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Championing partnership, innovation and
state-of-the-art technologies to keep Europe secure



Europe's Security Challenge

Europe is currently facing a formidable challenge in protecting its citizens, infrastructure and economy from security threats such as terrorism, cyber-attacks and organised crime. While significant action is being undertaken in Europe to raise levels of protection, the scale and complexity of the security challenges confronting the Union are expected to increase rapidly. Responding to increasingly complex security scenarios requires sophisticated and innovative solutions capable of protecting Europe while, at the same time, ensuring the respect of fundamental rights and privacy.

An innovative European Security Community

The European security community is fully committed to the implementation of the Security Union, providing the technology and solutions required to prevent and mitigate the threats we face. However, market fragmentation and increasing competition from non-EU players, require Europe to step-up its role to ensure that critical technological competences can be developed and maintained, and that the best solutions tailored to Europe's needs and values are deployed.

Working with European policy makers

Decisions made in Brussels can have a significant impact on the security industry both within Europe and overseas. Today, European policymaking is vital to creating an environment to encourage research, innovation and procurement, protect human rights, and harmonise the security industry. Together, EU policymakers, Member States and the security community can create a true, single EU security market, strengthening European strategic autonomy and enhancing European industry's competitiveness on the global security market.

The Voice of the European Security Community

The European Organisation for Security (EOS) is the voice of the European security industry and research community. Operating in 15 different countries, EOS Members provide security research, solutions, and services across many security domains, including border, cyber, transport and crisis management.

EOS PAST AND PRESENT

EOS Members include major industry players, SMEs, research centres and universities from across the whole business cycle: from technology R&D, equipment manufacturing, and system integration, to service providers, and end-users.

For over a decade, EOS has promoted the development of a harmonised European security market. Ultimately, a holistic European security community will deliver innovative, sustainable and efficient solutions, and ensure a more secure environment for Europe's citizens.

EOS has been advancing the perspectives and expertise of the European security community to international regulators since 2007. Increasingly, such engagement and best-practice sharing has broadened to address new priority issues such as integrated border management and smart borders, soft target protection, rail security and critical infrastructure protection.

All these activities require close cooperation with a wide range of organisations at the EU and global level.

EOS' REACH

At the European level, EOS is actively engaged with the European Union, which is leading the way in developing security policy and setting industry standards that are subsequently implemented at national and international levels. Our proactive approach means we are working on a wide range of issues with the EU institutions, Member State Ministries and key agencies including EASA, EDA, ENISA, eu-LISA, Europol, and Frontex. EOS has also established constructive dialogue with other European security stakeholders, including ACI-E, EARTO, ECAC, and ECSO among others.

Globally, EOS speaks on behalf of the security industry and research community before international bodies such as IATA, ICAO and WCO.

COOPERATION & CONSORTIA

The complexity of European security threats calls for sophisticated and long-term solutions. The development of new security technologies can take years to complete and requires billions of euros of investment. As a result, the security industry is increasingly reliant on cooperation and consortia to bring innovation to market.

EOS works closely with its Members and the broader industry and research community to form consortia that are successfully participating in major European research and innovation projects. In this way, the voice of the security industry is shaping the future development of security solutions, and driving the delivery of new commercial products in the long term.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

EOS is organised around Working Groups that draw upon industry experts from a range of different fields, specifically, security screening and detection technologies, cyber security, integrated border security, and crisis management. The Working Groups produce policy positions that drive the creation of effective EU security policy and standards by policymakers.

The time for action has come. In the area of security, as in many other areas in Europe, fragmentation is what makes us vulnerable. Europe needs a genuine Security Union.

Jean-Claude Juncker,
European Parliament,
12 April 2016.





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