Press Release

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Security experts, law enforcement authorities and EU policy stakeholders gathered in Brussels for the Final Pilot & Conference - Strengthening Security & Resilience of TENACITy (Travel intelligENce Against CrIme and Terrorism), a Horizon Europe-funded project developing a holistic, intelligence-driven approach to preventing crime and terrorism through smarter use of travel data. The event marked a milestone in TENACITy's mission to enhance data-driven decision-making, enable cross-border collaboration and promote ethical innovation in European travel security.

Introduction to the project and opening remarks included presentation of TENACITy's vision and scope, project achievements and the strategic importance of travel intelligence governance. Participants received an overview of TENACITy's goals, achievements and the objectives of the Final Pilot and Conference.

A highlight of the day was the Virtual Large-Scale Exercise simulating real-world conditions to test the TENACITy tools in action. Participants were divided into working groups and guided by the technical partners to evaluate tool performance in operationally relevant scenarios. The hands-on approach emphasised practical collaboration and reinforced the usability of the developed platform under realistic conditions.

Following the exercise, attendees completed the official EU Evaluation Survey and took part in a comprehensive discussion on regulatory, legal and societal aspects of travel data use. Key partners, including Transcrime-Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Nutcracker Market Research and KEMEA Center for Security Studies, presented findings from surveys and sessions conducted with Passenger Information Units (PIUs) and Law Enforcement Authorities (LEAs). Topics included the dual role of travel data in identifying offenders and victims, fragmented passenger data protocols and the legal safeguards needed for cross-border use.

Later sessions focused on the tools developed within the TENACITy platform. Consortium members from Space Hellas S.A., Brno University of Technology, European Dynamics, Hardware and Software Engineering and the University of Sheffield presented technical overviews, use cases and lessons learned during design and development of the respective technologies. Discussions highlighted integration challenges, compliance with evolving legal frameworks and opportunities for refinement and scalability.

The conference concluded with an experts' panel and technical session exploring the role of data in modern security frameworks. Experts for various disciplines emphasised the importance of transparency, ethical data use and public trust in developing effective intelligence tools. Presentations from Transcrime, EUROPEAN DYNAMICS, ICCS - NTUA and SPACE HELLAS S.A. addressed challenges in AI explainability, behavioural data gaps and risk management for air travel.

The final session involved the presentation and brief discussion among all participants, consortium partners, PIUs, LEAs of synergy projects MELCHIOR and FALCON before the presentation of the conference's closing remarks. The event affirmed TENACITy's commitment to ethically grounded innovation and the future of European security.

The TENACITy Proposition

TENACITy constitutes a comprehensive Travel Intelligence Governance Framework that proposes a holistic approach (IT architectures, digital tools, legislative/ethics frameworks, training curricula, social acceptance approaches) to crime prevention, strengthening intelligence, the analytic capacity and the decision-making in PIUs. It does so by providing game-changing innovative technologies in travel data utilisation to achieve effective crime prevention indications. The project also designs a continuous training activity and interaction of stakeholders, following the paradigm of initiatives of FRONTEX and Europol/Cepol, to ensure a clear understanding of the concept and technicalities of passenger travel data and to share experiences and best practices. In addition, TENACITy implements a concise blueprint to incorporate into the IT architecture, digital tools and training curricula the permissive and prevalent legislative and ethics frameworks, guided by European citizen engagement and social acceptance approaches.

Key Achievements

TENACITy's main achievements include the development of the TENACITy Travel Intelligence Governance Framework, including tools and blueprints. They also cover the identification of criminal organisations' modus operandi and the generation of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data, along with comprehensive stakeholder engagement, training and trust-building. In addition, the project delivered a thorough evaluation of Passenger Information Unit (PIU) operations and travel intelligence sources.

The TENACITy Consortium & Communication Channels

TENACITy is coordinated by European Dynamics Luxembourg SA and brings together a multidisciplinary consortium of experts dedicated to strengthening Europe's travel security.

Join us in shaping a secure, ethical, and innovation-driven future for European security. Learn more about the TENACITy project website: https://www.tenacity-project.eu and follow us on LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/tenacity-horizoneu/

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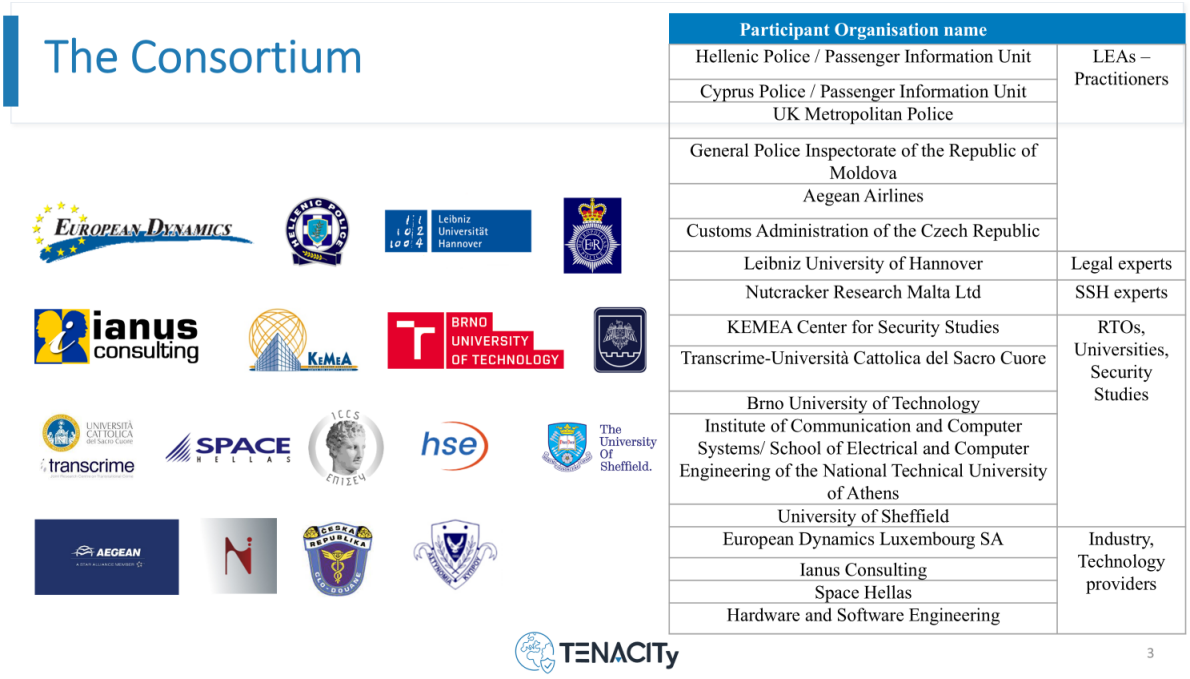

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Hellenic Police / Passenger Information Unit	LEAs – Practitioners
Cyprus Police / Passenger Information Unit	
UK Metropolitan Police	
General Police Inspectorate of the Republic of Moldova	
Aegean Airlines	
Customs Administration of the Czech Republic	
Leibniz University of Hannover	Legal experts
Nutcracker Research Malta Ltd	SSH experts
KEMEA Center for Security Studies	RTOs, Universities, Security Studies
Transcrime-Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	
Brno University of Technology	
Institute of Communication and Computer Systems/ School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens	
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