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APRE, as SEREN5 Coordinator, is very proud of the last events and activities the project has organised in the last 6 months to foster the participation of applicants in Cluster 3 2024 calls.

After the first organised Pre-Info Day in held on line in March 2024, and the high level SMI2G brokerage event participation, our work focused on preparing the official EC info day, brokerage event and training for stakeholders in Brussels. Indeed, the brand new Horizon Europe CL3 calls addressing Civil Security for Society have been officially presented in June 2024 during the INFO DAY and SEREN5 was the main organizer of the event.

A moment of very intense work is here for the Cluster 3 applicants and SEREN5 is here to support them in arriving well prepared until the submission deadline on 20th November 2024.

### WHAT IS VERY USEFUL TO KNOW FROM FUNDING INFORMATION?



These information is very important to support you in preparation of proposals.

### CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY –2024 CALLS AND FLAGGED TOPICS

The <u>work programme 2023 - 2025</u> is now fully in practical phase after relevant adoptions in eligibility condition (European Commission Decision C(2024) 2371 of 17 April 2024).

Below a focus on SSH aspects:

Updated – "Opportunities for Researchers from the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon Europe". The document is provided by Net4Society, and is <u>available for download here</u> with additional updates.

Which topics can I find for 2024 Calls in Work Programme 2023 – 2024? (including SSH aspects)

Call - Fighting Crime and Terrorism (FCT) - 2024					
CL3-2024- FCT-01-01	Mitigating new threats and adapting investigation strategies in the era of Internet of Things				
CL3-2024- FCT-01-02	Open topic	RIA	-		
CL3-2024- FCT-01-03			-	SSH	
CL3-2024- FCT-01-04	Radicalisation and gender	RIA	-	SSH	
CL3-2024- FCT-01-05	Combating hate speech online and offline	RIA	-	SSH	
CL3-2024- FCT-01-06	Open Topic	RIA	-	SSH	
CL3-2024- FCT-01-07	CBRN-E detection capacities in small architecture	IA			
CL3-2024- FCT-01-08	Tracing of cryptocurrencies transactions related to criminal purposes	IA			

	Call - Border Management (BM) - 2024			
CL3-2024- BM-01-01	Open Topic	IA	Lump	
CL3-2024- BM-01-02:	Interoperability for border and maritime surveil- lance and situational awareness	IA	Lump sum	
CL3-2024- BM-01-03	Advanced user-friendly, compatible, secure identity and travel document management	IA	Lump sum	
CL3-2024- BM-01-04	Integrated risk-based border control that mitigates public security risk, reduces false positives and strengthens privacy	IA		
CL3-2024- BM-01-05	Detection and tracking of illegal and trafficked goods	IA	Lump sum	
C	Call - Resilient Infrastructure (INFRA) - 202	4		
CL3-2024-IN- FRA-01-01	Open Topic	IA	Lump	
CL3-2024-IN- FRA-01-02	Resilient and secure urban planning and new tools for EU territorial entities	IA	Lump sum	SSH
CL3-2024-IN- FRA-01-03	Advanced real-time data analysis used for infrastructure resilience	RIA	Lump sum	SSH
	Call - Increased Cybersecurity (CS) - 2024			
CL3-2024- CS-01-01	Approaches and tools for security in software and hardware development and assessment	IA	Lump	
CL3-2024- CS-01-02	Post-quantum cryptography transition	RIA	-	
	Call - Disaster-Resilient Society (DRS) - 2024	ļ		
CL3-2024- DRS-01-0	, 0		-	SSH
CL3-2024- DRS-01-02	Open Topic	RIA	-	
CL3-2024- DRS-01-03	I tame as wall as transnational amargancy man.			SSH
CL3-2024- DRS-01-04	Hi-tech capacities for crisis response and recovery after a natural-technological (NaTech) disaster	RIA	-	SSH

CL3-2024- DRS-01-05			-	SSH	
Call - Support to Security Research and Innovation (SSRI) - 2024					
CL3-2024-SS- RI-01-01					
CL3-2024-SS- RI-01-02			-		

In 2024 CL3 Calls you can find 10 topics flagged for the SSH aspects, which means that not only technology needs to be implemented, but consortia need to take into account the social science and humanities approach, involving SSH experts into the proposal.

Regarding the gender dimension, consortia need to take care of the gender issue in each proposal, but the following:

- FCT-01-01
- FCT-01-07
- INFRA-01-01
- SSRI-01-01
- SSRI-01-02

For 2024, all just announced 6 Calls with 25 topics are lunched from **27 Jun 2024**, with a deadline on **20 Nov 2024**.

Remember, you need to start to invite your clients to prepare proposals as soon as possible.

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HORIZON EUROPE NATIONAL CONTACT POINT — CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

For an Horizon Europe National Contact Point (NCP) everyday can be different and everyday can be challenging, however everyday can be extremely rewarding!

Whatever the day brings, a National Contact Point is a vital part of the EU Commission support structure and can offer many types of services to a wide range of stakeholders from within Horizon Europe participating countries across all three pillars of the HE Framework.

NCP's act as a strong link between the EU Commission its agencies and those stakeholders who choose to embark on the Horizon Europe journey. As such NCP's provide advice, assistance, and support to ensure that navigating that journey is as straight forward and uncomplicated as possible. For stakeholders that do decide to participate in Horizon Europe, NCP's offer the following:

- 1. Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
- 2. Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- 3. Training for all levels of knowledge
- 4. Support on proposal writing and peer reviewing proposals
- 5. Directing to relevant documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
- 6. Assistance in partner search

One of the main qualities of an NCP is having good communication skills and these are key to optimise their effectiveness and efficiency as this enables the building of endearing and trusting relationships with their stakeholders. Additionally, having a virtual opendoor policy means that an NCP is on hand and available to help when needed.

The NCP system can vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks, with NCP's working within a number of very different agencies, including government departments and ministries, universities, research centres, special agencies and private consulting companies. Even though there is a variation of environments for an NCP the one constant factor is that every NCP is guided by the same set of principles. These underpinning principles are there to provide assurance to the customer that the highest of personal and professional values and integrity are upheld by the NCP. Furthermore, these key competencies are robustly monitored and checked by their employers on a regular basis.

Due to the nature of the NCP's role, their stakeholder network is often in the hundreds, and on occasions the NCP will need to carry out a group communication exercise with openness and transparency for example, training or information sharing. However, in contrast to this the NCP will work with individual stakeholders in which the NCP must ensure that confidentiality is maintained at all times, so that the trust and integrity of the NCP is optimised throughout their stakeholder group.

Those NCP's that are partners within the 2022 Horizon Europe SEREN5 project consortium are also integral to further developing and improving the services on offer and strengthening links with stakeholders, this work includes:

- Providing a partner search tool through the SeReMa database
- Organising and running cluster 3 Brokerage events and information days
- Training stakeholders
- Promoting synergies with Security key players
- Promoting synergies with Enterprise Europe Network
- Providing information materials for stakeholders

SEREN5 NCP's are committed to improving Cluster 3 stakeholders experience across the whole funding process and are there to help you get involved with future projects. For more information and to check out the SEREN5 website go to: <a href="https://www.seren-project.eu/">https://www.seren-project.eu/</a>

For the latest version of the NCP Guiding Principles go to: <a href="mailto:ncp-guiding-principles\_he\_en.pdf">ncp-guiding-principles\_he\_en.pdf</a> (europa.eu)

To find your country's National Contact Point go to: <u>EU Funding & Tenders Portal (europa. eu)</u>

### Remember... Your National Contact Points are there to help you be successful participants in Horizon Europe!

All valuable recommendation we appreciate by Zale Johnson, Horizon Europe UK National Contact Point for Civil Security for Society Global Innovation, Lead for Security Innovate UK

And here you can find some example how to prepare your complete information about upcoming topics 2024:

Topic Ref	Title	Action	Budget	Projects Funded	TRL	Participation Criteria	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- FCT-01-03*	Lawful evidence collection in online child sexual abuse investigations, including undercover	RIA	3.7M	1	5-6	2 Police Authorities 2 Forensic Institutes	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- FCT-01-04*	Radicalisation and gender	RIA	3M	1	5-6	3 Police Authorities	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- FCT-01-05*	Combating hate speech online and offline	IA	3M	1	6-7	2 Police Authorities and at least 2 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- FCT-01-06*	Open Topic - to address both existing and upcoming challenges in fighting crimes strongly influenced by cultural and/or societal issues that are not covered by the other topics of Horizon Europe Calls Fighting Crime and Terrorism 20212022, Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2023 and Fighting Crime and Terrorism 2024	RIA	3M	2	5-6	3 Police Authorities	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- INFRA-01-01*	Open Topic - to address new, upcoming or unforeseen challenges and/or creative or disruptive solutions for increasing the resilience of critical infrastructure, that are not covered by the other topics of Horizon Europe Calls Resilient Infrastructure 2021-2022, Resilient Infrastructure 2021-2022, Resilient Infrastructure 2023-2024.	IA	5M	1	6-8	2 critical infrastructure operators and 2 civil protection authorities	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- INFRA 01-03*	Advanced real-time data analysis used for infrastructure resilience	RIA	5M	1	5-6	3 infrastructure operators which could include civil protection authorities at national level	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- DRS-01-01*	Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of chemical, biological and radiological threats to agricultural production, forestry and to food processing, distribution and consumption	RIA	4M	2	7.	(i) at least one organisation representing citizens or local communities; (ii) at least one organisation representing practitioners (first and/or second responders); and (iii) at least one organisation representing local or regional authorities.	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- DRS-01-03*	Harmonised/standard protocols for the implementation of alert and impact forecasting systems as well as transnational emergency management in the areas of high impact weather/climate and geological disasters	IA	зм	2	-	one organisation representing each of the following: Practitioners (first and/or second responders); Local and/or regional authorities; Standardisation organisations,	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- DRS-01-04*	Hi-tech capacities for crisis response and recovery after a naturalechnological NaTech) disaster	RIA	4M	1	5-7	2 first responders' organisations or agencies, and 1 representative of local or regional authorities in charge of managing NaTech events	
HORIZON-CL3-2024- DRS-01-05*	Cost effective sustainable technologies and crisis management strategies for RN large scale protection of population and infrastructures after a nuclear blast or nuclear facility incident	RIA	6М	1	6-8	2 first responders' organisations or agencies, and on representative of local or regional authorities in charge of disaster response	

### SEREN5 – NET4SOCIETY ON LINE EVENT ON SSH IN CLUSTER 3

### Online event Cluster 3 "Civil Security for Society" proposals and the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

The online event **organised by <u>SEREN5</u>**, the international network of Horizon Europe Cluster 3 NCPs ('Civil security for Society) and <u>Net4Society</u>, the international network of Horizon Europe Cluster 2 NCPs ('Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society') on 28.6.2024 was the event which directly **addressed to** all those who want to apply at the **10 topics** of the Cluster 3 Work programme (deadline on November 2024) that **requires** the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research/innovation activities (see them in the attached file).

#### The **event offered** information on

- which kind of contribution the SSH experts can bring in the proposals,
- how to create an effective collaboration in the interdisciplinary team
- success stories of Cluster 3 interdisciplinary project

Collaboration between STEM and SSH in a Cluster 3 proposal was presented well and related to topic description.

The not only new applicants for Cluster 3 calls with either an expertise in a STEM or in a SSH area, but all CL3 relevant stakeholders got this possibility to participate on this training.

If you miss the event, you can watch the recording here.

### Which news and organised events are important for raising your network?



### THE SECURITY MISSION & INFORMATION GROUP (SMI2G)

The Security Mission & Information Group (SMI2G) event is traditionally held every year in high level organisation, high participation and with big success.

**SMI2G** event has been again organized by the EARTO Security and Defense Research working group, the SEREN5 network, EOS, IMG-S, ECSO, CMINE and is supported by the French Ministry of Research and Development - Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche, and is also highly supported from the center - Campus Cyber and ENLETS.

This year the largest networking event **SMI2G** was held on May 22.-23.5.2024 in the new Paris Campus Cyber, La Defence, Paris.

The event featured interesting panel discussions with experts in the fields of security research, and you had the opportunity to present your interests in the chosen area from the Cluster 3 2023-2025 Work programme within the already known six calls for 2024.

#### Why is here SMI2G initiatives?

**SMI2G Brokerage Event 2024**, bringing together innovators and Europe-wide experts who are looking for partners to form and grow their consortium, and gives an opportunity to present innovative ideas and new technologies, responding to the challenges of the Horizon Europe work programme under the Cluster 3 "Civil Security for Society".



**Nicolas Bessot,** 2nd Head of Unit Innovation and Security Research; DG Migration & Home Affairs chez European Commission Head of Unit Innovation and Security Research: "My great thanks to the organisers of SMI2G for inviting me to deliver a keynote speech on the positive impact of EU-funded security research for the EU's resilience and security SMI2G2024. R&I in civil security makes Europe safer in the long term. It supports the development of the required capabilities for EU's

first responders, police authorities, border and coast guards, civil protection authorities, cybersecurity actors, in addressing today's security challenges. The EU's security cannot be ensured through defence investments alone. Security requires a whole-of-society ap-

proach: investments in « civil » security is needed to ensure the protection of our civilian infrastructures, the continuity of our essential services, the protection of our population, and in general to ensure our resilience against human-made and natural disasters.



**Marcel van Berlo**, the main organiser, Program Coordinator and EU Manager at TNO: "SMI2G HEU CL3 brokerage event was held at the Campus Cyber in Paris. SEREN5 co-organized this event together with the EARTO Working Group Security & Defence research, Ministère de l' Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche, EOS, IMGS and CMINE. Each day some 340 persons attended the event. In six pitch sessions close to 100 project ideas were presented. In addition there were three panel dis-

cussions: on Citizen involvement in security research, on Market and innovation uptake, and on AI, AI-act & implications for research. Furthermore we had two keynote speeches by Nicolas Bessot (DG HOME) and Babak Akhgar (CENTRIC) and several project presentations. The SMI2G event provided an excellent opportunity for networking and consortium building.

All pitches and keynote presentations are available on the event website: https://www.cmine.eu/events/123953





SEREN5 partners and Lead project SEREN5 Coordinator Flavia la Cola



SMI2G organisation committee including event main sponsors partners





#### SEREN5 NCPs have been active in Paris to provide support to Cluster 3 applicants!

- Marta Kollarova moderated one pitch session about SSRI Topics
- Yotam Beit-Yannai and Ieva Budriene had meetings for the "Project Idea Check" service
- Flavia La Colla, project coordinator, presented SEREN5 and its main services for Cluster3 stakeholders

**Yotam Beit Yannai**, NCP from Israel: "I had the chance to represent SEREN5 and listen to many interesting talks and pitches in the civil security field. I worked on the free Ideas Check service offered by SEREN5 and on the opportunity to support Israeli participation in Horizon Europe Civil Security grants.

I'm always happy to meet my colleagues and eager for the next event – the Civil Security hybrid info day and brokerage event on June 12th-13th. If you are attending and interested in having your idea evaluated by National Contact Point send me a message. If you are an Israeli participant looking to apply or if you are looking to connect with Israeli entities for the proposal reach out and let me help you.

Thank you all for this essential networking event and thank you Julien Ténédos for its organization!"





#### What is the key message from our main organisation committee partner?

**Julien Ténédos**, Coordinator at Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'innovation, 3d - French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation:

"This event was made possible thanks to the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and Campus Cyber, as well as numerous European partners. The European Commission supports this event, and we would like to thank Nicolas Bessot for his keynote.

I'm very proud to have organized, on behalf of <u>Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur</u> et de la Recherche and the <u>Direction générale de la recherche et de l'innovation (DGRI)</u> and with all my French and European colleagues, the <u>SMI2G 2024</u>, which was held on Campus Cyber.

This event brought **together 350 people from all over Europe to work together** to find solutions to the civil security challenges we face: disasters, crime and cybersecurity. It's truly a collective adventure to organize such an event. It requires intercultural understanding, diplomacy, enthusiasm, and certainly a good deal of friendship! This event is proof that together, as Europeans, we can improve society and promote justice, freedom and friendship.

I would like to thank all my comrades and colleagues who have accompanied me on this wonderful adventure: Marcel Van Berlo, Nicolas Sastre, Frederic Perlant, Jean-Flo-

rian BACQUEY-ROULLET, Ewelina Kuchalska, Géraud Canet, Nathalie BOULAY-LAURENT, Anne-Sophie Gallou, Virginie Sivan, Léo Benedetti, Adeline Gleizal, Maite Boyero Egido, Mikolaj Pyczak, Isabelle Linde-Frech, Jeannette Klonk, Marta Kollarova, Flavia La Colla, Marco Manso, Krzysztof Samp, Sjirk Meijer, Piotr Świerczyński, Carolina Lioré, Nizar Touleimat, Catherine OUMAROU, Hakima Chaouchi and all of those that made it possible.

Many thanks to all of the speakers, among them <u>Nicolas Bessot</u>, <u>Giannis Skiadaresis</u>, <u>Babak Akhgar OBE</u>..."

The SMI2G brokerage event was traditionally organised by: The EARTO Working Group Security and Defence research, the SEREN network, EOS, IMG-S, ECSO, CMINE and is supported by the Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche, Campus Cyber and ENLET. Like previous years, this edition of the SMI2G event is again free of charge thanks to our sponsors: DCNA, the Austrian NCC, the French Cluster Systematic, Campus Cyber, MESRI, SEREN5, EOS and the projects CYCLOPES, MultiRATE, TRANSCEND, DIREKTION and Shield4Crowd.

Thank you Mr President - **Marcel Van Berlo**! It was a pleasure organizing the SMI2G 2024 with all of you!

### HOW IT WAS WORKING DURING SECURE SOCIETIES 2024 IN ISTANBUL?

On April 30, 2024, TÜBİTAK joined forces with İSO, and Sabancı University to host the Secure Societies 2024 Brokerage Event in Istanbul, dedicated to fostering cooperation within Horizon Europe Cluster 3 for 2024 calls in collaboration with SEREN5 project. The event brought together nearly 160 participants from 28 countries.

Academicians, SMEs, companies, first responder organizations, civil security organizations, LEAs, and border authorities came together to exchange ideas, forge partnerships, and explore avenues for cooperation. Through a remarkable 300 B2B meetings, first steps has taken to form consortias for Cluster 3 2024 calls. Furthermore, 14 pitch presentations on project ideas were delivered by experienced organizations in the field of Secure Societies.

**Secure Societies 2024: Horizon Europe Cluster 3 Brokerage Event** will take place on April 30, 2024, at Istanbul, Turkey.

This networking event was tailored for those interested in participating in projects within the Horizon Europe Cluster 3 Civil Security for Society Call Topics of 2024.

**Secure Societies 2024** is organized by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK), in collaboration with Sabancı University and Istanbul Chamber of Industry.

Key Topics: The event addressed the following key topics under the <u>2024 call topics of Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society</u>







SEREN5 partners during event in Istanbul: Lenka Švejcarová (TC Praha), Ilknur Yilmaz,(TÜBİTAK), Ieva Budrienė (RCL)

### INFO DAYS 2024 IN BRUSSELS – THE OFFICIAL CL3 CALLS PRESENTATION

This event was organised by European Commission DG HOME and REA and in a close cooperation with SEREN5.

In the beginning of this big INFO DAYs the event started with welcome speeches by Nicolas Bessot from DG HOME, Katja Reppel -DG RTD, Francesco Barbato - CNECT and Valeria Bricola -REA, and other important people from European Commission continue to present the 2024 Calls so it was a great challenge to be there on this event.

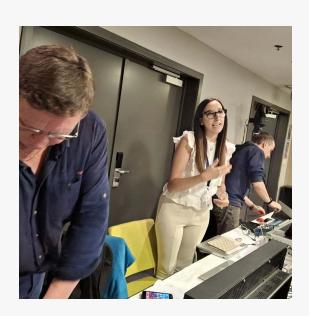
For those who didn't catch a time to participate onsite, you can still watch recording of the event and access the event's presentation here.









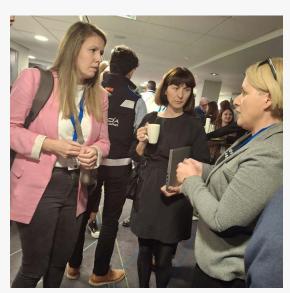












# SEREN5 Training on "Horizontal Issues and Services for Stakeholders in Cluster 3" - The training for stakeholders brings a new view to novel aspects in Horizon Europe CL3 Calls which you need to take into account e.g. SSH aspects or Communication vs. Dissemination and Maximising impact in HE which were very valuable presentations to understand He strategy in proposals and there is still a big opportunity for you to watch replay here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8hpiLWaYaw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8hpiLWaYaw</a>.

Anyway, this hybrid training "Horizontal Issues and Services for Stakeholders in Cluster 3" was an opportunity offered by the **SEREN5, NCP-WIDERA.NET, Net4Society** NCPs projects.

The training provided insights into some issues most faced during proposal writing for those interested in Cluster 3 calls: Social Science and Humanities (SSH) integration and Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication plans (with a special focus on the Impact Pathways). Furthermore, participants got a valuable insights and a practical approach through informative presentations on the services available for stakeholders shared by NCP projects coordinators. So, potential applicants and stakeholder in Cluster 3 calls involved in this training had a possibility to improve their knowledge in the field.

The very interesting part of the afternoon session was coordinated the **pitch presentation** session with 22 onsite presenters from 26 pitches received in time and 25 pitch were sent after, but uploaded in SeReMa database as well.

Mark Meilak, Horizon Europe National Contact Point, Malta "Another amazing Cluster 3 Info Days (12-13 June 24) organised by SEREN5 NCP Network and the EU Commission. Two days filled with vital information on the Security destinations and topics, SSH Integration, Dissemination, Exploitation & Communication, Impact Pathways, other useful services for stakeholders and most importantly, B2B networking.

As the SEREN5 task leader for the pitch session, I would like to thank all the 22 pitch presenters that presented their topic ideas, expertise and team.

#### Well Done to ALL!!

Kudos to European Forensic Institute (MT) represented by Michelle Yew who attended the event through the Horizon Europe Networking scheme (Net2HE Scheme) and presented the Institute in the Pitch Session. This is a great way to network and be involved in Cluster 3 proposals and projects."

You can find all available pitch presentations here: <a href="https://prod5.assets-cdn.io/event/9763/assets/8281645979-e41b9e8018.pdf">https://prod5.assets-cdn.io/event/9763/assets/8281645979-e41b9e8018.pdf</a>

**Yotam Beit-Yannai, NCP Israel**: "Civil Security info day and brokerage event was terrific. I recently attended this Horizon Europe Cluster 3 event in Brussels, organized by SEREN5 together with the EU Commission. I really like my involvement in the SEREN5 NCP network and was happy to support this event. I am pleased to work with Proposal Idea Check not only during this event, but also online, so you can get and advice in any time."

**leva Budrienė, NCP Lituania**: "The number of participants on-site and on-line was impressive, offering numerous opportunities for organisations to expand their activities, explore innovative projects, and engage in inspiring conversations. CL3 Info days & brokerage event in Brussels was a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the CL3 2024 calls and created excellent opportunities to forge new connections and discuss potential collaborations."









The last session was about **B2B meetings** which reach the 80 meeting onsite, during which all participants can arrange their own meetings to meet in person, to discuss about future project ideas, to find a suitable partners and to create future consortia and it was a great opportunity to have a talk with experienced coordinators or consortia partners including newcomers participants which we intend to support. New SeReMa marketplace give a chance to schedule meetings and have an Access to meetings for the event. Now you can still through this platform organise your virtual meeting as it is open and free for CL3 stakeholders and all participants interested in Civil Security Society initiatives.





SEREN5 team during INFO Days 2024 in Brussels

All SEREN5 Team is at your disposal to guide you towards the submission of your proposals in Cluster 3 calls 2024 opened from 20.6.2024.

#### FACTS FROM NATIONAL LEVEL IN SLOVAKIA

Introducing the new calls for 2024 in advance during the National Information Day for Horizon Europa Cluster 3 in Slovakia.

In our National Horizon Europe office we have started to work very intensively on the upcoming calls in order to best inform the security research community and that is why we have decided to inform in advance about the upcoming CL3 calls for 2024, at least on 6.6.2024 with an online webinar, in order to be one step ahead and to start to prepare Slovak potential applicants step by step.

We were particularly interested in the newcomers, who make up the potential from small companies, but also from the university environment, which we are very pleased about.

Anyway, in cooperation with successful previous projects prepared a session to present the outputs of three successful projects where our Slovak entities were involved in the past years, which were of great interest- iProcureNet, SHIELD4CROWD, VALKYRIES projects and we will certainly continue this trend to inspire those interested in cluster 3 to be more successful in 2024.



Marta Kollárová, NCP CVTI SR



Martin Kostolný, ISEMI, Slovakia

### NCPS EVENTS AND NATIONAL LEVEL INITIATIVES – ITALY & SLOVAKIA

To support the participation in Horizon Europe Programme, all SEREN5 NCPs, are committed to organize activities and events, also at national level. Below two recent examples.

#### Italian Cluster 3 Info Day - 21.06.2024



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The event has been organized as an online event with a participation of 150 Italian participants. The info day has been structured in the following way:

- Mr. Giulio Maria Mancini (DG HOME) presented 2024 Cluster 3 Calls
- Ms. Aurelia Sole (Italian national delegate at the Cluster 3 Programme Committee) presented the results of Italian applicants in the last 2023 calls and some statistics on it
- Mr. Davide Brizzolara and Ms. Cristina Longo (REA) illustrated the practical issues to be taken into account when preparing a proposal in Cluster 3, as well as, info on the evaluation process
- Ms. Emilia Gugliandolo and Marialuna De Tommaso (Engineering) rapresented respectively the EU-CIP and ENACT Knowledge Networks and the service they can provide to Cluster 3 stakeholders
- Finally, Ms. Flavia La Colla (SEREN5 Coordinator and Italian NCP for Cluster 3) closed the event with the presentation of the SEREN5 services for stakeholders, including the SeReMa Database.

**Slovakia (CVTI SR)** - On cafe with NCPs about HE – (June 2024) - regularly <u>thematic</u> <u>discussions</u>, online

#### SEREMA – BIG CHALLENGE FOR ALL CL3 ACTORS

All potential applicants are welcome to participate in this platform as this tool increase possibility to establish international and cross sectorial consortia in security research and innovation CL3 new ideas.



For more information: https://security-research-map.b2match.io/

Try to enter our database which can help all CL3 participants to meet and to find a high level professional to build a consortia to discuss the CL3 challenges.

#### Do I know which web page is useful?

Visit <u>SEREN5</u> website and <u>Funding and Tenders Portal</u> to get relevant information.

Get involved in European Research and review Horizon Europe.

#### Follow us and discover our news and Cluster 3 and SEREN5 actions!

We wish you a wonderful summer holidays and don't forget that the calls are now open and it's time to support especially new grant applicants and to create a new partnerships for 2024 CL3 calls.



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