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Community of European Research and Innovation for Security (CERIS)

CERIS¹ EVENT ON “INNOVATION UPTAKE”

29-30 SEPTEMBER 2026

**BAO CONFERENCE CENTRE
RUE FÉLIX HAP 11, BRUSSELS**

Improving the uptake and diffusion of innovative solutions in the EU Single Market is crucial to support the modernisation of the public sector, drive economic growth and competitiveness, and to ultimately enhance the resilience and strategic autonomy of the Union. The uptake of innovation stemming from EU-funded security research is not a single-step process and there is no single method for ensuring the adoption of successful research results. Innovation uptake needs to be contemplated as a long process that is conditioned by a number of enabling actions to be taken before research is even planned and long after it is completed.

The “CERIS event on innovation uptake” brings together experts, policymakers, security practitioners and innovators from across Europe to share experiences and lessons learnt and to discuss ongoing and upcoming opportunities to foster the uptake of innovative security solutions. This two-day event features presentations from the European Commission, insightful panel discussions, live demonstrations of cutting-edge projects, and opportunities for collaboration and scaling.

Key topics include intellectual assets management, innovation procurement, advanced SMEs innovation, and successful examples of innovation uptake in the field of security. Additionally, a set of tools and initiatives will be presented to provide information on ongoing and upcoming opportunities to support the competitiveness of the EU security industry and the uptake of innovative security solutions.

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AGENDA

1ST DAY – 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

Time	Topic
09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and opening remarks (European Commission)
10:10 – 10:20	Keynote Speech (European Commission) Giulio Maria Mancini (DG HOME)
10:20 – 11:20	From Consortium Agreement to Impact Alessia Melasecche Germini, Antonello Fiorucci (META Group)
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee Break
11:40 – 13:00	Presentation on innovation procurement & Panel discussion: Challenges and Opportunities of PCP – The Buyer's Perspective - Presentation on innovation procurement (Azra Atalan, Corvers) Moderator : Stephan Corvers (Corvers) Speakers : - Panagiota Benekou (KEMEA - ACTIVE PCP project) - Andrea Pagliosa (AREU - iProcureSecurity PCP project) - António Valente (Lisbon Metro - PREVENT PCP project) - Etienne Genet (French Ministry of Interior - SHIELD PCP project) - José Manuel Colodrás (Spanish National Police - FORENSIC PCP project) - Jozef Kubinec (Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic – iProcureNet project)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	Panel discussion: Accelerating uptake through open proposals for advanced SMEs innovation Moderator : Anais Manchon (European Commission – DG HOME) Speakers : - Mariza Konidi (UBITECH - AVALANCHE project) - Andromachi Boikou (Q-PLAN - COLOSSUS project) - Bernat Elias (Nuuk Technologies - LEAD-PRO project) - Katerina Margariti (ACCELLIGENCE - ORBIS project) - Sebastian Simonsen (Prometech - PALAESTRA project) - Stefano Ellero (STAM - PENTION project) - Daoíz Zamora (MION - SAUST project)
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Demo/exhibition
17:30 – 19:00	Networking Reception

2ND DAY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Time	Topic
09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and opening remarks (European Commission)
10:10 – 11:10	Panel discussion: Successful examples of innovation uptake in the field of security Moderator : Antonio Marqués Moreno (ETRA) Speakers : • Andrea D'Angelo (SAFE) • Alessandro Loggi (Almost Real) • Olivier Balet (CS Group) • Katrin Wieden (THW) • Petrov Kaloyan (DRONAMICS) • Julien Lamouret (PREDICT)
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:45	Presentations: Ongoing and upcoming opportunities for fostering the uptake of innovative security solutions • CO-SECUR project (Maite Ferrando - Kveloce) • Europol innovation uptake initiatives (Valentina Zuri - Europol) • EACTDA (Eva Škruba – EACTDA) • 28th Regime (Branislav Turcina – European Commission) • European Innovation Act (Lieve Bos – European Commission) • EIC Scaleup Funding (Marie Wall – European Commission)
12:45 – 13:00	Conclusions
13:00 – 14:00	Farewell lunch and networking