



Inspiring CitizeNS Participation for Enhanced Community Policing Actions

Press Release

INSPEC²T 5th PLENARY MEETING AND NEXT GENERATION COMMUNITY POLICING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



INSPEC²T co-organizes the Next Generation Community Policing (NGCP) conference, October 2017

The EC funded INSPEC²T project aims to enhance collaboration between Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and citizens and develop innovative technical solutions to counter security risks. As the project is approaching its last semester, the consortium met on 24 October 2017 in Crete for INSPEC²T's 5th plenary meeting to discuss the progress achieved so far and how to exploit its innovative impact. The plenary

meeting was followed by the Next Generation Community Policing (NGCP) International Conference held in the [same place](#) on 25-27 October 2017.

The 5th Plenary Meeting

The plenary meeting brought [INSPEC²T's partners](#) together to discuss the achievements to date and the ongoing work undertaken as part of [Work Packages 4 – 8](#), which focus on the technical development of the INSPEC²T solution, the project's test cases and their assessment, dissemination and exploitation, and the management and coordination of the project.

During the meeting, partners applauded the completion of the second working version of the INSPEC²T technical solution, which offers:

- more built-in functionality
- feature enhancements
- an iOS version for the Mobile App
- full integration of all modules
- maps outlining the degree of safety for each area

Partners also discussed the current and upcoming [test cases](#) of the INSPEC²T solution in Groningen (The Netherlands) and Preston (The UK). The ongoing Groningen test case resulted in 110 citizens signing up to participate in the pilot, alongside 10 professionals from the municipality and Police of Groningen. As a result, approximately 30 citizens created an INSPEC²T user account. For the upcoming Preston test case, taking place 21-23 November 2017, partners focused on the community engagement effort to connect and liaise with students and the local communities. This included connecting with students during fresher's week, social media campaigns, and disseminating printed marketing materials. Further information on the Groningen and Preston test cases can be found in the [5th INSPEC²T newsletter](#).



Partners also highlighted recent successful efforts in communicating the project internationally, for example through an [appearance on the Dutch TV](#) and discussed exploitation plans and their continuous development to guarantee a prosperous 'after life' for the project.

The Next Generation Community Policing (NGCP) Conference

The Next Generation Community Policing (NGCP) International Conference, co-organized by [nine Research and Development projects](#) which are funded by the Horizon 2020 Security Program of the European Commission, was a great success.

The conference engaged with a wide range of stakeholders, including LEAs, policy makers, academia and technology developers. A rich [programme](#) included scientific paper presentations and [keynote speakers](#). The conference welcomed 170 delegates from 20 different countries, 56 scientific paper presentations, 7 keynote speeches and the outdoor and indoor live demonstrations of new technological solutions.

As a co-organizer of the conference, INSPEC²T's partners contributed to it with various talks:

- Coordinator George Leventakis (KEMEA) presented the INSPEC²T project during a presentation on "Community Policing and the new European Data Protection Framework"
- Joachim Kersten's (DHPOL) talk focused on "Police, Social Media, and Communities: Opportunities and Risks"
- Norbert Leonhardmair (VICESSE) presented on "Community Policing in the Time of Austerity"
- Elisavet Charalambous, Michael Skitsas, Nectarios Efstathiou, Nikolaos Koutras (ADITESS) presented on "A Digital Decision Support System for Efficient Policing in Urban Security in A Community Policing Context"
- Gohar Sargsyan, Raymond Binnendijk and Eltjo Poort (CGI) focused on "Architecting in Next Generation Community Policing"
- Gohar Sargsyan and Ryan Prox, in a collaboration between CGI and the Vancouver Police Department, presented on "Augmenting Crime Predictions with Engagement: Synergy of Predictive Policing and Community Policing Paradigms"
- Gemma Galdon Clavell, Martin Zamorano, Josemaria Zavala Pérez (ETICAS Consulting) presented on "ICTs and Community Policing: An Ethical Framework"
- Julia Muraszkievicz (Trilateral Research) focused on "Crowd Knowledge Sourcing in Fighting Exploitation"
- George Kokkinis and George Leventakis presented on "Developing and Assessing Next Generation Community Policing Social Networks with the THOR Methodology"
- Peter Leskovsky, Santi Prieto, Igor Garcia, Aratz Puerto, Aitor Alvarez (Vicomtech) presented on "Multimedia analysis in police-citizen communication: supporting daily policing tasks"

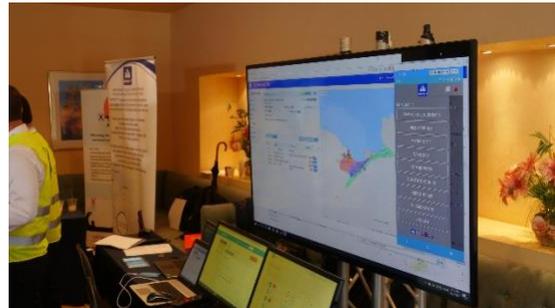
Speakers stressed the importance of privacy and ethics awareness in developing technological solutions for Community Policing, as well as algorithm transparency and the adoption of Privacy Impact Assessments.

Participants gained new insight into practices to address crime and how technological innovations and apps can increase LEAs understanding of various communities' needs, making their response more efficient.

The last day saw perhaps the most exciting sessions of the NGCP Conference, namely the live demonstrations of the technological solutions developed within the framework of the co-organizing projects. The INSPEC²T demo featured in a [report on the Greek TV news](#).

George Levantikis, coordinator of the project said:

“The NGCP International Conference provided the opportunity to participants to share the outcome of their research with key stakeholders from all over the world, as well as to debate their approaches with distinguished End-Users. New ways of advancing community policing principles through more effective and efficient tools and procedures were presented. This was achieved in combination with live demonstrations of the technological solutions which were developed by the organizing project teams. The INSPEC²T team made an extensive presentation of the Scientific work achieved so far, in respect to the Technological aspects, but also to the Ethical, Legal and Privacy aspects of the project. Last but not least, the live demo captured the attention of the targeted audience gathering many positive comments, Inspiring the team to thus continue its hard work toward the last two pilots which will be held in Groningen and Preston. I would like to express my gratitude to the entire INSPEC²T Team who helped make the NGCP Conference a reality”



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