

COMMUNITY OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR SECURITY (CERIS): DISASTER RESILIENT SOCIETIES (DRS) STATE-OF-PLAY

On Monday 07th November 2022, EU-HYBNET Coordinator Päivi Mattila of Laurea University was in Brussels attending the CERIS Disaster Resilient Societies (DRS) meeting organised through the CMINE network.

Päivi Mattila presented on "Hybrid threats as a possible trigger and amplifier of extreme threats" and hosted, as a co-chair, a session on "Aligning insurance and resilience-related practices and policies".

She was eager to attend and participate in discussions because of the growing connections between DRS and the Hybrid Threat landscape.

Specifically, she focused on the event through the lens of a key area: Disaster resilient societies in relation to 'extreme threats'.



The connection between EU-HYBNET's work and the DRS domain is pertinent for several reasons. Firstly, the intensification of hybrid threats and their severity concerning manufactured and natural disasters. Consequently, these actions produce an increased risk of chaos during a disaster caused by additional attacks and actions arising from hybrid campaigns.

The COVID pandemic provided a chilling example of how state and non-state actors will exploit challenging societal situations to gain an advantage or positioning over their enemies. Moreover, since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, there has been a significant increase in hybrid attacks. The complexities of dealing with these challenges are well presented in the efforts required to counter attacks on Global Positioning Satellites, which can cause disruption and delay across various sectors.

Malicious actors will exploit all opportunities to gain a competitive advantage. The actors might not start the 'fire', but they will add additional fuel – exacerbating a given situation.

Of course, the issues connected with hybrid threats are not only matters between 'enemies'; we see hybrid tactics used by various communities, often within the same country. Regardless of the actors engaged, we need a variety of tools and innovations to counter the challenges.

If you have an innovation – we encourage you to join the EU-HYBNET network to share your work and inform our community of its benefits. Likewise, if you know of a company that should be aware of the EU-HYBNET practitioners' network, please send them this link, allowing them to explore the possibilities of [joining the network](#).