



The EDEN project is at its halfway mark and proves to be a timely initiative in the actual international context

Tensions at national and international levels are rising due to the enduring global uncertain economic situation and to political instabilities. This evolving situation acts as a fertile ground for terrorist activities, which also encompass CBRNE (Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive) threats. It is in this context that an ongoing large-scale research project like EDEN (End-user driven DEMo for cbrNe) gains more and more relevance.

EDEN, co-funded by the European Commission (EU) under the FP7 programme, aims at bringing the European prevention and response capabilities to CBRNE threats to the next level of integration. Centred on three large scale final demonstrations where the innovative solutions sought will be validated through in field international exercises, the EDEN project also builds upon the legacy of successful previous European projects to capitalize the EU effort in supporting R&D during FP7.

EDEN is now approaching its halfway mark and is on schedule with respect to the work plan. The level of cooperation among the 36 partners has been steadily increasing from the beginning with tangible benefits for the overall project's productivity and planning. Among the most relevant latest achievements is worth mentioning the release of the first version of the EDEN Store, a development that mirrors the App Store concept and specifically populated with innovative tools, protocols and procedures for CBRNE activities. The EDEN Store will serve as a reference for selecting the specific tools to deploy during final demonstration activities and is aimed at proving the added value introduced by the EDEN project during all phases of management of a CBRNE crisis.

Considerable efforts have been produced by the EDEN Consortium to extend the audience of the End-Users involved in the project and to raise the level of their active involvement in the project. For achieving this task, specific meetings have been attended and organized with the main event held in Brussels at the end of November.

The New Year will start with a series of important workshops and demonstrations in Poland where EDEN partners and End-Users will gather for discussing radio and nuclear emergencies management in view of the large scale demonstration scheduled for April 2016.

More information and updates are available at the EDEN project website <http://www.eden-security-fp7.eu>