

EU-HYBNET held its 1st Innovation Knowledge Exchange Workshop, #IKEW

On 19 January 2021, the EU-HYBNET consortium held its first virtual Innovation Knowledge Exchange Workshop, #IKEW. The first Workshop introduced participants to the EU-HYBNET project, its existing network and the EC's interest to extend the network as a Pan-European hybrid platform for Member States' needs.

In fact, the EU-HYBNET (Empowering a Pan-European Network to Counter Hybrid Threats) project aims specifically to empower its network to counter hybrid threats by proliferating knowledge and facilitating cooperation between Industry, Practitioners, and Academia, and by providing advanced solutions for network collaboration and delivering recommendations for training, standardization, and industrialization of cutting-edge innovations.

This 1st #IKEW aimed to provide Practitioners, Industry, SMEs and academia with an opportunity to exchange information on challenges to counter hybrid threats and possible innovations to counter them. The workshop, open to project partners and external participants, focused on the EU-HYBNET core themes, which are:

- Future trends of Hybrid Threats
- Cyber and future technologies
- Resilient civilians, local level, and administration
- Information and strategic communications

During the event, the speakers had the opportunity to explore and present various themes related to the project and underlined the need to foster and build resilience towards a new preparedness based on a comprehensive and multinational approach, as underlined by Dr. Hanna Smith, Director of Research and Analysis in the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (Hybrid CoE).

The workshop was also enriched by two roundtable discussions where representatives from Industry, Academia and National Governments. Each actor provided relevant insights concerning, among others, the industry view of hybrid threats, the cybersecurity landscape (e.g., adversarial AI as a hybrid threat, IoT and cloud in critical infrastructure) and the need of common and shared languages, procedures, legislation, and standards to foster joint actions and cooperation in the field of hybrid threats.

Overall, the first EU-HYBNET #IKEW represented a valuable opportunity to exchange insightful views between speakers and participants on hybrid threats, a challenge that we will continue to face in the years to come.

If you are interested in joining EU-HYBNET's network, you can read the associated information and apply on the project's [website](#).

For more general information on the EU-HYBNET, you can follow the project through [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

