



Gatherings

COMMON STANDARDS FOR SECURITY, PRIVACY AND COST OF THE SURVEILLANCE OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS

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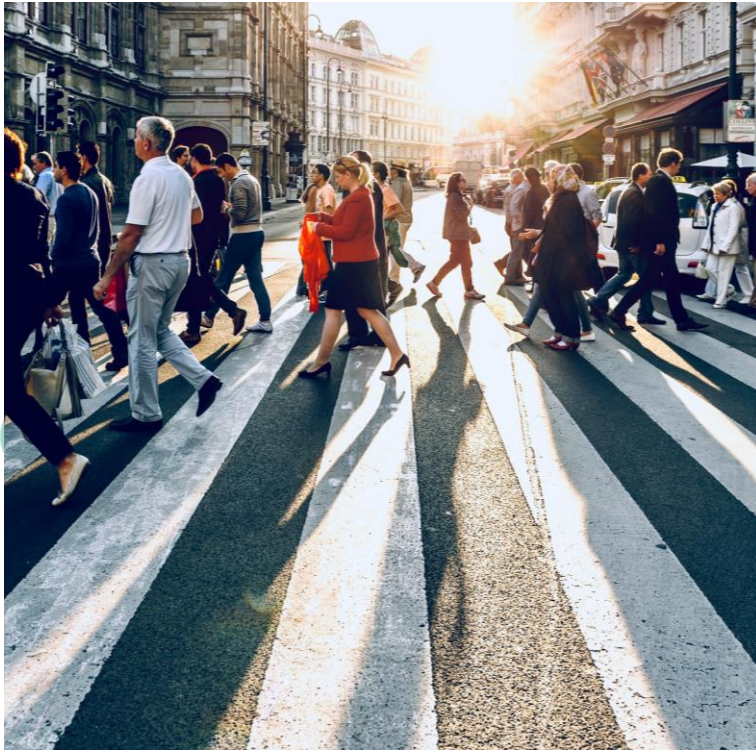
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- ❑ The Gatherings project aims to develop common standards for **security**, **privacy** and **cost** of the Surveillance Of Public Gatherings
- ❑ **Technologies** used, **stakeholders** involved, **data transfer** between them: Surveillant assemblages
- ❑ Special attention to **intersectionality** and **diversity**

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- ❑ Funding: **Horizon Europe** (EU) from October 2023 – September 2025
- ❑ **Coordination and support action**
- ❑ **An international and intersectoral partnership** of leading European universities, companies, organizations, and authorities with the **coordination** of Prof. Lucas Melgaço and Dr. Mattias De Backer

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TEAM:



AMBITIONS

Improve the efficacy of surveillance in order to render public gatherings **safer**

Increase fairness and transparency of surveillance by making it more **privacy-friendly**

Boost feasibility of surveillance for involved stakeholders by making it more **cost-effective**, both **economically** and **socially**

Identify **gaps in awareness** among professionals and citizens

Bring about **international harmonization** of good practices and common standards about privacy-friendly, socially sensitive, and cost-effective surveillance of safer public gatherings

ACTION PLAN

- 01 Mapping and evaluation of surveillance practices of public gatherings EU-wide
- 02 Striking a balance between security, privacy, and costs of surveillance
- 03 Setting up (an online) CoP Network of surveillance professionals
- 04 Identification of good practices and common standards at an international level
- 05 Development of Awareness-Raising Programmes for Local Surveillance Professionals and Citizens



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ACTIONS



- Desk research:** legislations, surveillance assemblages
- Interviews** with 50 surveillance professionals across EU
- Development of a security-privacy-cost **matrix**
- Setting up an **International Surveillance Network**

ACTIONS



- ❑ **3 Living Labs:** in Austria, Greece and Bulgaria
 - ❑ **Focus groups**
 - ❑ **Online survey of visitors**
 - ❑ **Participant observation**
 - ❑ **Co-learning panels**

- ❑ **Common standards** for the “privacy-friendly” and “cost-effective” surveillance of public gatherings

- ❑ **Development of Awareness-Raising Programmes for citizens and professionals**

ACTIONS



- Policy dialogues
- Visualization of matrix
- EU Handbook
- Brochure in plain language

INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

01 Representatives of municipalities, police authorities, civil society, citizens, and public and private sector professionals

02 Two online meetings each year

03 One in-person Mobilisation and Mutual Learning workshop

04 Voluntary basis

05 Service design: needs of users

Thematic meetings: e.g. crowd control

Setting up synergies

- 01 Other EU-funded research projects in the field of security and/or data protection
- 02 Join advisory board
- 03 Join CoP Network
- 04 Annual Mobility and Mutual Learning Workshops
- 05 Joint policy dialogues

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