consortium partners.



CLUSTERING ACTIVITIES

LINKAGE WITH OTHER PROJECTS/ NETWORKS

According to LION DC's Dissemination and Communication strategy, the consortium has established initial links and communication channels with i-LEAD and ANITA projects to maximize their impact through their audience, for knowledge sharing, exchange of best practices, stakeholders feedback and other respective activities, based on the common ground identified as described below in detail.

i-LEAD aims to build a sustainable & permanent Pan European Network of Law enforcement Agencies, is one of the EU projects that LION DC consortium would be glad to cooperate with. i-LEAD and LION DC share the same principles on supporting LEA community, each project from its own perspective; furthermore, LION DC aims to create functioning Online Drugs investigation community, comprised of practitioners, and participants from academia by extending SENTER, ENTER and i-LEAD initiatives.

Concerning ANITA, it is an EU funded project that aims to boost the LEA's investigation process and to significantly increase their operational capabilities, by introducing a set of innovative tools for efficiently addressing online illegal trafficking challenges. Moreover, it aims to facilitate the novice officers training process and to optimize the learning curve.



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<https://www.anita-project.eu/>



EVENTS

LION DC PRESENTATION IN CRIMINOLOGY EVENT, 10 JUNE 2019



LION DC presentation - Supervised injection sites, new discussions around an old problem

*LION DC project was presented to an open forum which was organized by **Panteion University Criminologists Society** in Athens, on 10/06/2019. The forum was organized by the Hellenic Association of Criminologists and the goal was to emphasize on drug crimes. On that framework, LION DC representatives highlighted the effort made by the EU to prevent and cope with the crimes related to drugs; especially for online drug crimes. The main goal of this presentation was to give an overview of LION DC project. In particular, the main goals and a brief update on the project's workflow were presented to the audience. The project presentation received a warm welcome from the participants who were interested in keeping informed on the project progress and main achievements.*



14TH MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY OF USERS' ON SECURE, SAFE, RESILIENT SOCIETIES

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14th meeting of the community of users on secure, safe, resilient societies

"Community of Users on Secure, Safe and Resilient Societies" has been developed by DG HOME since 2014 with the support of several Service Contracts.

Support to the development of the "Community of Users" needs is pursued through networking events (thematic workshops) and reinforcing links with existing international networks and national / regional initiatives.

LION DC project was introduced in 2 thematic workshops:

- **Thematic Group 5 (ThG5): Protection of Public Spaces**
- **Thematic Group 7 (ThG7): Organized Crime and Terrorism**

Thematic workshops, facilitated by coordinators of EU networks of practitioners (ENLETS, ILEAnet) provided a great opportunity for the project team to share, validate and promote project results with a wide auditorium of workshop participants and focus on the real needs of security practitioners.

LION DC leaflets have been disseminated between workshop participants. Project team participated in the open discussions with practitioners, researches and EU policy officers related to the potential of the research outcomes and innovations adoption challenges. Furthermore, LION DC stand banner was placed in the exhibition area where presentations of the most advanced EU research projects took place: TITANIUM, ASGARD, RAMSES.



LION DC MEETING IN VILNIUS, 2-4 OCTOBER 2019



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LION DC – Meeting in Vilnius

The scheduled plenary meeting was held in Vilnius, Lithuania on 2-4 October 2019 among LION DC partners.

The main purpose of the meeting was to review the work done so far, monitor the progress of the project and plan the upcoming actions that will be implemented during the second & crucial year of the project. Representatives from LION DC partners presented their work and their perspective for the future activities, aiming to promote cooperation among partners and to align their mindsets to achieve the desirable outcome as far as it concerns the project. There were lots of discussions between the participants how to reach the best results of the project, what could make the bigger impact to Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA), what should be the focus during the upcoming trainings to the representatives of LEA.

Overall, it was a fruitful meeting and its outcomes will be useful input for the upcoming initiatives concerning LION DC project.



WORKSHOPS

MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY EVENT 2019, 29-31 OCTOBER 2019



LION DC Banner – MSE 2019

LION DC project was present at "**Mediterranean Security Event 2019 (MSE2019)**", which was held in Crete, Greece on 29-31 October 2019. The MSE2019 is a large event aiming to expose the results of the EU-funded research, in context of the Societal Challenge Secure Societies of H2020, in a variety of security topics, present innovative practices, methodologies and technologies and promote further international collaboration among stakeholders.

Delegates of LION DC project took part in the joint workshop "**Workshop on fighting crime with focus to drugs and people trafficking**", organized by MEDEA project, introducing and elaborating with other practitioners on the drug trafficking problem and the possible countermeasures. The scope of the workshop was on drug trafficking and overall the discussions were fruitful, since experts from various fields joined forces. The workshop's outcomes will be used as input for the upcoming activities of LION DC.



UPCOMING TRAININGS

UPCOMING TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR TEAM LEADERS & PRACTITIONERS

Within the LION DC project two trainings – one aiming at operational training and the other at managerial training - will be developed based on scientific research and LEA practitioners' inputs from multiple countries. The first one -the 'management' training is scheduled to take place in Krakow during mid-February 2020.



LION DC "Management" training

The LION DC 'management' training will take place on 12-14 February 2020 in Krakow, Poland. The training focuses on increasing the awareness and understanding of the latest trends in online drug criminality. Topics as dark web and cryptocurrencies are trained in a practical and interactive setting. This hands-on focus improves the understanding and comprehension of the challenges that LEA's face in fighting online drug criminality.

The training will span 2,5 days and is aimed at non-executive law enforcement personnel such as team leaders, who do not have field experience on the topic of online drug trade.

LION DC "Practitioners" training

The LION DC 'practitioners' training will be held in the Netherlands during April-May 2020. It focuses on tactical police officers. The training spans 4 days and is a combination of theory and practice. The training will go in-depth into the latest trends and technologies, such as cryptocurrency-analytics and tooling.

LION DC offers the opportunity to stakeholders, partners and interested LEA officials to participate in the project by attending trial training sessions. Attending LION DC trial training sessions will offer early access to the material developed in the project and includes a waiver of any fee. On top of that trainees will have access to the training material afterwards.



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