HORIZON EUROPE
CLUSTER 3 - CIVIL SECURITY FOR SOCIETY

DESTINATION
"BETTER PROTECT THE EU AND ITS CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME AND TERRORISM"

CALL - FIGHTING CRIME AND TERRORISM (FCT) 2024

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MAIN FEATURES OF THE DESTINATION

- Related policy: Security Union Strategy, Counter-Terrorism Agenda, security dimension of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, EU Strategy to tackle organised crime, … - stay up-to-date

- Synergies with other projects &/or calls: an asset whenever relevant and applicable

- Complementary instrument: Internal Security Fund

- ! This Destination will also promote, whenever appropriate and applicable, the proposals with:

    - the involvement of the Police Authorities in their core,
    - a clear strategy on how they will adapt to the fast-evolving environment in the area of fight against crime and terrorism (evolution of related technologies, evolution of criminal modi operandi and business models related to these technologies, etc.),
    - a minimum-needed platform, i.e. tools that are modular and can be easily plugged into another platform (in order to avoid platform multiplication),
    - tools that are developed and validated against practitioners' needs and requirements,
    - a robust plan on how they will build on the relevant predecessor projects,
    - the (active) involvement of citizens, voluntary organisations and communities,
    - education and training aspects, especially for Police Authorities and other relevant practitioners, as well as information sharing and awareness raising of the citizens,
    - a clear strategy on the uptake of the outcomes, defined in consultation with the involved stakeholders,
    - a well-developed plan both on how research data for training and testing will be obtained, in order to reach the requested Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs), and on how the specific TRL will be measured.

MAIN IMPACTS

- Modern information analysis for Police Authorities, allowing them to efficiently fight criminals and terrorists who use novel technologies;

- Improved forensics and lawful evidence collection, increasing the capabilities to apprehend criminals and terrorists and bring them to the court;

- Enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of societal issues related to various forms of crime, including cybercrime, and terrorism, such as violent radicalisation, domestic and sexual violence, or juvenile offenders;

- Increased security of citizens against terrorism, including in public spaces (while preserving their quality and openness);

- Improved intelligence picture and enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of various forms of organised crime;

- More secure cyberspace for citizens, especially children, through a robust prevention, detection, and protection from cybercriminal activities.

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A FEW OTHER POINTS…

- In the context of this Destination, 'Police Authorities' means public authorities explicitly designated by national law, or other entities legally mandated by the competent national authority, for the prevention, detection and/or investigation of terrorist offences or other criminal offences, specifically excluding police academies, forensic institutes, training facilities as well as border and customs authorities.Each topic requires the active involvement, as beneficiaries, of some practitioners.

  ! For these participants, applicants must fill in the table "Information about security practitioners" in the application form with all the requested information, following the template provided in the submission IT tool!

- Classified and security sensitive data, gender aspects, SSH integration
- "all" vs. "contribution to some or all of the following outcomes"
- "If projects use satellite-based earth observation, positioning, navigation and/or related timing data and services, beneficiaries must make use of Copernicus and/or Galileo/EGNOS (other data and services may additionally be used)."
- Some activities resulting from topics may involve using classified background and/or producing of security sensitive results (EUCI and SEN). Please refer to the related provisions in section B Security - EU classified and sensitive information of the General Annexes.

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ORGANISATION OF THE DESTINATION

- **Six areas**
  - **FCT01 - Modern information analysis for fighting crime and terrorism**
  - **FCT02 - Improved forensics and lawful evidence collection**
  - **FCT03 - Enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of societal issues related to various forms of crime**
  - **FCT04 - Increased security of citizens against terrorism, including in public spaces**
  - **FCT05 - Organised crime prevented and combated**
  - **FCT06 - Citizens are protected against cybercrime**

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FCT01 - Modern information analysis for fighting crime and terrorism

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-01: Mitigating new threats and adapting investigation strategies in the era of Internet of Things
  - RIA, 5 M€ EU contribution, TRL5-6, at least 3 Police Authorities from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

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FCT02 - Improved forensics and lawful evidence collection

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-02: Open Topic
  - RIA, 9 M€ EU contribution (2 projects), TRL5-7, at least 2 Police Authorities and 2 forensic institutes from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-03: Lawful evidence collection in online child sexual abuse investigations, including undercover
  - RIA, 3.7 M€ EU contribution, TRL5-6, at least 2 Police Authorities and 2 forensic institutes from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

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FCT03 - Enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of societal issues related to various forms of crime

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-04: Radicalisation and gender
  - RIA, 3 M€ EU contribution, TRL5-6, at least 3 Police Authorities from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-05: Combating hate speech online and offline
  - IA, 3 M€ EU contribution, TRL 6-7, at least 2 Police Authorities and at least 2 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-06: Open Topic
  - RIA, 6 M€ EU contribution (2 projects), TRL 5-6, at least 3 Police Authorities from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

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FCT04 - Increased security of citizens against terrorism, including in public spaces

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-07: CBRN-E detection capacities in small architecture
  - IA, 6 M€ EU contribution, TRL 6-8, at least 2 Police Authorities and 2 urban municipalities from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

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FCT06 – Citizens are protected against cybercrime

- HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-08: Tracing of cryptocurrencies transactions related to criminal purposes
  - IA, 6 M€ EU contribution, TRL 6-7, of at least 3 Police Authorities from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

- **The total indicative budget for the FCT topics in 2024 is EUR 41.70 million**

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More Information and Resources

COMMUNITY OF USERS FOR SAFE, SECURE AND RESILIENT SOCIETIES (CERIS)

ANNUAL SECURITY RESEARCH EVENT (SRE)

NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR EU SECURITY RESEARCH + SEREN NETWORK

HORIZON EUROPE STRATEGIC PLAN

DG HOME WEBSITE

EU FUNDING & TENDERS PORTAL

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Thank you!