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Press Release

INSPEC²T Presented at CEPOL 2017, Research and Science Conference

The INSPEC²T project was presented during the CEPOL 2017, Research and Science Conference "INNOVATIONS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT - Implications for practice, education and civil society" on Thursday 30th November in Budapest (HU)

The latest CEPOL conference held between the 28th and 30th of November 2017, in the National University of Public Service, in Budapest, Hungary. **George Kokkinis**, a research associate from **KEMEA**, presented the **INSPEC²T** project in law enforcement officers and stakeholders. The presentation is derived from the future publication "**Developing and Testing a Community Policing Social Network in European Cities**", a joint paper to be published at CEPOL proceedings authored by *G. Leventakis* and *G. Kokkinis*.

The guiding theme for the 14th edition of the CEPOL Research and Science Conference was "**Innovation**". The law enforcement community was introduced to INSPEC²T solution as an example of an emerging innovation which is attributed to societal changes and it will have significant impact on law enforcement officials on the various levels of their organisations. In the same session, the Unity project partners (**FCT-14-2014** project) presented how community policing can be used as a mean of strengthening the connection between communities and the police. Based on the previous presentation, the INSPEC²T project presented how a community policing social network was developed and tested in five European cities to maximise community security needs and empowered citizens to communicate with the police.

INSPEC²T's presentation was about the work performed from the project initiation until the end of all pilots. The audience was informed about the work performed to define the end user requirements, their adjustment to comply with Ethical, Legal and Societal frameworks at EU and national level. Emphasis was given to GDPR impact and the safeguards the consortium introduced. An overview of the architecture was provided and the interactions with the two independent to the project advisory committees were stressed.

The a) lessons learned from the execution of the first phase pilots, b) the reworks performed to address different community policing contexts, as well as diverse end user needs and c) the additional functionalities delivered, were presented. In addition, the presenter introduced the THOR methodology which was used to assess and validate the findings from the phase-1 pilots in order to provide meaningful feedback for the execution of second phase of pilots which were concluded in November 2017.

Further information on the INSPEC²T project, the project's technical achievements, and test cases is available in the INSPEC²T fifth project newsletter or the project's website. To stay updated on INSPEC²T's activities and events, please subscribe to our mailing list here.