European Positive Sum Approach towards AI tools in support
of Law Enforcement and safeguarding privacy and fundamental rights

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Press Release

The 1st Stakeholder Policy Lab in Greece for Civil Protection and Security

Organized by the European research project popAI

The first Stakeholder Policy Lab (SPL) within the framework of the **European project popAI**, was held with great success on Wednesday 25 May 2022. The SPL was coordinated by the National Center for Scientific Research (NCSR) Demokritos, with the decisive support of the Hellenic Police as one of the partners of the project.

A series of Policy Labs (6 in total) will be held in European countries in the coming months aiming to create written recommendations on the ethical regulation and proper use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for civil protection and citizen security.

During the first Policy Lab, which was held in Greek, 30 entities participated and were involved in discussion from different perspectives and fields of action regarding the development, use and regulation of artificial intelligence for civil protection and security, they exchanged views and proposed solutions, laying the foundations and the criteria of successful action.

The Policy Lab was welcomed by Dr. Evangelos Karkaletsis, member of the National Bioethics and Technoethics Committee and Director of the Institute of Informatics and Telecommunications (IIT) at NCSR "Demokritos". In the workshop participated representatives from the Special Secretariat of Foresight and Research for the Future, the European Union Agency for Asylum, representatives from the Hellenic Police and local government, integrated IT and communications solutions companies, along with legal advisors specialised in Personal Data Protection and AI.

The participants discussed in break out working groups the possibilities of data exploitation systems for improving policing and dealing with crime as well as traffic accident prevention with the use of video footage presented by the Greek Police in collaboration with IT and communications companies. By examining the possibilities offered by AI along with the legal, ethical, and social extension of its use - in the context of civil protection, specific recommendations were developed both on an operational, legal and technical level. These proposals will be included in the best practices map - produced by the project and will form the basis for the creation of an ecosystem for a sustainable and inclusive European hub on the proper and ethical use of AI by law enforcement agencies (LEAs).

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