



Newsletter

Security of Explosives pan-European Specialists Network

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter of EXERTER, an EU Funded H2020 project. EXERTER commenced in May 2018 and is a five year project which seeks to connect practitioners into a pan-European network of explosives specialists.

EXERTER Network

The Network aims at identifying and promoting innovative methodologies, tools and technologies that will offer solutions in the fight against terrorism and serious crime, i.e. enhancing the overall Security of Explosives. The core of the EXERTER network brings together experts coming from Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and Military Institutes, Governmental and Civilian Research Institutes, Academia and Standards Organisations.

By enabling the exchange of information about the challenges of countering current and emerging terrorist threats, the related operational requirements on methodologies, tools and technology and the status in Research and Innovation, EXERTER will provide practitioners with the operative knowledge and tools for enhancing the security of our society.

Each year, EXERTER will focus on a scenario with connection to Security of Explosives, and this first year the scenario is the Oslo/Breivik scenario from 2011.

EXERTER Objectives



Ensure the practice-relevance of R&D activities by defining end-user requirements and pinpointing existing capability gaps



Support practitioners as well as academia, developers and innovators in their search to find potential industrial partners who have the capability to exploit the innovations into products



Enhance practitioner's operability by supporting standardisation and certification bodies as well as regulators with standardisation and certification priorities



Provide solutions to practitioners in the field by extrapolating terrorist threats and attack strategies from recent incidents and matching these with existing and emerging technologies and tools



Enabling a long-term cooperation among explosives specialists in the security area beyond EXERTER

Networking and Events

Annual Workshop 2019

The 2019 EXERTER Annual Workshop will be held the 14-15th of May 2019, in Oslo, Norway. Information will be continuously updated on the EXERTER website.

EXERTER End user and Expert community

EXERTER End user and Expert Community (EEC) is important to the network, in order to give valuable input to scenarios, requirements, evaluations and upcoming threats. It consists of practitioners, academia, research institutes, industry and policy makers.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the EEC, or are aware of someone who would benefit in participating in EXERTER, please contact the Project Coordinator



Meetings

Kick off

The EXERTER project held the project kickoff meeting on 12th and 13th June 2018 in Stockholm, Sweden. The meeting was hosted by the project coordinators FOI, bringing together all the partners within the project. It provided an opportunity for partners to hear from the Work Package Leaders on their planned activities and expectations for the five years of the project, encouraging discussion and interaction from those attending. The first day culminated with a demonstration of a detonation of a typical home made explosive, emphasising the potential impact of IEDs constructed using precursors which are readily available within Member States.



Project meeting no.2

ENEA hosted the second project meeting and a workshop at their research centre in Frascati, Italy in November 2018. It provided an opportunity for the project to reflect on the first six months of the project and consider direction for the next six months. It provided an opportunity to review the first scenario based on the Oslo bombing in July 2011, looking at the various phases of an explosive attack. The workshop was chaired by Interpol and facilitated practitioners discussing with academic partners the potential actions that could have implemented to limit the ability for such an attack to take place including potential mitigation methods. The meeting included a tour of ENEA research centre.



Facts and figures

Project duration:

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€ 3 498 868.75

Contact

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