

The 2020 Security Research Calls for Proposals (and their policy context)

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Policy Context

Key challenges in security innovation

- Fast-changing tech landscape vs. reactivity of EU Innovation
- Urgent need to respond to crises vs. longer term planning
- Alignment of MS and EU capability development strategies
- Dialogue between all stakeholders
- Fragmented (institutional) market

Timeline





Mission Letter of Cssr. J. King

"Ensuring that EU-financed security research targets the needs of security practitioners and develops solutions to forthcoming security challenges [...]."

Figures



	Number of projects	Number of participants	Total EU funding (EUR)
SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME	320	1918	1.334.274.292
HORIZON 2020	335	1838	1.040.616.632
Total	655	3756	2.374.890.924

Impact



- Knowledge and Value creation is inherent to Research and Innovation
- What is the impact on our ultimate objective?

Pour notre.

The protection of citizens, society and economy as well as Europe's assets, infrastructures and services, its prosperity, political stability and well-being

- Our biggest challenge: MARKET UPTAKE
 - Do technologies and knowledge get to the market?
 - Do products get to the market?
- Hard <u>evidence</u> required!!



Research is not a stand-alone process

Research is part of a wider process

- Research is only part of the journey
- Research is one piece of the bigger security puzzle
- We need to articulate connections among pieces
- This is not only in our hands
- ... but we can do our part!



CBA (Capability Based Approach) as:

- a **systematic** and **structured** long term planning
- a technology development framework based on the anticipation of long-term needs, while adapting to the evolving threats
- a process that sustains on
 - identification of (future) opportunities and risks,
 - assessment of the existing resources,
 - identification of gaps and of possible options,
 - planning of different actions that lead to the envisaged solution



Role of Foresight

- Foresight needed to reveal future challenges, technological trends, R&I needs, potential applications & benefits;
- Anticipation of the future (<u>threats</u> and <u>opportunities</u>)
 in order to drive innovation to maximise its impact:



Improving synergies between funds

- Funding instruments available by EC, in coordination with the investments made at MS level, are the main capacity building tools for LE.
- synergies between funds as a catalyst for the development of innovative solutions that address current and future capability gaps
- Goal: to enable a seamless transition of innovative technologies from the laboratory to the field deployment.
- Role of MS in final acquisition



A more competitive EU security technology and industrial base

Without the committed involvement of EU industry, innovative solutions would never go operational

- the dialogue between the supply and the demand side of the security market is key to drive innovation
- ➤ A more competitive EU Industrial base can better guarantee security of supply and affordability of state of the art solutions.
- Technological sovereignity

Implementing



Solutions

IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS

Implementation Any usable Acquisition solution available process in market? YES NO **Development** Can a solution and be developed SNOIL Integration with SoA YES process technology? NO YES Could R&I lead to solutions? Success? YES NO R&I process

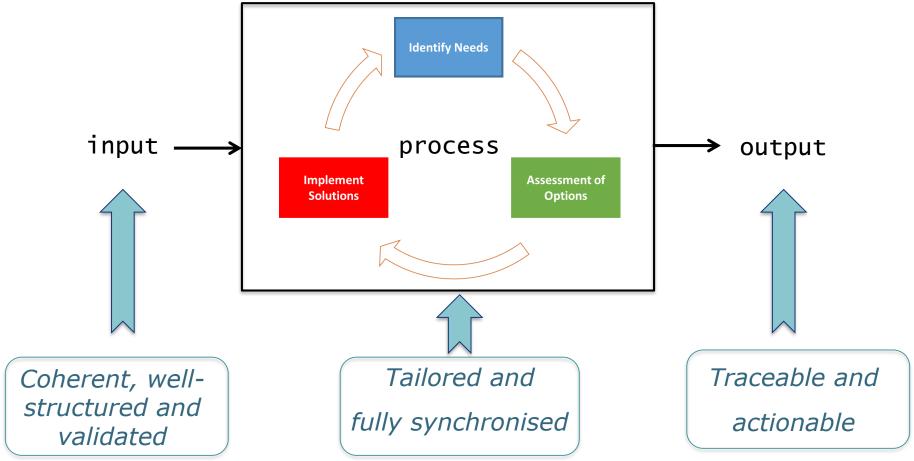
Our goal:
Bring innovative technologies to the field of operations

Our tool:

Research and
Innovation



A « well-oiled » research system



European Commission

Open Issues

- How to ensure identification of relevant capability gaps?
- How to target R&I towards identified needs?
- How to ensure a streamlined cooperation between the various stakeholders?
- How to ensure seamless transition between funding instruments along the capability development path?
- How to attract private investment
- Role of National authorities?



Main facts and Figures

Total number of topics 21

Total Budget 275 MEUR

Call Opening

12 March 2020

Info Day

12-13 March 2020

Call Closure

27 August 2020

Grant Agreement Signature

End of April 2021



CALL - INFRA

Protecting the infrastructure of Europe and the people in the European smart cities

1 Topic 20.7 MEUR

Call - AI

Artificial Intelligence and security: providing a balanced assessment of opportunities and challenges for Law Enforcement in Europe

3 Topics 20 MEUR

Call- SEC

Security

Disaster-Resilient Societies
Fight against Crime and Terrorism
Border and External Security
General Matters

13 Topics 165.5 MEUR Call -DS

Digital Security

4 Topics 68.8 MEUR



Call - INFRA

The reasoning behind the INFRA call

- Threats against infrastructure and disruptions in their operation
- Reducing the vulnerabilities of infrastructure and increasing their resilience is one of the major objectives of the EU
- An adequate level of protection must be ensured and the detrimental effects of disruptions on the society and citizens must be limited as far as possible
- Terrorist attacks have shown a focus on so-called soft targets, which may have less long-term physical impact but which may be highly damaging in terms of victims and subsequent psychological and sociological impacts



Call - INFRA

Policy context

- Directive 2008/114/EC Identification and designation of EU CI
- ➤ The 2017 Comprehensive Assessment of EU Security Policy (SWD(2017) 278)
- ➤ European Programme for CI Protection (COM (2006) 786, COM(2013) 318)
- ➤ EU Cybersecurity Act COM/2017/0477
- ➤ NIS Directive (EU) 2016/1148 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union



Call - INFRA

Policy context

Security Union main priorities on CIP

- Identification of tools, including indicators, to protect CIs from Hybrid Threats
- ➤ Methods and tools for addressing insider threats to CI, such as background checks and awareness raising in cooperation with relevant authorities
- New challenges to CIP and emerging threats (e.g. drones...)

The 18th Security Union progress report COM(2019) 14

Vulnerabilities of Digital Infrastructures

The 19th Security Union progress report COM(2019) 353



SU-INFRA01-2018-2019-2020 (IA)

REMINDER

When selecting for funding the proposals submitted, the Commission will take due account of similar projects financed in the previous years since 2016, with a view to cover the largest possible spectrum of installations

Each year, a list of infrastructures already covered by the Call will be published on the Funding and Tenders Portal



CALL - AI

NEW CALL

Artificial Intelligence and security: providing a balanced assessment of opportunities and challenges for Law Enforcement in Europe

Topic	Funding scheme	Budget (MEUR)	Indicative budget per proposal (MEUR)	TRL	Gender	Intl Coop	SSH
SU-AI01-2020	CSA	1.50	1.5	-	Y	N	Y
SU-AI02-2020	IA	17.00	17	7-8	Y	N	Υ
SU-AI03-2020	CSA	1.50	1.5	-	Y	N	Υ



CALL - AI

Policy context

In order to **improve the competitiveness of Europe in AI**, it is necessary to map the existing research excellence and to boost and facilitate technology uptake. It remains indispensable to **safeguard the strategic autonomy of the EU** when developing security systems using AI technology by finding ways of embracing the opportunities offered by AI.

Commission Communications:

- ➤ Artificial Intelligence for Europe COM(2018) 237 final
- Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence COM(2018) 795 final
- Cybersecurity Joint Communication JOIN(2017) 450



SU-AI01-2020 (CSA)

Title: Developing a research roadmap regarding Artificial Intelligence in support of Law Enforcement

Scope:

Proposals under this topic should provide an EU AI roadmap for LEAs, meeting their specific operational and cooperation needs

Expected impact:

- Longer term perspective, identification of key areas in which AI would be beneficial for LEAs, meeting their operational and collaborative needs, and of key areas in which it could pose a threat to security;
- Roadmap for Law Enforcement to benefit as much as possible from the AI based technologies, systems, solutions, including their protection;
- Increased awareness regarding the state of the art and trends in AIbased criminal activities (short-, mid- and long-term)



SU-AI02-2020 (IA)

Proposals should:

- Develop AI tools and solutions in support of LEAs daily work.
- Include combined hardware and software solutions such as robotics or Natural Language Processing, in support of LEAs.
- > **Develop cybersecurity tools** and solutions for the protection of AI based technologies in use or to be used by LEAs.
- Exploit AI technologies for cybersecurity operation purposes of Law Enforcement infrastructures
- Tackle the fundamental dual nature of AI tools, techniques and systems, i.e.: resilience against adversarial AI, and prevention and protection against malicious use of AI for criminal activities or terrorism
- From a multidisciplinary point of view, identify, assess and articulate the whole set of actions that should be carried out in a coherent (legal) framework



SU-AI03-2020 (CSA)

Title: Human Factors, And Ethical, Societal, Legal And Organisational Aspects Of Using Artificial Intelligence In Support Of Law Enforcement

Scope:

- ➤ Provide an exhaustive analysis of human, social and organisational aspects related to the use of AI tools
- > lead to solutions developed in compliance with European societal values, fundamental rights and applicable legislation

Expected impact:

- ➤ Raised awareness of civil society about benefits of AI technologies in the security domain
- ➤ European common approach for assessing risks/threats involved by using AI in the security domain
- ➤ Advances towards the implementation of the AI tools and technologies in support of Law Enforcement



Call- Sec/BES

The reasoning behind the BES call

Development of technologies, capabilities and solutions to:

- Improve EU border security in terms of:
- Flow of people: Research will support the exploitation of the potential given by the **European Border Surveillance System** (EUROSUR Regulation No 1052/2013) and promote an enhanced use of new technology for border checks in relation to the recent legislative initiatives (DG HOME)
- <u>Flow of goods</u>: Customs play and important role in the fight against crime and terrorism by checking for illegal trafficking and trade. Research will address, in the context of the EU's customs policy, supply chain security trying to strike the right balance with trade facilitation (DG TAXUD)
- Contribute to capability development of the European Border and Coast Guard
- Support the EU External Security Policies in civilian tasks (EEAS)
- .. But also <u>understanding the phenomena</u> with impact on border and external security. Social sciences and humanities involved.



The Policy landscape

EU Agenda on Security

EU Agenda on Migration

Return

Organised Crime & **Human Trafficking**

We help EU States in taking consistent action to effectively prevent and counter the many facets of modern organised crime.

THB Directive

Expl. of Children Directive

Serious and Organised Crime

Schengen, Borders & Visas

The EU's common external border calls for EU States' cooperation on border control and visa policy to ensure freedom and security within Europe.

Smart Borders

EUROSUR

<u>Interoperability of EU Information systems</u>

European Border And Coast Guard

Document fraud

Migrant Smugg.

Irregular Migration &

In 2014, 276 113 migrants entered

the EU irregularly via land, air and sea

routes. Most migrants have recourse

to criminal networks of smugglers.

Taxation and Customs Union

EU Customs Strategy

Union Customs Code

Union External Security Policies in Civilian Tasks

CSDP

EU Maritime Security Action Plan



Call- Sec/DRS

Advancing innovation in the society to reduce the loss of human life and to reduce environmental, economic and material damage from natural and man-made disasters by

- ✓ Funding the most promising tools, methods, guidelines
- ✓ Ensuring that research programming takes into account **practitioners'** needs
- ✓ Supporting the competitiveness of EU industry and SMEs by enhancing the market for research results
- ✓ Ensuring that the research results are available to policy makers, thereby facilitating the policy-making process
- Studying Human Factor and societal aspects to raise citizen awareness



EU Policy context

DG HOME Secure Societies

EU Research - Horizon 2020 Security

Joint Investment Programme / EFC

EDA Defence

Crisis and disaster Management

DG HOME Internal Security	CBRN Action Plan, CBRN-E risks + European Agenda on Security		
DG ECHO Civil Protection	EU Civil Protection Mechanism		
DG ENER	Tran-European Energy Instrastructure		
Energy	Safety of nuclear installations		
DG MOVE	Tran-European Transport		
Transport	Network		

Climate threats

DG CLIMA	EU Climate Adaptation
Climate Action	Strategy
DG SANCO Health	Serious cross-border threats to health

International aspects

DG DEVCO International Coop

Environmental threats

DG ENV Environment	Environment Action Programme (Seveso III Directive)			
DG TAXUD Customs	EU Custom policy for supply chain security and CBRN-E			
DG TRADE Trade	Transit of dual use items			

Intergovernmental Cooperation





Call- Sec/FCT

Policy Context

The European Agenda on Security defines the priority actions at EU level to ensure an effective EU response to security threats over the period 2015-2020:

(...)"**Terrorism, organised crime and cybercrime** are the three core priorities which are highlighted in this Agenda for immediate action. They are clearly interlinked and cross-border threats, and their multi-faceted and international dimension shows the need for an effective and coordinated response at EU level". (...)

(...)"The response to cybercrime (e.g. phishing) must involve the entire chain: from Europol's European Cybercrime Centre, Computer Emergency Response Teams in the Member States concerned by the attack, to internet service providers that can warn end-users and provide technical protection. In short, cybercrime demands a new approach to law enforcement in the digital age."



CALL- SECURITY

Sub-Call Title: General Matters - GM

Topic	Funding scheme	Budget (MEUR)	Indicative budget per proposal (MEUR)	TRL	Gender	Intl Coop	SSH
SU-GM01-2018- 2019-2020 2 Sub-Topics	CSA	7.00	3.5	-	N	N	N
SU-GM02-2018- 2020	PCP	24.00	12	8	N	N	N



SU-GM01-2018-2019-2020

Pan-European networks of practitioners and other actors in the field of security

- **a.** [2019-2020] Practitioners (end-users) in the same discipline and from across Europe are invited to get together: 1) to monitor research and innovation projects with a view to recommending the uptake or the industrialisation of results, 2) to express common requirements as regards innovations that could fill capability and other gaps and improve their future performance, and 3) to indicate priorities as regards areas requiring more standardisation.
 - Areas of specialisation (discipline):
 - > Type of action: Coordination and Support Action
 - Estimated EU contribution: EUR 3,5M
 - Recommended duration: 5 years



Ongoing Networks of Practitioners

Acronym	Name	CORDIS	Project website
eNotice	European Network of CBRNE Training Centres	<u>Link</u>	https://www.h2020- enotice.eu/
Fire-IN	Fire and rescue Innovation Network	<u>Link</u>	https://fire-in.eu/
DARENET	DAnube river region Resillience Exchange networ	<u>Link</u>	www.darenetproject.eu/
ILEANET	Innovation by Law Enforcement Agencies networking	<u>Link</u>	https://www.ileanet.eu/
I-LEAD	Innovation - Law Enforcement Agencies Dialogue	<u>Link</u>	https://i-lead.eu/
ARCSAR	Arctic and North Atlantic Security and Emergency Preparedness Network	<u>Link</u>	https://arcsar.eu/
EXERTER	Security of Explosives pan-European Specialists Network	<u>Link</u>	www.exerter-h2020.eu
MEDEA	Mediterranean practitioners' network capacity building for effective response to emerging security challenges	<u>Link</u>	https://www.medea- project.eu/
NO-FEAR	Network Of practitioners For Emergency medicAl systems and cRitical care	<u>Link</u>	http://no-fearproject.eu/
PEN-CP	Pan-European Network of Customs Practitioners	<u>Link</u>	https://www.pen-cp.net/
INCLUDING	Innovative Cluster for Radiological and Nuclear Emergencies	-	-
iProcureNet	European Procurer Networking for security research services	<u>Link</u>	https://www.iprocurenet.eu/ 32



Anything unclear?

