

EU-HYBNET carried out a Webinar on the “Role of LEAs in combating hybrid threats”

On the 26th of October 2023, EU-HYBNET consortium partner Polish Platform for Homeland Security, in partnership with CYBERSPACE – LEA Project Cluster, organised a two-hour-long webinar dedicated to police officers, law enforcement representatives and stakeholders from public institutions, industry and research dealing with hybrid threats. The event gathered eighty participants who could ask questions and share their insights.

The meeting focused on topics such as:

- The wide array of hybrid threats from hostile agents against state personnel,
- Critical infrastructure as an ideal target for hybrid operations,
- Deepfakes and synthetic realities,
- LEAs’ experiences in countering disinformation and foreign manipulation,
- The role of EU projects in supporting LEAs in fighting hybrid threats.

Experts who delivered presentations reflected on issues including disinformation, manipulation, protection of critical infrastructure, and network building. The first presentation was dedicated to the EU-funded VIGILANT Project. Its goal is to support LEAs in investigating disinformation. Later on, we talked about hybrid threats operated at state personnel. Our expert highlighted what risks they have to face. We also listened to a presentation devoted to the impact of artificial intelligence and tools such as Photoshop on reality. Threats to critical infrastructure were also presented and explained.

Practitioners’ involvement is crucial for EU-HYBNET stakeholders as our priority is to bring value to their work and support their everyday needs. **We encourage all security practitioners to join the EU-HYBNET network to share their needs as well as the existing technological gaps in their fields. Likewise, if you’re an SME or a research developing an innovation that pan-European practitioners can find useful, please have a look at our [website](#) and explore the benefits of [joining our network](#).**

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