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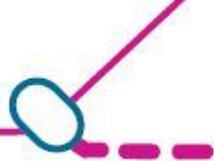
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1 Public Summary

Within the framework of the SECUR-ED project four Advisory Groups (AG) had been set up. The first was for **public transport operators and authorities** (AG PTOA), the second for **law enforcement organisation, first responders and other stakeholders** (AG LEFR), the third for the **manufacturing industry** (AG IND or INDUSTRY), and the fourth for the **monitoring of Ethical issues** (AG Ethical).

The **AG PTOA** reunited interested PT operators (many of them part of the UITP Security Commission). Their task was to ensure that the project proposals and results are in line with their needs, therefore facilitating the acceptance and the European added value of the project. AG PTOA received information on the project which it commented on, e.g. questionnaires, commenting on deliverables, contributing to lists of user needs and threat scenarios, etc.

AG LEFR had to ensure that the project proposals and results are in line with the real practices of the police forces, and that the interfaces with their own operations are representative of the real security operations. This is specifically important because the law enforcement and first responder organisations are not strongly involved as active partners in the project, even if they are very often involved in real Security operations.

The role of **AG INDUSTRY** was to make sure that the project proposals and results are in line with the current roadmaps of the security and rolling stock industries. The objective of the project is not only to propose innovative products, but also to ensure that a real interoperability exists between the new products and the legacy environment.

Finally, **AG Ethical** had the task of ensuring that the project proposals and results are addressing correctly ethical concerns. The advisory group will have to verify the legitimacy and proportionality of the technologies used in the project, and also to create awareness about regulation and privacy rights in order to provide solutions that respect privacy and citizen's rights.

The rationale behind this decision was two-fold:

- The project was so large and its aims so important that a spill over effect needed to be ensured for all the other relevant stakeholders that were not part of the consortium. It was a solution to keep the other parties informed of the project developments.
- It was a means to ensure that the project would benefit from sound advice on guidance from external stakeholders. This approach would ensure not only that some topics and directions could benefit from an external, expert opinion, but also that the project developments and results would be comprehensive and acceptable for the wider PT sector – both European and worldwide.

The overall goal was to receive feedback from these various Advisory Groups and to feed these back into the consortium and into the Advisory Board in order to improve acceptance of the SECUR-ED proposals to the widest possible range of stakeholders outside the consortium, therefore contributing to the European added value. The input of the Advisory

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Groups was also meant for the consensus building on issues of European policies, regulations, technical guidelines, standardization and other potential initiatives. Most of the “confidential” deliverables (i.e. internal to the project) were made available to the members of the Advisory Groups for review and advice.

All groups could meet either independently or in plenary meetings. These meetings had the following common structure:

- Information on the project updates from the SECUR-ED partners. Here the AGs were informed of the work done by the partners, with a special focus on the build-up, implementation, performing and wrap-up of the SP4 and SP5 demonstrations.
- Review and discussions of the topics presented, followed by the feedback of each AG (presented by the AG Chairperson).
- A discussion on the SECUR-ED upcoming activities, including the recommendations of AG members concerning what course of action should be taken.

The meetings were chaired by UITP with the help of THALES and UNIFE. SECUR-ED partners were invited to these meetings in order to present their work and discuss together with the AGs the points of interest.

AG members had thus the possibility to analyze different project-related topics, consult amongst themselves and exchange opinions with project partners. They had also been invited to attend both SP4 and SP5 demonstrations, so that they could better understand and assess the project developments.

The creation of the AGs (including the list of their members) is documented in D12.1 “Composition of Advisory Groups and Ethical Board”.

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