

EU-HYBNET held its Final Gaps & Needs event, #G&N2024

On the 12th of June 2024, the EU-HYBNET consortium successfully held its 4th and Final Gaps & Needs event in Madrid Spain. The event was attended by approximately 28 representatives of the EU-HYBNET consortium and network.

The event served as a platform of interaction for the consortium and network members to discuss and define pan-European practitioners' and other relevant actors' (industry, academia, NGOs) gaps and needs to counter hybrid threats. The Gaps and Needs Event is at the core of EU-HYBNET project since it will determine the priority gaps and needs on which the project will focus in the forthcoming months by identifying most promising innovations to fill the gaps and needs and recommending innovations uptake and standardisation. As a result, participants were able to shape the continuing course of the project based on their own perspectives.

The event explored each core theme across two breakout sessions: one in the morning and one in the afternoon, followed by a concluding panel. The morning sessions focused on defining the gaps - the difference between current level of knowledge and the ideal or desired level. The afternoon session explored the needs – the type of resources or solution necessary to fill the gaps identified. The key findings from an in-depth stocktaking of the gaps and needs analyses since the beginning of the project, guided the discussions.

In this incredibly complex landscape, **EU-HYBNET's role is to establish and further research** the gaps and needs identified by consortium and network practitioners. We welcome the feedback of additional practitioners and look forward to welcoming them into our network, among other hybrid threats stakeholders.

If you would like to stay updated on the work and conclusions of the project and attend future events, you're welcome to join the EU-HYBNET network; you can read the associated information and apply on the project's <u>website</u>. For further information on EU-HYBNET, you can follow the project through <u>Mastodon, Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

