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The European project EDEN on CBRNe resilience is delivering its first results

The EDEN project, launched on 1st September 2013 and funded by the European Commission under the FP7 actions on Secure Societies, has entered its fully operational phase.

EDEN primarily aims at validating, through large-scale demonstration actions, innovative solutions for improved CBRNe (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and explosive) resilience to meet End-User needs. To achieve this task a major effort has been devoted to date to understand End-User requirements and to develop the scenarios for carrying out the exercises scheduled in the final phase of the project. A key action toward the completion of this deliverable has been a detailed analysis of the End-Users needs, in line with the drivers that inspired the EDEN project from the beginning.

A vibrant networking activity has been coordinated by EDEN, with important meetings in Brussels, Bucharest and Vienna, where End-Users and EDEN's partners have gathered. The discussions were focused on how to bridge the existing gaps between the End-Users needs and the available technologies on offer. The feedbacks and recommendations delivered by the workshops have paved the way for finalizing the scenarios, which will be presented in Brussels on the 22nd of July 2014. During this meeting the proposed events will be validated by the EDEN Advisory Board, a panel of key End-Users created to ensure guidance and oversight for the project are effective.

The workshops have also been occasions for unveiling to the End-User communities the concepts of the EDEN ToT (Toolbox of Toolboxes) and the EDEN STORE, which are at the heart of the project's concept.

The R&D activity planned in EDEN and carried out in cooperation with large industries, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), universities, Research and Technological Organizations (RTO) is progressing well and is on schedule. The level of collaboration among the partners is growing with common actions planned and agreed through frequent conference calls and occasional face-to-face meetings.

A first endorsement of the validity of the ideas behind the EDEN project is coming from the increasing numbers of organisations are joining the SME and Supplier Platforms which are open to businesses outside the EDEN partnership which can actively take part in the project with advice, feedback and even to validate their own products or procedures in the demonstrations.

The Supplier and SME Platforms held a first workshop on 2nd to 4th of June in Aix en Provence and will be holding a workshop on 16th of July 2014 in Stuttgart to meet the EDEN Work Package Leaders to understand the chemical, biological and radiological themed demonstration scenarios to provide an overview of their organisation and to better frame their level of involvement in EDEN. The SME and Supplier Platforms are still open to newcomers.

More details on the project, platform sign-up forms and updates on news and events are available at the project webpage <http://www.eden-security-fp7.eu/>.