

SEREN4 success stories brochure

Natalia Jarmuzek-Troczynska Polish Platform for Homeland Security



Polish Platform for Homeland Security is a non-governmental institution established in 2005 in Poznań, Poland. PPHS associates representatives of Polish Law Enforcement Agencies who in

cooperation with other practitioners and representatives of science, develop tools, solutions and legal environment to support the broadly defined efforts to improve public security. At the same time, PPHS fosters cooperation in the area of security among various fields of science, research and development, and education. Our main pillars of activities in the area of security are: R&D projects, trainings, conferences, workshops and other initiatives.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND SEREN4 EVENTS?

In 2015 we made the decision to participate in the European Projects in security area. Our story with the Horizon 2020 Secure Societies European Info Day and Brokerage Event began in 2016 when Rashel Talukder (Managing Director) and Natalia Jarmuzek-Troczynska (Head of Projects Department, Policy Officer) participated in the event for the first time. Since then every year we took part in the respective events. The last one in which we participated in a face-to-face form took place at the Metropole Hotel in Brussels, Belgium, on 13 -14 March 2019.

The SEREN events were important to us in preparing the Horizon 2020 proposals and they supported us in the following:

- Gaining knowledge about the Work Programme topics of the Horizon calls in respective years;
- Receiving detailed information about the calls;
- Finding interesting projects to which we can join;
- Networking possibilities - a matchmaking event is a quick and easy way to gain valuable international contacts that resulted in many proposals;
- Finding various partners (LEA, academia, industry, governmental institutions) from other countries and build consortia;
- Having oral presentation addressing one of the topics and highlight our competences;
- Building a brand and recognition of our institution.



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HAVE YOU SUBMITTED ANY PROJECT PROPOSALS TO H2020 SECURITY CALLS? IF YES, AS A PARTNER OR AS A COORDINATOR?

We participated in the H2020 Security calls with the August 2019 and August 2020 deadlines. We played the role of project partners and coordinators. PPHS is engaged in the whole project life cycle and we offer:

- Effective diagnosis of LEA/practitioners needs -> end-user requirements, use cases, scenarios;
- Access to know-how (data) needed for research;
- Access to field tests, exercises in the operational environment;
- Communication, Dissemination & Exploitation activities;
- Standardisation knowledge;
- Legal analysis;
- Contacts to Polish stakeholders including LEAs and LEAs across different EU Member States (potential consortium partners);
- Play a role of Work Package Leader, Task Leader or Participant in WPs.

PPHS cooperates with around 250 consultants from the security area: experienced Law Enforcement Agencies and officers (especially representing the Police, Border Guards, Internal Security Agency) prosecutors, judges and representatives of science experienced in cooperation with LEAs. PPHS has also developed strong cooperation and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the [European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services \(ENLETS\)](#). From November 2020, PPHS became the ENLETS secretariat.

With the August 2019 deadline we submitted approximately ten proposals. During the SEREN4 event, we met the [EU-HYBNET](#) coordinator who invited us to the project. Together we submitted the proposal which was positively evaluated by the European Commission.

With the August 2020 deadline we submitted approximately twelve proposals. We were granted four projects, two of which we coordinate: [CYCLOPES](#) (European Network of Practitioners Fighting Cybercrime) and INDEED (Evidence Based Model for Evaluation of Radicalisation Prevention). We also play a role of a partner in two other projects: PREVENT PCP (PRocurEments of innoVative advaNced systems to support security in public Transport – Pre-Commercial Procurement) and APPRAISE (fAcilitating Public & Private secuRity operAtors to mitigate terrorism Scenarios against soft targEts). The CYCLOPES project started in May 2021, while the last 3 will be launched from September 2021.



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INDEED in a nutshell:

19 partners from 15 countries (3 from Poland)

Duration: 3 years

Start: 1 September 2021

Grant: approx. 5 million EUR

INDEED aims at strengthening a comprehensive approach to preventing and counteracting radicalisation based on a universal evidence-based model for evaluation of radicalisation prevention and mitigation.

The main aim of the INDEED project is to use evidence-based approaches to strengthen first-line practitioners' and policy makers' knowledge, capabilities and skills for designing, planning, implementing and evaluating PVE/CVE / and De-radicalisation initiatives, such as policies and strategies, long-term programmes, short-term actions and ad-hoc interventions, in an effective and proven manner.



INDEED

Evidence-Based Model for Evaluation of Radicalisation Prevention



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CYCLOPES in a nutshell:

21 partners from 14 countries (2 from Poland)

Duration: 5 years

Start: 1 May 2021

Grant: approx. 3.5 million EUR

CYCLOPES aims to establish a network of different stakeholders across Europe, with a wide range of experience in the field of fighting cybercrime.

In addition to identifying capability gaps and requirements and sharing best practices, the network will focus on the ongoing dialogue with industries and academia who are delivering products and conducting research on solutions that help fight cybercrime.

The CYCLOPES network will cooperate by exploiting the results of previous networks and initiatives, such as the European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS), Europol Innovation Lab, ECTEG, EACTDA, i-LEAD, iLEAnet, iProcureNet and EU-HYBNET.



WHAT WERE THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED?

The main difficulties we encountered were related to the deadline for submitting proposals. As all project proposals had to be submitted by the end of August most of the work had to be done during the summer holidays period. It was difficult to coordinate the work with partners due to their unavailability. The contact with public institutions was also limited due to the same reasons and it took a long time to receive responses or make decisions.

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST BENEFIT OF YOUR PARTICIPATION AT SEREN4 EVENTS? DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEWCOMERS TO THE PROGRAMME?

The Horizon 2020 Secure Societies European Info Days and Brokerage Event were a great starting point for us when we were familiarising ourselves with the European projects. They allowed us to get a broad view of the environment, expand our connections, start cooperation with other institutions, participate in many projects as partners and finally as coordinators.

We would highly recommend the events to all, who are thinking about participating in EU consortia, building a network of contacts, building recognition and branding of the institution on the international arena.

CAN YOU SHARE WITH US SOME TIPS ON HOW TO PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL?

Our approach to project coordination and few tips:

- A thorough analysis of the call description, understanding the purpose of the application;
- Concept building – the longest and most difficult part of creating an application; knowledge of state-of-the-art in specific topic;
- Having a team delegated solely to work on the application;
- Collaboration with an expert in a respective area;
- Presentation of the initial concept of the proposal during the information day organised by SEREN Network or at SMI2G in Brussels;
- Building the Consortium at an early stage: meticulous selection of partners, 1: 1 talks;
- Selection of Work Package Leaders - adequately to the competences of the tasks;
- Early-stage search for practitioners - LEAs and public institutions often need time to decide;
- Building a network of associated partners at early stage;
- Consulting the application with the Regional Contact Point;
- Using experience from previous projects - good practices and lessons learnt.

PPHS' website: <https://ppbw.pl/en/>



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