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As the EU-CIP project approaches its conclusion, the last months have been of high-impact engagement, strategic visibility, and knowledge sharing across Europe. Here are the key highlights from our recent activities.

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EU-CIP at Key Events Across Europe

📍 Berlin – European Police Congress (May 20-21)

EU-CIP held a booth in collaboration with **ENG** and **EOS**, engaging with law enforcement and security professionals. Our coordinator delivered a keynote speech, highlighting the project's final results and the launch of the EU-CIP Knowledge Hub – a central platform for collaboration, innovation, and policy shaping.



📍 Warsaw – Security Research Event (June 24-25)

Partners **EOS**, **PPHS**, and **ENG** exhibited at this flagship event, presenting EU-CIP's developments in security research and innovation to policymakers and practitioners.



📍 Warsaw – Workshop (September 4)

Our partner **PPHS** hosted a dedicated workshop to discuss various forms of critical infrastructure safety and advocate for the project's results. The event fostered dialogue with local stakeholders and reinforced the importance of EU-CIP's contributions to resilience.

📍 Toulouse – International Workshop (September 25)

EU-CIP was presented at the **6th International Workshop on Cyber-Physical Security for Critical Infrastructures Protection**, co-located with ESORICS 2025 at Université de Toulouse. The session showcased EU-CIP's technical achievements and strategic vision to the cybersecurity research community.



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Final Conference and Press Release

On September 29, EU-CIP co-hosted its final event, “**Collaborate, Innovate, Anticipate, Protect: A European Blueprint for Resilient Infrastructure**”, in Brussels alongside fellow EU-funded projects SUNRISE and ATLANTIS. The event welcomed participants from EU institutions, international organizations, industry, and academia.

Key highlights included:

- **Opening remarks** by Max Brandt (DG HOME) and Andrew McKay Bower (UNDRR), emphasizing the urgency of embedding critical infrastructure resilience in policy and practice.
- Project presentation by Emilia Gugliandolo (EU-CIP Project Coordinator), showcasing the launch of the **EU-CIP Knowledge Hub**, a centralized platform for collaboration, training, and innovation.

"The Knowledge Hub is a game-changer. It's not just a repository – it's a living ecosystem for innovation and policy shaping."

– Emilia Gugliandolo, EU-CIP Project Coordinator

- **Panel discussions** with end users and policymakers, including speakers from EDF France, Airport of Athens, and ECSCI, addressing cross-sector threats, gaps between research and policy, and the future of regulation.
- A strong **call to action** for continued collaboration, capacity building, and policy alignment across Europe.

"EU-CIP has shown that resilience is not just a technical challenge – it's a societal one. Collaboration across sectors is the only way forward."

– Nikolaos Papagiannopoulos, International Athens Airport



Read the full press release on our website!



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EU-CIP Blog Spotlight

The Importance of EU-CIP Open Call Winners Demonstration & Testing Webinars for CIP Innovations – INNOV. As part of the EU-CIP Open Call Type B, a series of testing and demonstration webinars have showcased innovative solutions aimed at strengthening Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) across Europe. These sessions enable selected projects to present their technologies, gather stakeholder feedback, and refine their approaches. By fostering collaboration among innovators, users, and policymakers, the webinars enhance solution development, stakeholder engagement, and market readiness – ensuring that emerging tools are aligned with real-world needs and challenges in infrastructure resilience. Read more about it [here](#).

The CER Directive: General and Sectoral Implementation – KU Leuven. [This blogpost](#) explores the EU's Directive (EU) 2022/2557 on the resilience of critical entities (CER Directive), introduced alongside the NIS2 Directive to strengthen the security of critical infrastructure across the Union. It outlines key obligations for Member States, including the identification and notification of critical entities, mandatory risk assessments, and implementation of resilience measures. The post also highlights sector-specific applications in digital infrastructure, energy, healthcare, and transport, emphasizing cross-sector dependencies and crisis preparedness.

Implementing the European Directive on Critical Entity Resilience (CER Directive): Status, Challenges, and International Context – EU VRi. With the CER Directive now mandatory across the EU, the European Cluster for Securing Critical Infrastructures (ECSCI) is stepping up efforts to support its implementation. On October 15, ECSCI will host a hybrid workshop during the CIPRE Conference in Brindisi, Italy, bringing together experts from Europe, North America, and Asia. The session will present survey results, national case studies, and global perspectives on resilience strategies. As Europe prepares to identify over 15,000 critical infrastructures by 2027, this workshop offers a timely platform for dialogue, collaboration, and alignment between research, policy, and practice. You can find all information [here](#).

EU-CIP Roadmaps are available – SINTEF. After three years of intensive research and stakeholder collaboration, five strategic EU-CIP roadmaps [are now publicly accessible](#) via the EU-CIP Knowledge Hub. These documents offer a comprehensive guide for advancing Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience (CIP/CIR) across Europe through 2030. Covering foundational analysis, strategic frameworks, cutting-edge technologies, sectoral insights, and commercialization strategies, the roadmaps provide actionable guidance for policymakers, researchers, and industry leaders. A final consolidated roadmap is expected soon, focusing on standardization and certification to accelerate innovation uptake.





Reflecting on the Journey: EU-CIP comes to a close, but the impact endures – ENG. This blogpost highlights how, as the EU-CIP project concludes, it leaves behind a robust, community-driven ecosystem for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience (CIP/CIR). Over three years, the Horizon Europe-funded initiative united 19 partners across 13 countries to develop the EU-CIP Knowledge Hub – a dynamic platform centralizing research, technologies, standards, and training resources. With over 600 stakeholders engaged through conferences, webinars, and open calls, EU-CIP has catalyzed innovation and collaboration across sectors. The project's legacy continues through sustained partnerships and a shared commitment to advancing resilience across Europe.

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Reflecting on the Journey: EU-CIP comes to a close, but the impact endures – EOS. This final blogpost gives a snapshot of the Third and Final EU-CIP Annual Conference, held on 29 September 2025 in Brussels, which brought together over 150 stakeholders to shape Europe's future in critical infrastructure resilience. Organized in partnership with SUNRISE and ATLANTIS, the event featured keynotes from EU and UN leaders, live tech demonstrations, and strategic discussions on resilience across sectors. As the EU-CIP project concludes, the conference served as both a reflection on achievements and a launchpad for continued collaboration through the EU-CIP Knowledge Hub and ECSCI Cluster.

Stay Connected

The EU-CIP Project is close to an end, but its Knowledge Hub remains open to new contributors and will continue to serve as a pan-European platform for collaboration, capacity building, and innovation in critical infrastructure resilience.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's continue shaping a safer, more resilient Europe – together.

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