# MAIN FEATURES OF THE DESTINATION

- Related policy: Security Union Strategy, Counter-Terrorism Agenda, security dimension of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, EU Strategy to tackle organised crime, … - stay up-to-date

- Synergies with other projects &/or calls: an asset whenever relevant and applicable

- Complementary instrument: Internal Security Fund

- ! This Destination will also promote, whenever appropriate and applicable, the proposals with:

  - the involvement of the Police Authorities in their core,
  - a clear strategy on how they will adapt to the fast-evolving environment in the area of fight against crime and terrorism (evolution of related technologies, evolution of criminal modi operandi and business models related to these technologies, etc.),
  - a minimum-needed platform, i.e. tools that are modular and can be easily plugged into another platform (in order to avoid platform multiplication),
  - tools that are developed and validated against practitioners' needs and requirements,
  - a robust plan on how they will build on the relevant predecessor projects,
  - the (active) involvement of citizens, voluntary organisations and communities,
  - education and training aspects, especially for Police Authorities and other relevant practitioners, as well as information sharing and awareness raising of the citizens,
  - a clear strategy on the uptake of the outcomes, defined in consultation with the involved stakeholders,
  - a well-developed plan both on how research data for training and testing will be obtained, in order to reach the requested Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs), and on how the specific TRL will be measured.

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- **As underlined in the Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027, proposals for topics under this Destination should:**

*"continue developing European practitioners' capabilities to effectively prevent, detect and investigate terrorism, organised crime [...], cybercrime, the most harmful crimes [...] and criminal aspects of behaviour on the internet [...]. Investment provides further support for modern information analysis, modern forensics tools [...], lawful evidence collection, and the recognition of societal problems arising from various forms of crime. This destination will also prepare policymakers, practitioners, companies and the general public for tackling emerging and evolving threats, by identifying them early on, flagging them and making preliminary recommendations on how to deal with them. Areas of new or increased focus will include the identification and investigation of criminal networks including emerging phenomena [...]. The destination will continue to pay close attention to financial crimes, as a common denominator for most criminal activities.*

- **This destination will support the implementation of the European Commission political guidelines 2024-2029 for** a 'Safer and more secure Europe', a 'Preparedness Union', with 'Stronger Common Borders', protecting democracy and putting research and innovation at the heart of a resilient economy. This destination will support the European Commission efforts towards:

➢ a new Counter-Terrorism Agenda to address new and emerging threats, and,
➢ the gradual establishment and further development of the planned European Critical Communication System for public authorities in charge of security and safety.

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# MAIN IMPACTS

- Modern information analysis for Police Authorities, allowing them to efficiently fight criminals and terrorists who use novel technologies;

- Improved forensics and lawful evidence collection, increasing the capabilities to apprehend criminals and terrorists and bring them to the court;

- Enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of societal issues related to various forms of crime, including cybercrime, and terrorism, such as violent radicalisation, domestic and sexual violence, or juvenile offenders;

- Increased security of citizens against terrorism, including in public spaces (while preserving their quality and openness);

- Improved intelligence picture and enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of various forms of organised crime;

- More secure cyberspace for citizens, especially children, through a robust prevention, detection, and protection from cybercriminal activities

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# A FEW OTHER POINTS…

- In the context of this Destination, 'Police Authorities' means public authorities explicitly designated by national law, or other entities legally mandated by the competent national authority, for the prevention, detection and/or investigation of terrorist offences or other criminal offences, specifically excluding police academies, forensic institutes, training facilities as well as border and customs authorities.Each topic requires the active involvement, as beneficiaries, of some practitioners.

  **! For these participants, applicants must fill in the table "Information about security practitioners" in the application form with all the requested information, following the template provided in the submission IT tool!**

- Classified and security sensitive data, gender aspects, SSH integration
- "all" vs. "contribution to some or all of the following outcomes"
- "If projects use satellite-based earth observation, positioning, navigation and/or related timing data and services, beneficiaries must make use of Copernicus and/or Galileo/EGNOS (other data and services may additionally be used)."
- Some activities resulting from topics may involve using classified background and/or producing of security sensitive results (EUCI and SEN). Please refer to the related provisions in section B Security - EU classified and sensitive information of the General Annexes.

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- HORIZON-CL3-2025-FCT-01-01: **Open topic on modern information and forensic evidence analysis and on frontline policing**
  - RIA, 18 M€ EU contribution, TRL5, at least 2 Police Authorities from at least 2 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

- HORIZON-CL3-2025-FCT-01-02: **Open topic on prevention, detection and deterrence of various forms of crime and terrorism through an enhanced understanding of the related societal issues**
  - RIA, 12 M€ EU contribution, TRL5, at least 1 Police Authority and at least 1 Civil Society Organisation (CSO) or Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) from at least 2 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

- HORIZON-CL3-2025-FCT-01-03: **Open topic on improved intelligence picture and enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of various forms of organised crime**
  - IA, 7.5 M€ EU contribution, TRL6-7, at least 3 Police Authorities from at least 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

- HORIZON-CL3-2025-FCT-01-04: **Humanitarian demining / Unexploded Ordnance Disposal (UXO) of civil areas and unexploded ordnance risk education**
  - IA, 6 M€ EU contribution, TRL6-7, at least 1 international humanitarian demining organisation and two local or regional Non-Governmental Organisations active in humanitarian demining from at least three different EU Member States or Associated Countries, including Ukraine.

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# More Information and Resources

**COMMUNITY OF USERS FOR SAFE, SECURE AND RESILIENT SOCIETIES (CERIS)**

**ANNUAL SECURITY RESEARCH EVENT (SRE)**

**NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR EU SECURITY RESEARCH + SEREN NETWORK**

**HORIZON EUROPE STRATEGIC PLAN**

**DG HOME WEBSITE**

**EU FUNDING & TENDERS PORTAL**

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ProtectEU: a European Internal Security Strategy

Community for European Research and Innovation for Security (CERIS)

Security Research Event

National Contact points for EU security research

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EU security research: 20 years of innovation, impact, and success

Enhancing security through R&I CSWD(2021)422

Frontex on EU research

Eu-LISA on EU research

EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security

Horizon Europe Cluster 3 "Civil Security for Society" (2025 published Work Programme) &

Cluster 3 Info Day and brokerage event 2025

EU Funding & Tenders Portal

# Thank you!

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