

## CERIS Event: Securing Major Public Events

12 Dec 2024 - Le Bouche à Oreille  
Rue Félix Hap 11, 1040, Brussels

The growing complexity and scale of major public events, such as international sporting events, large music or cultural festivals, or even elections, present significant security challenges. These events attract global attention and large crowds, making them potential targets for a range of threats, from terrorism to cyberattacks. In this context, the need for cutting-edge security measures has never been more critical.

It is essential to bring together experts, policymakers, and industry leaders to discuss the latest advancements and strategies driven by EU-funded research. It provides a platform to showcase how innovative technologies and cross-border cooperation can be effectively applied to **ensure the safety of these high-profile gatherings**. Moreover, this event underscores the importance of continued investment in security research and innovation. Without sustained funding, the EU risks falling behind in its ability to secure public events and, by extension, its citizens.

Continued research funding is vital to stay ahead of emerging threats, ensuring that the EU remains a global leader in event security. By fostering collaboration between research institutions, industry, and public agencies, the EU can develop and deploy the most advanced security solutions, making our public events safer for everyone.

## **AGENDA**

**09:00 – 09:30 Registration**

**09:30 – 10:00 Welcome Address and Keynote Speech**

**10:00 – 11:15 Panel 1: Advanced Technologies in Event Security**

Focus: This panel will explore how technological advancements driven by EU-funded research are being applied to secure major public events.

***11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break and Demos***

**11:45 – 13:00 Panel 2: Enhancing Crisis Management Capabilities**

Focus: This panel will examine how EU-funded research enhances crisis management capabilities, which are essential for securing large-scale and international events.

***13:00 – 14:30 – Walking Lunch and Demos***

**14:30 – 15:45 Panel 3: Ethical and Legal Considerations in Securing Large Public Events**

Focus: This panel will explore the ethical and legal challenges associated with deploying new security technologies at major public events, particularly concerning privacy, data protection, and civil liberties.

**15:45 – 16:30 AOB/ Closing Discussion**

**16:30 – 18:00 Cocktails and Demos**