



LION DC
AGAINST ONLINE DRUG CRIMES

LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION CONSOLIDATION FOR FIGHT AGAINST ONLINE DRUG CRIMES

NEWSLETTER ISSUE #5

JULY 2021



lion-dc.eu

NEWSLETTER ISSUE #5

July 2021

CONTENTS

1. **WELCOME**
2. **LION DC GENERAL INFORMATION**
3. **THE CONSORTIUM**
4. **STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**
5. **TRAININGS & CONFERENCES**
6. **SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES**
7. **BEYOND THE PROJECT**
8. **CONTACT US & SOCIAL MEDIA**

WELCOME

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Lion DC project newsletter.

Getting used the COVID-19 era and the virtual organisation of meetings and activities all over the world the LION DC project managed to shift their scheduled activities to successfully close this project. In this framework, LION DC consortium changed its time plan and sequence of actions, implementing alternatives to meet project's goals, offering to LEAs useful training sessions and information in the best way possible. Going through the current and last version of our newsletter, you will find out plenty of consortium's activities that actually conclude the successful implementation of the project.

The project team after the successful implementation of all the planned trainings, has also completed one more training called "LION DC Additional training", which was organised virtually. The material provided to the trainees was based on the "train-the-trainer v2" training. The current newsletter provides all the information you need to stay on track with the latest activities on tackling online drug crimes, as well as the future steps on the domain.

Wish to find out more about the project? Go through this newsletter. Interested in getting involved? Have a look at the LION DC LinkedIn group and Twitter account, managed by consortium and at the Stakeholders Group section.

Hope you really enjoyed LION DC project trip and looking forward to further extending our collaboration in future initiatives.

Stay Safe!

The Project Coordinator



This project that has received funding from the European Union's Internal Security Fund - Police (ISFP) Programme, ISFP-2017-AG-DRUGS, under grant agreement no 822616.

LION DC GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Name: Law Enforcement Technological Innovation Consolidation for Fight Against Online Drug Crimes

Start Date: 10 December 2018

Duration: 24 months + 6 months extension due to COVID-19 crisis

Coordinator: MYKOLO ROMERIO UNIVERSITETAS (MRU)

Partners: 12 partners

Call identifier: ISFP-2017-AG-DRUGS

Concept:

The Lion DC project aims to provide Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) with new skills, methodologies and tools in the fight against drug trafficking.

Objectives:

- to create a functioning Online Drugs investigation community, comprised of practitioners, and participants from academia by extending SENTER, ENTER and i-LEAD initiatives.
- to develop new investigation methods using available OSINT, Dark Web, Cryptocurrencies Investigation technologies.

Workplan:



THE CONSORTIUM

<p>MYKOLO ROMERIO UNIVERSITETAS</p>	<p><u>Mykolas Romeris Universitetas, Lithuania</u></p> <p>https://www.mruni.eu/en/</p>	<p>POLISH PLATFORM FOR HOMELAND SECURITY</p>	<p><u>Polish Platform for Homeland Security, Poland</u></p> <p>https://www.ppbw.pl/en</p>
<p>L3CE</p>	<p><u>Lietuvos Kibernetiniu Nusikaltimu Kompetenciju IR Tyrimu Centras, Lithuania</u></p> <p>http://www.l3ce.eu/en/</p>	<p>МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ВЪТРЕШНИТЕ РАБОТИ ГДБОИ</p>	<p><u>Glavna Direktsia Borba S Organiziranata Prestupnost, Bulgaria</u></p> <p>https://www.gdbop.bg/bg/</p>
<p>LIETUVOS MUTINĖ</p>	<p><u>Muitines Kriminaline Tarnyba, Lithuania</u></p> <p>https://www.lrmuitine.lt/</p>	<p>KEMEA</p>	<p><u>Kentro Meleton Asfaleias, Greece</u></p> <p>http://kemea.gr/en</p>
<p>TNO innovation for life</p>	<p><u>Nederlandse Organisatie Voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek TNO, Netherlands</u></p> <p>https://www.tno.nl/en/</p>	<p>Ministerie van Defensie</p>	<p><u>Ministry of Defense, Netherlands</u></p> <p>https://english.defensie.nl/</p>
<p>DITSS Dutch Institute for Technology Safety & Security</p>	<p><u>Stichting Dutch Institute for Technology, Safety & Security, Netherlands</u></p> <p>https://ditss.nl/en/</p>	<p>Respublikinė Vilniaus universitietinė Ilgoninė</p>	<p><u>Viesoji Istaiga Respublikine Vilniaus Universitetine Ligonine, Lithuania</u></p> <p>http://www.rvul.lt/en/</p>
<p>ICT ACADEMY</p>	<p><u>International Cyber Investigation Training Academy, Bulgaria</u></p> <p>https://e-crimeacademy.com/</p>	<p>ROMANIA</p>	<p><u>Inspectoratul General al Politiei Romane, Romania</u></p> <p>https://www.politiaromana.ro/</p>



STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

BRIEFLY

The stakeholder group is an auxiliary body of LION DC project, targeting to provide regular and meaningful input and ensure that the project objectives are broadly understood. The second objective of this board is to support and alleviate planning and execution of project activities, including trainings and to disseminate further the results in the project's duration. It will be mainly formed by LEAs and members of different networks (ENLETS, SENTER) that are not directly involved in the LION DC consortium. This group has a very specific role regarding its activities during the project duration. These activities will be conducted by invitation of the members to dedicated project meetings and their involvement in the dedicated LION DC events (e.g. workshops, trainings, etc.).

CURRENT SG MEMBERS

Reaching the last period of the project's lifetime, right after the extension, external to the consortium practitioners and experts have shown huge interest in LION DC initiative. LION DC consortium is honored to have more than 20 members involved in project's activities. In addition to these members, LION DC consortium managed to engage more than 100 stakeholders coming from LEA organisations who work on cyber-crime domain and interested in fight against online drug crimes.



TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

LION DC ADDITIONAL TRAINING, 03 MAY-25 JUNE 2021

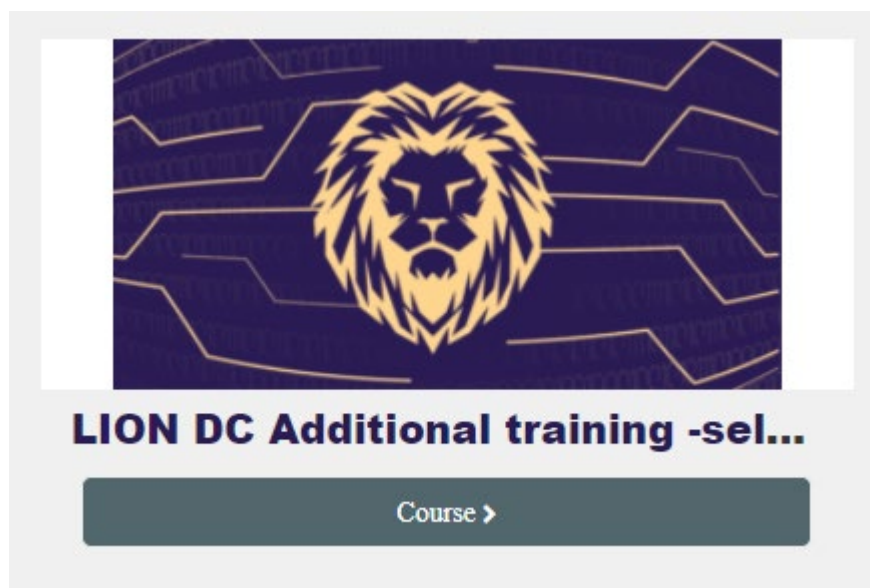


Figure 1: LION DC Additional Training, available through e-learning platform

Based on the success of the previous trainings conducted by LION DC consortium, it was decided after the expression of interest by European LEAs, mainly from Netherlands and Poland to conduct one more "additional" training, based on the last train-the-trainers v2 training. The training was offered to 38 LEA experts. LION DC Additional training took place 3rd May – 25th June, 2021. LEA experts mainly from Netherlands and Polish police had the chance to have a self-paced training and enhance their capabilities on online drug crimes investigation.



LION DC CLOSING CONFERENCE, JUNE 7-8 2021

Closing Conference



Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming two-day online closing event organised by the LION-DC consortium, which will take place on June 7-8, 2021 14:00-17:00 CEST.

Considering your interest in Security, Fight against Crime and Terrorism, Fight against Cybercrime and Fight against illegal trafficking fields, you are invited to join as a valuable attendee of this informative yet interactive online event organised by LION-DC Consortium.

What is LION-DC?

The Lion DC project aims to provide Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) with new skills, methodologies and tools in the fight against drug trafficking, given major discernible shifts in the evolution of digital environments (eg. traditional social media) regarding distribution and sale of drugs such as the increasingly widespread use of cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies by organised crime. In order to enhance LEA capacity to identify the flow of drugs and key players involved, either to thwart criminal activity or to determine guilt after the fact, the project will test the efficiency, unique capabilities, and shortfalls in the use of various forms of technology, as well as Open Source Intelligence Tools (OSINT), penetrate the Dark Web, develop novel ways of going beyond the widely used "follow the money" principle, and suggest the identification and description of criminals by collating a wide range of sources, both open and closed. The key activity of the Lion DC initiative is real, case based, cross border exercising in drug criminality, which will be enacted by LEA practitioners, providing opportunities for LEA together with academia to share expertise, methodologies and analytical capabilities, and to identify available tools and risks then on their feasibility and usefulness.

Why attend the LION-DC closing conference?

After almost 28 months of implementation LION-DC project is coming to an end. In the LION-DC closing conference, we are going to present the project's various outcomes and findings, which were mainly focused on the fight against online drug crimes. More specifically in this online event, the project's five work packages will be presented along with the most important findings and outcomes each one extracted, in order to disseminate, in the best possible way, the acquired knowledge to all interested parties.

Additionally, the second day of the closing conference will be dedicated to the promotion of collaboration among EU funded projects of similar interest. To that cause, various other projects that are actively involved in fields such as fight against crime and terrorism, cybercrime, and illegal transactions will participate in the part of the conference. The purpose of the presentation is to raise awareness, promote cooperation among EU funded projects and share results and knowledge. This part will also be a great opportunity to exploit the chances for future partnerships among various organizations and get informed about the latest news and priorities of European Commission in the field. Last but not least, there will be keynote speeches during both days of the conference which will offer valuable insights and knowledge to all attendees.

Registration

It will be our great honor to have you as our guest and we hope you accept the invitation to attend this event. Registration is mandatory both for organizational and security reasons and the form below should be completed by both speakers and participants.

You may register for the closing conference by following this link: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/manifest?fields_closing_conference.

For any other inquiries you may contact the consortium through: info@lion-dc.eu

Thank you for considering our invitation and we are looking forward to seeing you in our webinar.

Kindest Regards,
the LION-DC Consortium



LION DC project is funded by the European Union's Internal Security Fund – Police, under grant agreement no 822616



Figure 2: LION DC Closing Conference invitation

In the LION-DC closing conference, the project's various outcomes and findings were presented, which were mainly focused on the fight against online drug crimes. More specifically, in this online event, the project's five work packages were presented along with the most important findings and outcomes each one extracted, in order to disseminate, in the best possible way, the acquired knowledge to all interested parties. Additionally, the second day of the closing conference was dedicated to the promotion of collaboration among EU funded projects of similar interest. To that cause, various other projects that are actively involved in fields such as fight against crime and terrorism, cybercrime, and illegal transactions participated in the part of the conference. The purpose of the presentations was to raise awareness, promote cooperation among EU funded projects and share results and knowledge. This part was also a great opportunity to exploit the chances for future partnerships among various organizations and get informed about the latest news and priorities of European Commission in the field. Keynote speeches were also given during both days of the conference, which offered valuable insights and knowledge to all attendees.



This project that has received funding from the European Union's Internal Security Fund - Police (ISFP) Programme, ISFP-2017-AG-DRUGS, under grant agreement no 822616.

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

PROJECT OUTCOMES

Within the scope of LION DC project:

- ❖ *Law enforcement needs and requirements were analysed and prioritised and based on these priorities exercise scenarios were developed. The project team consolidated different MS knowledge of the phenomena and afterwards it focused on the requirements for Digital Online Drug Crimes Investigation technologies and identification of best suited scenarios enabling demonstration of functionalities to be tested.*
- ❖ *Intelligence led cross-border investigation exercises were undertaken within the scope of WP3, representing a core set of project activities. The work package offered opportunities to test selected investigative techniques, as well as preparations and development of real case-based scenarios.*
- ❖ *The Sandbox & Training Development work package, created an adequate content-rich environment, filling in the knowledge gaps derived and stemming from the OSINT/CYBER DRUGS INVESTIGATOR Skill Matrix. The WP consisted of two main building blocks:*
 - a) the framework, sandbox, and simulator, i.e., the training environment,*
 - b) the content of the training, i.e., training modules concerned with investigating online drug crimes that include a safe and stable training environment, as well as new material and/or tooling around cryptocurrencies, OSINT, and other relevant themes.*
- ❖ *Finally, WP5 extracted and conceptualized the findings resulting from previous work packages and transforming these into:*
 - Extracts of training for LEA on methodology, focusing on drug criminality, for future LEA operations, especially for those stakeholders not directly involved in the current Action.*
 - A defined competence structure for LEA using Skill Matrix developed during Strengthening European Network Centres of Excellence in Cybercrime (SENER) project.*
 - Specific gaps in different relevant areas (Competence, Process, Technology, Tooling, Automation) for further exploration.*



BEYOND THE PROJECT

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

As the project is about to finish on July 9, 2021, all the project's activities have been concluded. Beyond the project's duration, **LION DC** aims to:

- ❖ Keep updating its website and social media profiles to provide project dissemination to its audience.
- ❖ Expand the training capabilities that were created within the scope of **LION DC** project.
- ❖ Initiate new activities to further expand current capabilities, based on the extracts of the work that was done during the 30-month lifecycle of **LION DC** project.

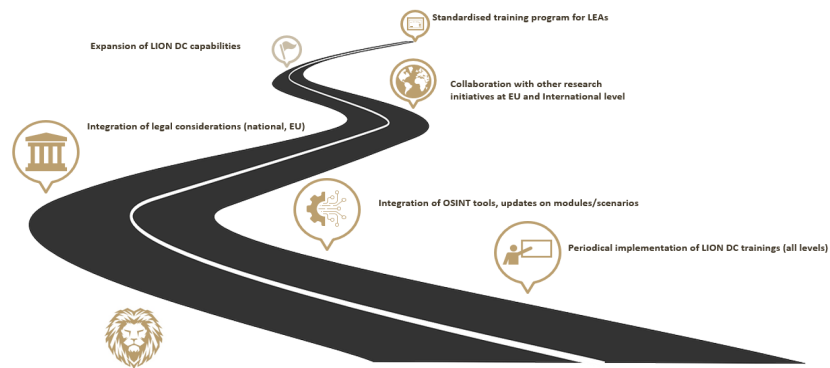


Figure 3: LION DC Roadmap

THANK YOU

CONTACT US & SOCIAL MEDIA

CONTACT US



For more information, please visit the LION DC website: <https://lion-dc.eu/>



Send us an email to info@lion-dc.eu

SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow us on twitter: <https://twitter.com/LIONDC2>



Join the LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13688229/>

Follow us on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/lion-dc/about/>

