EU-HYBNET joined CERIS SSRI Workshop on "Networks of Practitioners"

On 27th April 2023, EU-HYBNET Coordinator Dr. Päivi Mattila of Laurea University was in Brussels representing the project in the CERIS SSRI "Networks of Practitioners" Workshop: Exploitation of outcomes, capability requirements, and future perspectives.

EU-HYBNET joined the first panel of the worshop which reviewed the achievements, challenges and lessons learned in different networks of practitioners. The session, moderated by Isabelle Linde-Frech (Fraunhofer INT), also included representatives of the MEDEA, iProcureNet and NO-FEAR Projects.

The panel allowed all project representatives to share their experiences and discuss common challenges and potential solutions to ensure the sustainability of their

networks in a way that benefits the work of European security practitioners and created a supply- and demand-driven capability-building research and innovation environment. Some key conclusions from the discussion include the common difficulties of finding the most relevant people for a network and maintaining practitioners' motivation throughout projects and ongoing actions.

On behalf of EU-HYBNET, Paivi Mattila highlighted the complexities of building a network of practitioners and other relevant actors for countering hybrid threats, given the broadness of the topic and the various manifestations of hybrid threats (e.g., cyber, disinformation, supply chains etc.). She pointed out that the project is built around four core themes to ensure common definitions and structure, but that all project partners are open to new ideas from the network through the fruitful dialogue established in EU-HYBNET events.

Practitioners' involvement is a key goal for EU-HYBNET as our top priority is to bring value to their work and support their everyday needs. Their input is crucial in the work of the project, as it allows our partners to focus their research on current topical issues and promote innovative solutions that are truly needed in the field.

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 practictioners can find useful, please have a look at our website and explore benefits of joining our network.

For further information on EU-HYBNET, you can follow the project on Twitter and LinkedIn.