Preventing Radicalisation Online through the Proliferation of Harmonised Toolkits

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What is PROPHETS about?

PROPHETS seeks to analyse, assess and fight the threats of **cybercrime activities**

Online behavioural radicalisation is the driving force in the genesis of online criminal attidudes

PROPHETS seeks to investigate and understand the **behavioural processes** at the cause of individuals engaged in cybercrime actions.

Consortium

BayHföD	Hochschule für den Öffentlichen Dienst in Bayern
CENTRIC	Sheffield Hallam University
PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
CPC	Policijska Akademija
AGF	Agenfor International
CERTH	Ethniko Kentro Erevnas Kai Technologikis Anaptyxis
EI	European Institute Foundation
FUB	Freie Universität Berlin
PPMUC	Bayerisches Staatsministerium des Innern
TVD	Ministero Della Giustizia
PPA	Politsei- ja Piirivalveamet
UGR	Universidad De Granada
EUR	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
KEMEA	Kentro Meleton Asfaleias
BEP	Politiezone Brecht-Malleschilde-Zoersel

Work Packages (WPs)

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Work Package	Title	Leader
WP1	Project Management	BayHfoD
WP2	Legal, Political and Ethical Aspects of Online Behavioural Radicalisation	TVD
WP3	Evidence Based Analysis through Key Behavioural Use Cases	AGF
WP4	User Requirements for Safeguarding Against Online Behavioural Radicalisation	CENTRIC
WP5	Online PROPHETS Platform Development	CERTH
WP6	Validation and Implementation	EI
WP7	Dissemination, Harmonisation and Exploitation	FUB
WP8	Ethics requirements	BayHfoD

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Short description of WPs [A]

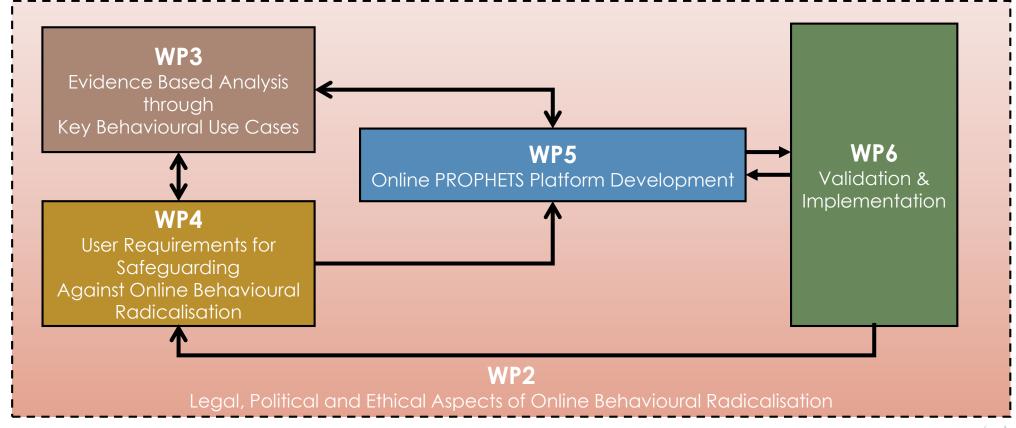| Work Package	Description
WP1	**Management**, co-ordination and quality assurance activities of the project
WP2	**Ensure the ethical, legal and community issues** (including diversity) are taken into account at every stage of the PROPHETS project. **Harmonise** and **consolidate** a comprehensive and dynamic legal, ethical and policy framework for PROPHETS research and development.
WP3	Research and design guiding models to legitimately and impartially **investigate** the multitude of **key cyber radicalisation behaviours**, underlying psychological traits.
WP4	Gain an **understanding** of the current and future **online and offline behavioural radicalisation threat landscape** and **user equirements** for the PROPHETS toolkit.

Short description of WPs [B]

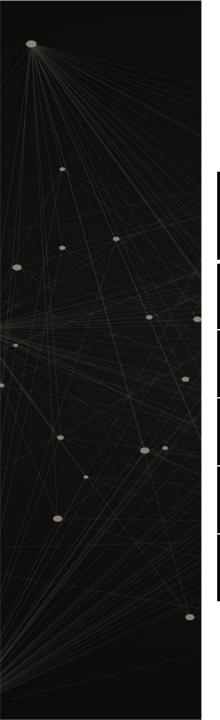| Work Package	Description
WP5	**Develop a platform** to assist and educate LEAs in the prevention, investigation and mitigation of online behavioural radicalisation and emerging cybercrime and cyberterrorism.
WP6	Design, develop, carry out and then report on the outcomes of each of the **validation exercises.**
WP7	**Create strong awareness** regarding the PROPHETS project at the; local, regional, National, EU and international levels
WP8	Ensure compliance with the **'ethics requirements'**

Relation to other WPs

WP5 Objectives

- Assist/educate LEAs in prevention, investigation, mitigation of online behavioural radicalisation & emerging cybercrime/cyberterrorism

- WP5 aims to establish **technologies** to:
  i. reduce the manual workload through automation
  ii. increase situational awareness
  iii. streamline management procedures and workflow through prioritisation
  iv. enhance investigations through developing a live-time expert analysis portal

- WP5 contains the development of the **PROPHETS platform:**
  - Policy Making Toolkit
  - Weak Indicator Extraction System
  - Enhanced Monitoring and Situational Awareness Tool
  - Multilingual Real-Time Expert Notification

WP5 Tasks

Task Number	Description	Leader
T5.1	Policy Making Toolkit	CENTRIC
T5.2	Weak Indicator Extraction	CERTH
T5.3	Enhanced Monitoring and Situational Awareness Tool	CERTH
T5.4	Real-Time Expert Notification Portal	CENTRIC
T5.5	System Requirements, Development and Integration	CERTH

Task 5.1: Policy Making Toolkit

- **Goals:**

  1. Recommend policy approaches to existing/emerging threats

  2. Translate technically complex and internationally spread areas of interest into a transparent and 'debriefed' information

  3. Review legislation (including human rights, criminal procedural law, data protection, victims' rights and other) relevant to the work of LEAs in prevention, investigation and mitigation of cybercrime

T5.1: Outcomes

- **Simplified and layman-friendly series of EU relevant documents** relating to existing/emerging cyber threats

- **Set of rules or basic standards** to assist in the construction of future policies and legislation

- **Differences in legal frameworks** between EU member states that may limit harmonisation

- '**Legal compatibility profile**' of partners' Member States

Task 5.2: Weak Indicator Extraction

- **Goal**: Develop **Weak Indicator Extraction** suite of tools for:
  - **Online Material Monitoring**
    - automated discovery, crawling, extraction, and analysis of relevant material
    - posted online on Web forums, Dark Web, and social media

  - **Classification**
    - categorisation of the collected material into a taxonomy

  - **Clustering**
    - grouping together online material about similar topics

  - **Threat Assessment and Early Warnings**
    - combination of weak indicators
    - increase predictive power
    - support decisions with higher confidence

Task 5.3: Weak Indicator Extraction

- **Goal**: Develop **Situational Awareness** suite of tools for:
  - **Social Network Analysis**
    - detect user communities (e.g. user accounts on forums/social media platforms) engaging in relevant interactions
    - identify the most important and influencing community actors with a key role in the connectivity of the social network ➜ dissemination of information

  - **Visual Analytics for Enhanced Situational Awareness**
    - Develop visualization graphs, charts and analytics
      - timeline charts
      - clustering treemaps
      - location maps
      - social network analysis graphs
      - etc.

Task 5.4: Real Time Expert Notification Portal

- **Goal:** Develop a portal for **real time outsourcing of intelligence** to a vetted and **validated community of subject matter experts**

- Similar in design to EUROPOL's crowd-sourcing of Child Sexual Exploitation intelligence
  - but for a wider variety of topics
  - and for a specialist community [more like Europol expert panels]

Task 5.5: System Requirements, Development and Integration

- **Goal**: Build **PROPHETS platform** as a suite of the T5.1-T5.4 tools

  - Develop an overall **technical roadmap**

  - Specify **technical requirements** based on end-user requirements (WP4)

  - Define **platform architecture**:
    - organisation of the system
    - building blocks
    - layers
    - components
    - interfaces and interactions
    - etc.

  - Develop **PROPHETS platform**
    - T5.1: Policy Making Toolkit
    - T5.2: Weak Indicator Extraction System
    - T5.3: Situational Awareness Tool
    - T5.4: Multilingual Real-Time Expert Portal

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