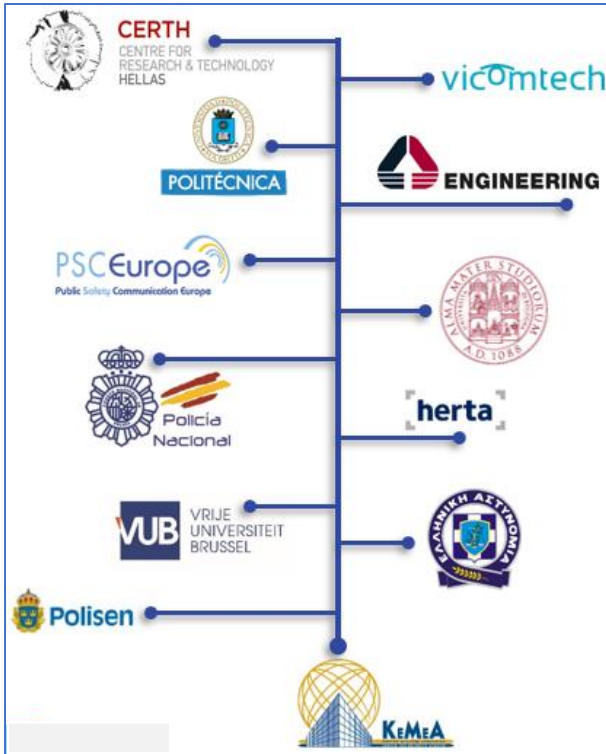




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Launch of EITHOS to empower society against Online Identity Theft (OITD)



Last October 18 & 19, 2022, in Thessaloniki (Greece), the EITHOS consortium was ready to participate in the Kick-off meeting organised & hosted by the [Centre for research and technology Hellas \(CERTH\)](#), coordinator of the project. The meeting counted the representatives of the 12 members that form the EITHOS consortium (Research centres, Industry, Law Enforcement Agencies).

The context

Over the recent years, online identity theft (OITD) related frauds have grown at an extremely fast pace, and the increasing assimilation of digital technology in people's lives raises both the opportunities for fraud and the stakes of failing to prevent it. OITD criminals employ a very wide and multimodal set of frauds, ranging from the remarkably simple to the complex and sophisticated.

Nowadays, there is no common way for Member States (MS) to identify crimes internally, and there is no procedure to report them centrally. Not forgetting the lack of modern technological means and training of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA). And finally, very little is known about the needs and experiences of individuals, after they have realised their identity information has been compromised or misused.

EITHOS in a nutshell

EITHOS will develop a novel Identity Theft Observatory System, empowering European citizens, Law Enforcements Agencies (LEAs), and policy makers to further contribute to the prevention, detection, and investigation of identity theft related crime.





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It will provide a common gateway for identity theft information and intelligence in Europe, built on top of a modern technological back end, based on two pillars:

- (1) Inform & Educate European citizens through the observatory itself and via innovative awareness campaigns regarding the safety of their personal data and identity.
- (2) Identify & address the challenges that Police Authorities face against identity theft and develop a robust software toolset to support them and enhance their investigations.

The proposed system will provide easy access to information and intelligence about previous and current identity theft related trends (such as the methods that fraudsters follow to steal information, personal data protection, or the ways that victims can be supported) through its front end, while offering a cutting-edge AI-based technological toolkit via its back end.

Additionally, the project will analyse the societal impact of identity theft, as well as the legal framework under which the utilisation of AI remote technologies and e-evidence exchange can be achieved. Focusing on educating civil society and addressing the obstacles that hinder LEAs to efficiently fight identity theft, EITHOS differentiates from previous projects and other market solutions which often concentrate on digital identity management and secure transactions.



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