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Project Summary

E2i

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Enhancing security solution design, adoption and impact through effective engagement and social innovation

Engage2Innovate (E2i) aims to inspire and motivate security policymakers, researchers, practitioners to orientate their research and innovation projects towards collaborative, socially innovative and responsible approaches, in order to: (a) ensure developed innovations are in line with the needs, values and expectations of end-users and wider society; (b) increase the acceptance of security solutions by local communities; and (c) improve the uptake of outputs resulting from the Horizon Europe security research and innovation programme. The project will explore how social innovation might be used to engage citizens, communities and end-users in the design and development of security solutions, mapping and analysing social innovations in two distinct 'social spheres':

1. Security and security behaviour in public places, public transport or mobility
2. Radicalisation, dis-integration in local communities and social media

Through a process of research and collaborative co-creation, the project will design, develop and the ***E2i Security R&I*** **Toolbox**, comprising:

A. Tools from the field of **social innovation** to enable EU-funded security projects to adopt good practice methods and processes

B. Tools from the field of **human-centred design** to support the implementation, uptake and positive impact of European security research and innovation

C. Support and reference materials focused on the two 'social spheres'. These will include: Process protocols; methodology support materials; video guides; engagement strategies; co-design methods; activity templates; good practice exemplars; benchmarks and quality standards; and relevant supporting reference materials.

The *E2i Security R&I* Toolbox will be demonstrated and evaluated by UK and German LEA end-users and their partners—operational contexts where local community engagement is critical to security and perceptions of security.

E2i will develop a **societal development** plan to guide and sustain action towards social innovation approaches. This will explore and map social innovations in the security domain and identify: how they are organised; how they work; how and why they are adopted or rejected; their direct and indirect benefits and costs (including in vulnerability assessments); how they sustain; and how other security professionals are involved. To ensure uptake of the E2i Toolkit and adoption of the societal development plan, the consortium will closely collaborate with CERIS, security practitioner networks and EU agencies.

In E2i new and inspiring engagement strategies will complement more traditional communication methods (communication materials; websites; exhibition materials; participation in academic and industry conferences / events; etc.), including:

- Collaborative creative **DesignLabs** (x3) utilising human-centred design innovation methods to engage participants from across the quadruple helix in co-creating tools and strategies
- Security research and innovation **Symposia** (x3) in collaboration with EU and international security bodies (CERIS, CEPOL, ENLETS, ICA) with security policymakers, practitioners and researchers to explore theoretical and conceptual aspects impacting practical security research and innovation
- An annual Social Innovation **Design Competition** (x2) for university student designers / researchers, which will encourage the adoption of consultative approaches to security solution development in next generation security researchers, as well as showcasing new innovative thinking and solution concepts.

To sustain the benefits of E2i, the project will develop evidence-based **recommendations** to support CERIS in engagement and communication activities with the security research and innovation community.

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