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## Newsletter - October 2020

Dear EU-HYBNET Partners and Readers,

Welcome to the first EU-HYBNET Newsletter, one of the youngest EU-funded projects (under grant agreement No. 883054). EU-HYBNET's adventure started 6 months ago when 25 partners from 14 different EU Member States and associated countries gathered to kick-off this project which will be our travel companion for the next five years.

The October 2020 EU-HYBNET newsletter comes to you with the wish that you and yours are well and ready to take on the challenges brought by the global pandemic, coupled with the coming winter. Some of us are back in the second lockdown, while many are heading into the second lockdown across Europe. Yet, we must still work and deliver on our commitments for professional and personal growth.

At EU-HYBNET we have taken on the challenge and have successfully started all of the expected activities. Meanwhile, the Newsletter is bringing you the activities from the first 6 months of the project, and hopefully some interesting EU-HYBNET news and events.

For the partners, the Newsletter positions itself as a key communication channel for you to show others your efforts, contributions, and relevant activities to the project and beyond, in hybrid threats. It needs your continuous contributions and efforts to share and provide feedback. The newsletter will be issued every 6 months and will contain news on the project, its activities, and a list of relevant events.

October's edition of the newsletter will cover the following topics: the EU-HYBNET Network and vision; overview of project partners; present status of the project, where EU-HYBNET is and what you should expect to see in the upcoming months; and finally some future events.

I hope you will enjoy the newsletter and follow us on this thrilling adventure

Best regards,

Päivi Mattila

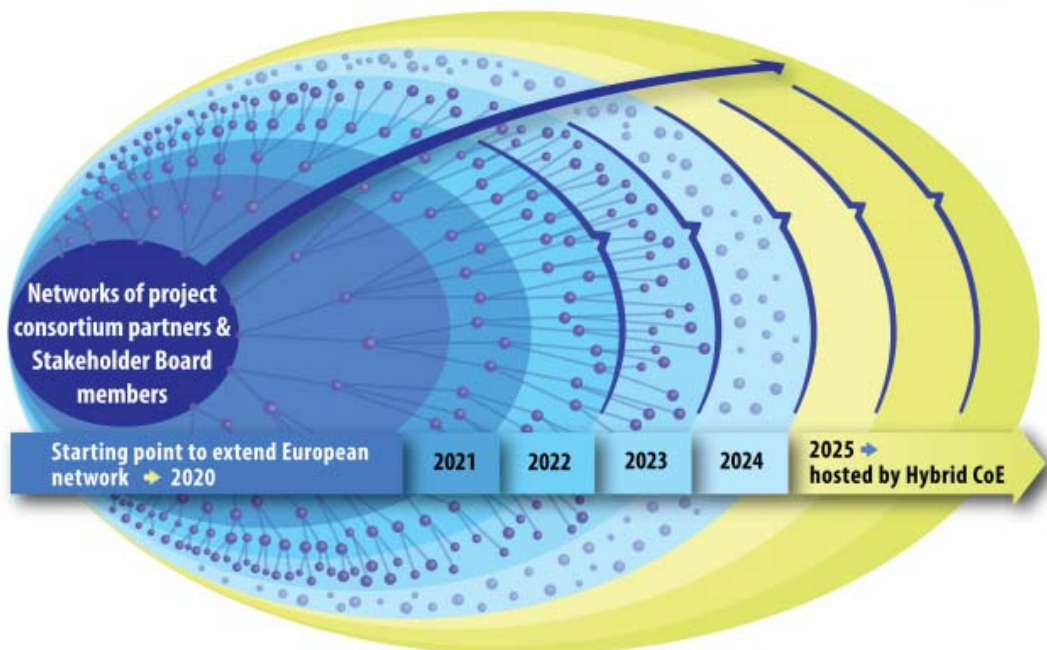
Director of Security Research Program  
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## Overview of EU-HYBNET Consortium

### EU-HYBNET Network and vision

The extension of the EU-HYBNET Network represents a methodological measure of the project on how to expand not only the scope of its activities but also in increasing the numbers of participating actors, and thereby empowering the wider European network in the fight against hybrid threats. One of the principal features of the methodology is to engage new members who can bring added value to the hybrid threats network, Practitioners, EU agencies and Offices, Industries, SMEs, Academics, NGOs, and Projects who feel they can add to future policy, are encouraged to register to join the project. EU-HYBNET has already defined that in the EU-HYBNET afterlife, the network will be hosted by Hybrid CoE. The formal procedure for joining the network is still under development and will be available in December 2020.

### EU-HYBNET Network extension 2020 ➔



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### EU-HYBNET Project Partners

The EU-HYBNET consortium has 25 partners from 14 different EU Member States and associated countries. The consortium is comprised of 12 Practitioner partners from 10 different EU MSs, (FR, DE, NL, PL, ES, IT, RO,

EE, FI, NO) the remaining Partners represent industry, SMEs, academia and other organisations where an additional 4 EU MSs (GR, SE, LT, BE) are involved.



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## Present status of the project

### **Innovation Arena (IA)**

The Innovation Arena (IA) is a **web-based idea management platform**, accessible via the EU-HYBNET webpage, with the main purpose to facilitate and promote open innovation within the project.

The platform allows participants to add and address existing challenges (gaps/needs) in the hybrid threat domain, by providing ideas, solutions, discussions, document sharing, voting and so on. The platform will use a scientific approach via key performance indicators (KPIs) to assess various feasibility and readiness levels of ideas/solutions for later uptake by the project work packages and the EC.

The IA is created exclusively for the EU-HYBNET project consortium, stakeholders and the wider project network. All members of the IA will have the ability to announce existing and potential gaps and needs, provide ideas and solutions to these identified gaps and needs, and further collaborate and network with the project's key players within the network. Moreover, the IA will serve its members as a direct source when it comes to staying up to date with latest hybrid threats trends and possible measures to mitigate them.

*Do you share an interest in the hybrid threats?*

*Would you like to be part of the EU-HYBNET Innovation?*

By becoming a EU-HYBNET network member, you will gain access to the IA, receive the latest news about hybrid threats, and receive invitations and announcements for EU-HYBNET hosted events and workshops where you can network and collaborate with other key network members which include practitioners, industry, SME's, academics and so on.

The IA will be open for partners and network members to register for an account in a few short days. Stay tuned on our webpages and social media for the official launch announcement!

## **Gaps & Needs activities**

The Hybrid CoE arranged the **first gaps and needs event as a series virtual workshops in May**. Eventually, 39 project partners engaged in a dialogue on the current security environment in the event. In the workshops, the EU-HYBNET partners described what they perceive as their own and European vulnerabilities. They also expressed the capabilities they consider necessary to tackle those vulnerabilities and therefore the related capability needs and gaps. The workshops identified **gaps and needs**, as well as **vulnerabilities**.

Based on the collected data, the Hybrid CoE produced a list of gaps and needs where the vulnerabilities were discussed in context of the EU-HYBNET project four core themes:

- 1. Future Trends of Hybrid Threats.**
- 2. Cyber and Future Technologies.**
- 3. Resilient Civilians, Local Level and National Administration;**
- 4. Information and Strategic Communication.**

The substance was further analysed in the short list of gaps and needs by JRC, which will identify three gaps and needs for practitioners and other relevant European actors to counter hybrid threats under each EU-HYBNET's core themes.



# **SPARTA EU-HYBNET cross-network collaboration event**

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On 29th October 2020, EU-HYBNET, together with the [SPARTA Project](#), organized a collaboration workshop to kick-off discussions on how to strengthen synergies between the networks and associated projects. The Lithuanian Cyber Crime Center of Excellence for Training, Research and Education (L3CE) is an active partner in both EU-HYBNET and SPARTA projects, and is responsible for T-SHARK program execution which deals with comprehensive cybersecurity, especially as it applies to Election Interference which is an aspect of high relevance for hybrid threats. This established link between the project's networks will expand our communities by enabling us to collaboratively solve problems and leverage from others' research and implementation efforts.

## Upcoming EU-HYBNET events



**EU-HYBNET**

**SAVE**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Innovation Knowledge Exchange Workshop**  
#iKEW

**January 19 2021**

Deadline for registration  
Friday, 8th January 2021

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### **First Innovation Knowledge Exchange Workshop #IKEW**

The first #IKEW will be held on **19 January 2021** by videoconference, hosted by EU-HYBNET Coordinator, Laurea. The first workshop will introduce participants to the EU-HYBNET project and its existing network and EC interest of extending it as a Pan-European hybrid platform for Member States' needs. This event will focus on the EU-HYBNET 4 core themes that are: resilient civilians, local level, and administration; cyber and future technologies; information and strategic communications; and future trends of hybrid threats. The workshop is open, upon registration, to project partners, external participants, EU projects and institutional and industrial operators. Click the bottom for registering.

Register

## Upcoming events

EU-HYBNET is already working on several events for 2021:

- **Knowledge Exchange events (April 2021, TBD);**
- **Future Trends workshop (April 2021, TBD);**
- **1st Annual Workshop (April 2021, TBD);**

If you are interested in joining one (or more events)

please check our Social Media channels and website for more information!



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