1st meeting of the Community of Users on Disaster Risk Management and Crisis Management

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Draft agenda

The many different risks affecting security involve various communities covering research, policy and operational actors (including industry/SMEs, first responders, civil protection units, etc.). While these communities face common features regarding the overall risk management cycle (from prevention to preparedness, detection, response and recovery), they have all specific needs and practices related to their field operations. In this respect, the proper transfer (and implementation) of research outputs to them has to be designed in consideration of these specificities. In other words, this diversity of actors requires that dissemination and communication of project results be tailor-made to different sectors and matching policy needs. While policies and research programming (identification of research topics and programme definition) are designed in a concerted way at EU level to avoid possible duplications and ensuring best possible complementarity, in practice policy coordination in operational terms and the synergies among funded research projects are often lagging behind what could be achieved. This is partly due to a lack of a "Community of Users" which would play the role of establishing links among different actors in sectors dealing with disaster risk management and crisis management.

The large span of projects often leads to fragmentation of the research sector and sometimes to dispersion of resources (e.g. risks of duplication, insufficient critical mass etc.) as no mechanism is presently in place to establish a common platform to exchange information of public character, boost awareness and transfer of relevant research projects to relevant users and make them "useful and used". In this respect, a Community of Users is proposed to develop a better coordination of information exchanges of general nature through a visible platform, with the aim to fight fragmentation. The development of this Community of Users will be coordinated by the European Commission and rely on two Demonstration Projects (EDEN for CBRN-E, DRIVER for Crisis Management) which will support its creation and development, and play the role of catalyst for gathering information and suggest synergies. The intention of the Community of Users is to provide an "umbrella" at EU level to get an overview (based on publicly available information) of science and policy developments in the relevant sectors. Along with other projects funded under FP7, EDEN and DRIVER are positioned to enhance and strengthen such Community of Users in Disaster Risk and Crisis Management areas, from the defence and security sectors, to the safety sector (food, medical, industrial risks as well as natural hazards).

TIME		24 November 2014 CBRN-E session
START	END	
13:30	14:00	Registration
14:00	14:10	Welcome (DG HOME)
14:10	14:30	Mapping FP7 Secure Societies projects vs. EU Security policies with focus on CBRN-E (DG HOME)
14:30	15:45	Debate with representatives of Policy DGs in the CBRN-E area – 10 minutes reactions to mapping conclusions and perspectives, and recommendations, opened to questions from the public (present at the meeting or attending via web streaming)
		Internal Security Strategy (DG HOME)
		EU Civil Protection Mechanism (DG ECHO)
		Customs (DG TAXUD)
		International Cooperation (DG DEVCO)
		CBRN-E knowledge centre and support to standardization (Joint Research Centre)
		European Framework for Cooperation (European Defence Agency)
15:45	16:00	BREAK
16:00	17:30	CBRN-E project demos piloted by the EDEN project
17:30	17:45	Conclusions, way forward to a CoU's strategic roadmap
18:00	21:30	Cocktail followed by dinner

TIME		25 November 2014 Disaster/Crisis Management session
START	END	
08:30	09:00	Registration
09:00	09:10	Welcome (DG HOME)
09:10	09:30	Mapping FP7 Secure Societies projects vs. EU Security policies with focus on Crisis Management (DG HOME)
09:30	10:45	Debate with representatives of Policy DGs in the Crisis Management area – 10 minutes reactions to mapping conclusions and perspectives, and recommendations, opened to questions from the public (present at the meeting or attending via web streaming)
		Internal Security Strategy (DG HOME)
		EU Civil Protection Mechanism (DG ECHO)
		Cross-border threats (DG SANCO)
		Environmental threats, including climate change (DG ENV)
		Research coordination (DG RTD)
		Knowledge Centre on Crisis Management (Joint Research Centre)
		External dimension (EEAS)
10:45	11:00	BREAK
11:00	12:00	Insight into case studies planned under the DRIVER project
12:00	12:30	Conclusions, way forward to a CoU's strategic roadmap
12:30	14:00	Lunch

TIME		25 November 2014 Technical sessions
START	END	
14:00	14:10	Brief introduction about the aim of technical sessions
14:10	16:00	Group discussions in three thematic round-tables:
		Prevention / Preparedness
		Detection / Surveillance
		Response / Recovery
16:00	16:30	BREAK
16:30	17:15	Report of round-table conclusions and recommendations by rapporteurs about gap identification and perspectives
17:15	17:30	Conclusions, way forward to a common strategic roadmap on short, medium and long-term