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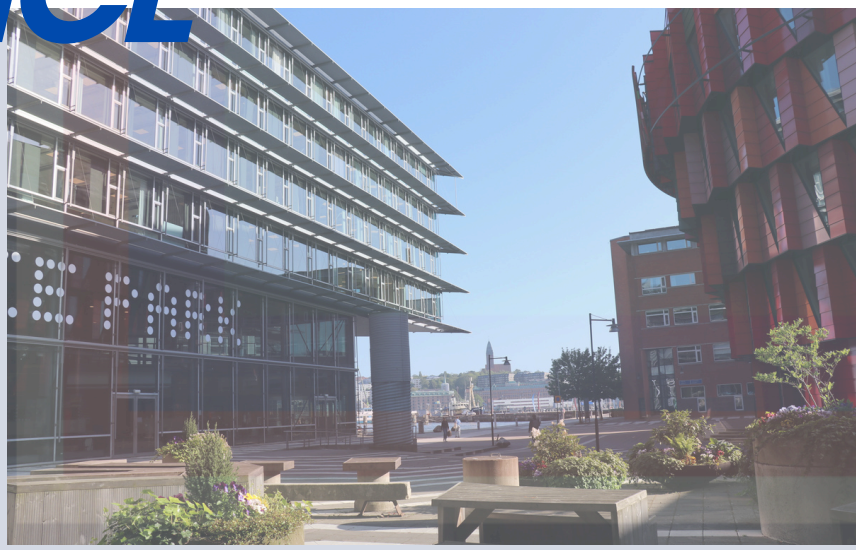

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Executive summary

PSCE Spring Conference 2025 took place on 21st and 22nd of June 2025 at the Lindholmen Science Park in Gothenburg, Sweden. The PSCE team has been pleased to welcome several partners and collaborators in the framework of EU and national innovative projects. 75 participants took part in the event to discuss topical issues related to public safety and crisis management with researchers as well as practitioners. This allowed us to bring a complete vision of risks and stakes related to public safety in Europe.

Five topics have been discussed throughout this conference:

- Total Defence concept in Sweden
- The Nordic Cross Border Cooperation
- AI application for Public Safety
- 6G4Society workshop
- Establishment of the European Critical Communication System – update

During this conference, we've been glad to listen to stakeholders with very diverse profiles, from Europe and even across the Atlantic, which was very interesting. From engineers, researchers and IT secure communication experts, PSCE spring conference allowed our collaborators to show the projects they've been working on, the goals they achieved and their ambitions for the future.

Introduction

Opening words

by David Lund

The conference was kicked off with a warm and stimulating introduction presenting the event topical subjects to be discussed by David Lund, PSCE president. He was happy to welcome all stakeholders to this event, highlighting the importance of collaboration and knowledge exchange in the field of secure communications. His opening remarks set a positive and engaging tone for the sessions that followed.

Pitch Elevators

KIResQ

The KIResQ project leverages Artificial Intelligence to enhance real-time crisis communication and decision-making.

It develops AI-based tools to support emergency services in evaluating, prioritizing, and responding to incoming information during disasters. By analyzing data from multiple sources, KIResQ helps detect critical signals early and coordinate efficient responses.

The project aims to strengthen resilience by improving the speed and accuracy of situational awareness in emergencies.

https://kiresq.de/

CEASEFIRE

The CEASEFIRE project targets the development of a highly innovative, multi-disciplinary, high-tech and versatile approach for significantly increasing/broadening the operational capabilities of EU Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) in their struggle to detect, analyze and track cross-border illicit firearms trafficking related activities. In particular, CEASEFIRE efforts concentrate on two following major driving axes: a) The development of advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies for significantly facilitating the everyday work of the involved practitioners, and b) The establishment of fully-operational National Focal Points (NFPs).

https://ceasefire-project.eu/

CERTIFIER

The CERTIFIER (CERTificate For Integrated Emergency Response) project aims to better integrate informal volunteer support into crisis and disaster management. It does so by developing a digital competency certificate that enables volunteers to participate in emergency operations based on their verified skills.

CERTIFIER adopts a holistic, user-centered approach to promote skill-based volunteer engagement. The project explores digital tools for recording, validating, and coordinating volunteer competencies, ensuring that authorities and emergency organizations can efficiently match available help with operational needs.

Topic 1: Total Defence concept

Toal Defence concept, “Totalförsvar” in Swedish, though being particularly topical nowadays, is not new. By the end of World War II, an innovative law – “Tjänsteplikt” - yet engaged Swedish citizens in a civil defence component. Thereafter, this strategy has increasingly implemented in the Swedish government and the citizens spirit, during the Cold War. Today, after having been forgotten during approximately 30 years right after the Fall of Berlin Wall, the Crimean invasion perception of the Swedes led progressively to its reintroduction in the national security strategy.

Sweden’s overall emergency preparedness

by Arya Honarmand (The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency - MSB)

Arya Honarmand *is a Principal Strategic Developer at the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), currently leading the development of Sweden’s National Preparedness Plan for Civil Defence. With over 20 years of experience in crisis management, interagency coordination, and international collaboration, Arya has primarily focused on shaping both Swedish and EU-level preparedness frameworks. His recent work includes supporting the national adaptation to NATO’s response system and designing a novel methodology for rapid capability building among senior management teams of Swedish national agencies— including targeted exercises to strengthen leadership readiness in times of crisis and war.*

The presentation aimed to offer a grounded walkthrough of Sweden’s Total Defence concept: a whole-of-society approach to national preparedness that integrates both civilian and military dimensions. With a balance of institutional structure, and personal reflection, the presentation

explored how Total Defence is shaped not only by systems and plans, but by the relationships and collaboration that bring those plans to life. The session highlighted key components of Swedish model, including its 10 civil preparedness sectors, six regional defence zones, and national coordination mechanisms. It also addressed both the strengths and real-world challenges of building an inclusive and functional total defence — one that depends on trust, shared responsibility, and continuous adaptation. The speech aimed to inspire with insights into how Sweden is rebuilding a robust, collaborative defence posture that spans the entire society.

The Swedish PTS work on preparedness

by Joakim Aspengren (Swedish Post and Telecommunication Authority - PTS)

Joakim Aspengren *has been a Senior Project Manager at the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS) since 2010, working within the Secure Communication Department, with a focus on resilience and readiness. His current areas of expertise include crisis management, information security, defense planning, robustness measures, and reliability. With a career spanning back to the 1980s, Joakim brings a strong background as a project leader, lecturer, and advisor, as well as experience as a business developer with an international profile in the IT and telecom industry.*

After Arya's insights on total defense concept, Joakim Aspengren shared us the progress made by the Swedish Post and Telecom authority (PTS). In the framework of Total Defence strategy, an "all-hazard preparedness", among others, is needed. That is why PTS, evolving in such a context, manages the emergency preparedness sector, electronic communications and postal services. Submitting documentation to the government on prioritization and allocation of resources in the electronic communications and postal service sector, this key Swedish authority leads the work of coordinating measures before and during peacetime crisis situations as well as alert. Joakim shared, as well, PTS' role in crisis and heightened alert and measures to increase resilience and endurance.

Local Survivability in Healthcare – VGR-5G Project

by Christian Bohlin (Swedish Health Care - VGR)

Christian Bohlin *is a former licensed ambulance nurse with extensive experience in emergency response. He is a specialist in Rakel, Sweden's national critical communications network, and currently serves as a subject matter expert for its next-generation system, Rakel G2. He now works as an IT Strategist at the Västra Götaland Region, where he focuses on developing secure and resilient communication solutions to support public safety and critical infrastructure.*

Västra Götaland Region (VGR) is currently implementing a dedicated semi-private 5G- network designed to support mission-critical communication across key infrastructure, with a particular focus on hospitals and other vital healthcare facilities. This advanced network aims to guarantee secure, high-speed, and uninterrupted internal communication— essential for the effective delivery of healthcare services. It also ensures the timely transmission of emergency medical alerts under all conditions, including routine operations, crisis situations, and even national emergencies or wartime scenarios, thereby reinforcing the region's overall resilience and preparedness.

Topic 2: Nordic Cross-border cooperation

The Nordic Cross Border cooperation has deep roots in the region's tradition of mutual support and shared security. Built on strong historical ties and trust, this collaboration has evolved to ensure seamless coordination across borders, particularly in critical communication and emergency response. As new technologies like 5G and mission-critical broadband emerge, the Nordics are strengthening their interoperability, reaffirming a long-standing commitment to regional resilience, preparedness, and collective safety in times of peace, crisis, and conflict.

Communication - Keeping the Nordics interconnected

by Jessica Penther Ryttberg (The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency -MSB) & Kari Junttila, (Erillisverkot) & Matilde Brown Megård (DSB)

Kari Junttila *is a leading figure in Finland's critical communications, known for his work with Erillisverkot and the integration of Virve 2.0 into Nordic emergency networks. He played a key role in a cross-border demonstration with Sweden and Norway, proving the interoperability and low-latency performance of emergency communications across national systems.*

Matilde Brown Megård *has worked with Nødnett at DSB (The Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection) since 2012. Having been in lead of and participating in several projects connected*

to emergency communication and readiness Matilde also was an integral part of the implementation of Tetra ISI between Norway, Sweden and Finland.

***Jessica Penther Ryttberg** has been working as a Project Manager at MSB since 2015. Work has been related to system upgrades, indoor and outdoor coverage improvement and customer communication in connection with system work. Since 2021 Jessica has been working with activities related to the next generation of mission critical system, consequently being the lead Project Manager in the Nordic Cross Border Communication project and managing MSB's work in the EUCCS Preparation project.*

These 3 critical communications and crisis management experts shared their respective and overall collaborative work through this Nordic cross-border cooperation with ISI- services. After having presented ISI services history, they expressed how committed they were in this goal to enhance public safety by giving emergency personnel the ability to use their TETRA radios across borders. These services work with bilateral-countries talk-groups between Finland, Norway and Sweden. Matilde, Kari and Jessica, additionally, presented ISI-services success factors, challenges in such cross-border services and their time plans for next decade. To summarize the Nordic cross-border project, involving Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Iceland : it was launched in May 2023 to ensure continuous interoperable emergency communication across national migration phases toward new 3GPP MCX technology, replacing TETRA ISI with a standardized interconnection, and was formalized by a Letter of Intent signed on November 19 2025.

Use case on cross border fight against organized crime

by Andreas Zehlander (Swedish Police)

***Andreas Zehlander** is an experienced police chief with a strong background in both law enforcement and the broader security industry. He has led complex operations within the Swedish Police Authority, with a particular focus on cross-border intelligence cooperation between Sweden, Norway, and Finland. Known for his collaborative approach and strategic leadership, Andreas excels at uniting diverse agencies— police, customs, and other authorities— around shared objectives. His expertise lies in building structured, results-oriented cooperation that goes beyond dialogue to deliver measurable impact.*

In his presentation, Andreas Zehlander described the evolution of cross-border cooperation between police and customs authorities in Sweden and Norway. He highlighted how, in the past, there was almost no knowledge of international crimes occurring in the border regions, and officers on each side often didn't even know the names of their counterparts. Through

years of joint efforts and shared operations, this situation has transformed a lot. Today, the collaboration is strong, with teams working closely together and operating with a shared comprehension. The once-clear lines between countries and agencies are now increasingly blurred, giving way to a more unified and effective approach to combating cross-border crime.

Panel on Police Perspective on the transition from Tetra to Broadband

with Fredrik Ryberg (Swedish Police) & Henning Fjellet (Norwegian Police) & Timo Vihervaara (Finnish Police) moderated by Anton Engstrom (MSB)

Fredrik Ryberg, *Superintendent at the Polismyndigheten, leads Sweden's RG2 programme for next-gen communications and chairs the SOP group at the EU's Mission Critical Communication Group. A seasoned field officer and international trainer, he brings frontline and strategic insights.*

Timo Vihervaara*, Senior Adviser at the National Police Board of Finland, coordinates ICT innovation for field operations - including vehicle surveillance, command systems, and Virve 2 remote solutions.*

Henning Fjellet*, from Norway's National Police Directorate (Politiets IT-enhet), is a veteran in control room operations and cross-border coordination, with deep involvement in both national and EU-level critical communications governance.*

In this panel discussion, the participants addressed the ongoing transition from traditional mission-critical communication systems to broadband technologies, focusing on the values this evolution could bring—such as improved capacity, speed, and interoperability— and the complex challenges it also introduces. They emphasized the importance of preparing now for this shift, identifying key areas such as infrastructure readiness, cross-agency coordination, and regulatory frameworks. Looking toward 2030 and beyond, they discussed future ambitions and how to align technological development with operational needs. The panel also highlighted the innovative cooperation among Nordic police forces, showcasing how joint initiatives are shaping the next generation of secure communication systems.

Topic 3: AI application for Public Safety

Artificial Intelligence is evolving as a crucial tool for strengthening public safety systems. By supporting faster decision-making, improving situational awareness, and ensuring more resilient communication— especially in crisis situations— AI helps warning services become more proactive, efficient, and adaptable. Whether through enhanced network performance, smarter data analysis, or autonomous technologies, Artificial Intelligence is paving the way for next-generation solutions in critical communication and disaster response.

Sidelink for Public Safety: Resilient Off-Network Communication in Critical Situations

by Brittany Haile & Joe Scutero (Qualcomm) & Peter Gundersen (AstaZero)

***Brittany Haile**, government affairs manager for Qualcomm, has strong account management skills, supporting both internal and external clients with traditional, digital, and social media marketing campaigns.*

***Joe Scutero**, Senior Director of Engineering at Qualcomm, brings a strong background in technology studies and technical sales.*

***Peter Gundersen** is a seasoned IT and telecoms expert with international experience in product management, development, and mission-critical communication solutions. He has led teams with full P&L responsibility and is known for his adaptability, customer focus, and results-driven approach.*

The presentation focused on the role of *Sidelink*, a device-to-device communication capability, for enhancing the resilience of first responder communications as they transition to broadband MCX. It examined how Sidelink performs in public safety scenarios, even without network coverage, and provided updates on ecosystem developments supporting its deployment. The session has also covered the collaborative efforts between Qualcomm, MSB, and Astazero to evaluate Sidelink's real-world performance and to establish relevant standards over the coming year.

AI Initiatives within Critical Communication in Sweden

by Jon Gustafsson (MSB)

Jon Gustafsson *is Head of Unit at the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), within the Department for Cybersecurity and Critical Communication Services. With nearly seven years at MSB, he has held various leadership roles focused on secure communications and national cybersecurity efforts. Based in Stockholm, he brings extensive experience in managing critical infrastructure and strategic digital resilience. The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) is actively exploring the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into critical communication systems.*

This presentation outlined MSB's ongoing AI initiatives and strategic roadmap, aimed at enhancing both operational capabilities and service development for end users. By leveraging AI with partners, MSB aims to improve decision-making, optimize network performance, and increase resilience in communication services under both normal and crisis conditions. The initiatives, according to Jon, also focus on ensuring interoperability, data security, and user-centric solutions, contributing to a more robust and future-ready civil preparedness infrastructure.

An AI-Powered System for Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking - CEASEFIRE Project

by Krzysztof SAMP (ITTI)

Krzysztof Samp *has over 25 years of experience in telecommunications and IT. Currently, he is vice-president and co-owner of ITTI company, where he works since 1997. He contributed to numerous projects funded by European Commission, e.g. 5th, 6th, 7th FP, as well as H2020, PADR, EDIDP and recently Horizon Europe and EDF. These projects mainly focused on innovative IT and telecommunications technologies in the area of civil security and defense. He took part also in the projects done for the NATO Industrial Advisory Group, European Defence Agency and the European Space Agency, as well as for numerous commercial organizations and public institutions.*

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AI improving search and rescue operation – KIResQ project

By Uwe Kippnich (Bavarian Red Kross)

Uwe Kippnich *is a member of the Bavarian Red Cross for more than 40 years and member of the PSCE Board. He is holding different leadership positions. Since 2010 he is coordinating national and international security research projects for the German and the Bavarian Red Cross. He is the leader of the research department of the Bavarian Red Cross HQ in Munich. Currently he is leading the Operational Procedure Team for EU Project EUCCS and is involved in various national and international research projects. He is head of operations, leader of the medical task force 47 and high-level trained coordinator for the EU civil protection mechanism.*

In his presentation on the KIResQ project, Uwe discussed how AI and drone technology are being combined to enhance search and rescue operations. He emphasized that while drones have evolved from military origins to become more accessible, their integration into rescue missions still requires better coordination. The KIResQ project, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, focuses on using AI for faster identification of missing persons and developing a Mission Board software for planning, airspace awareness, and real-time reporting, created in close collaboration with future first responders.

Field-Deployed AI for Rapid Disaster Assessment

by Sedat Kara (HITEC) & Gilles Hoffmann (Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs)

***Gilles Hofmann**, Coordinator of Emergency.lu at Ministry of External Affairs, Luxembourg, has years of field experience in emergency response, from typhoon Haiyan to the Beirut port explosion.*
***Sedat Kara** leads the Mission-Critical Communication Systems unit at HITEC Luxembourg S.A., driving forward crisis management technologies and public-private collaboration.*

In their presentation, Sedat and introduced an innovative field-deployed AI solution designed to rapidly assess disaster damage. Acknowledging the typical barriers to using AI in humanitarian operations— such as limited organizational resources, insufficient training data, and unreliable internet connectivity— they showcased a system that leverages drone imagery to perform on-site damage evaluation. By bringing AI directly into disaster zones, their solution enables faster, more efficient response efforts while remaining practical and accessible in resource-constrained, real-world environments, evaluate damage. It is specifically designed to overcome the main barriers to using AI in real-world humanitarian contexts.

Cybersecurity: the results of the EU Observatory on Online Identity Theft

By Galaxia Wallin & Anna Lena Tapper (Swedish police) & Marie-Christine Bonnamour (PSCE) – EITHOS

Marie-Christine BONNAMOUR *is Secretary General of PSCE, with deep expertise in European security cooperation and European law.* ***Galaxia Wallin*** *works as a Project Manager at the National Fraud Centre of Polismyndigheten, leading international AI-driven research and regional anti-fraud cooperation.* ***Anna-Lena Tapper*** *is a Police Inspector at Sweden's National Fraud Centre as well, with 35 years in law enforcement, focusing on crime prevention and identifying fraud enablers.*

PSCE is actively involved in EITHOS, an EU cybersecurity initiative that seeks to address the growing issue of online identity theft (OIDT) across Europe. Its main goal is to create a comprehensive observatory that will monitor and analyze identity-related cybercrime, while also developing innovative tools to assist both citizens and law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to online fraud. During the presentation by Marie-Christine Bonnamour, Galaxia Wallin and Anna-Lena Tapper, the broader challenges of digital identity and online fraud were explored, along with case studies showcasing public-private cooperation in Sweden. EITHOS has recently focused on policy recommendations that address not only the needs of victims but also the legal framework and the crucial role of police authorities in shaping robust, future-proof EU legislation on cybersecurity and data protection. As part of its awareness-raising activities, EITHOS has also been involved in delivering workshops with teenagers from the EU school to educate them on digital identity risks and online safety.

ReDrones for optimizing prehospital response at time-critical incidents

by Magnus Kristiansson (Västra Götaland Region)

Magnus Kristiansson is a registered nurse specializing in anesthesia and prehospital emergency care. He also serves as an Innovation Manager at the Innovation Platform within Region Västra Götaland and is currently pursuing doctoral research at the Centre for Resuscitation Science at Karolinska Institutet.

Since 2020, several innovative projects have been initiated within Region Västra Götaland (VGR), integrating drones into emergency response systems. These drones are primarily used for the rapid delivery of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in cases of suspected cardiac arrest and for providing emergency dispatchers and incoming

emergency units with early situational awareness through real-time aerial imagery from incident scenes. Magnus shared insights, practical experiences, and lessons learned from these pioneering projects, and future developments of drones in prehospital emergency care.

Social dinner

In this edition, we decided to change from our usual social dinners by having a supper in a local Swedish brewery in the city-center of Gothenburg : POPPELS

Topic 4: 6G4Society workshop

KVI approaches in SNS JU projects: Insights from 6GPATH, TRIALSNET, FIDAL 6G4Society

by Katrina Petersen (PSCE)

Katrina Petersen examines social, cultural, and ethical impacts of the design and use of emerging information technologies for disasters and climate challenges. She engages methods that explore, collaboratively with interdisciplinary stakeholders, how data-driven tools, practices, and contexts transform risk, vulnerability, and resilience.

Nearly 40 participants from public protection and disaster relief (PPDR) practice, industry, and academia gathered to explore how Key Value Indicators can guide technology decisions. The 6G4Society project facilitated multi-disciplinary groups through a structured process to identify fundamental values important to their work and the communities they serve. Participants began by outlining disaster scenarios, then discussed which societal values were essential for effective response. Groups were asked to define why each value mattered and what evidence would demonstrate that value being considered in ICT development and implementation for PPDR goals. All groups prioritized Resilience and Trust, with strong emphasis on Accessibility, Inclusivity, Quality of Life, and Solidarity. Participants explored how values are interconnected and how technology alone cannot deliver value without human factors. Using disaster scenarios helped ground abstract concepts and start to establish concrete priorities for value-based technology assessment.

Interactive Session on the application of value-driven approaches to technology design and development




The value of the EU Digital Identity Wallet in Disaster Management – Results from Project CERTIFIER

by Bernhard Bürger (Austrian Institute of Technology)

Bernhard Bürger *is a Scientist at the Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT). He graduated in BSc (Hons) Disaster Management and Emergency Planning (2018) at Coventry University, United Kingdom, and MSc Disaster Management and Risk Prevention (2022) at the University of Vienna, Austria. Since 2021 he is a member of the Cooperative Digital Technologies team at AIT, where he researches digital solutions for the domains of crisis and disaster management.*

Bernhard presented the project CERTIFIER, which explores how the EUDI Wallet can support the inclusion of informal volunteers in crisis and disaster response. The project focuses on the digital certification of competencies, enabling volunteers to present and verify their skills using self-sovereign technologies. By aligning with civil protection needs and leveraging innovations such as simplified digital registration, CERTIFIER aims to improve coordination, trust, and efficiency in volunteer deployment. The initiative is supported by Austria's KIRAS security research program and builds on previous national tools like the "Freiwilligenpass."

Topic 5: Establishment of the European Critical Communication System – update

The new context of Security in Europe by Marie-Christine Bonnamour (PSCE)

In order to introduce this key topic of the conference, PSCE Secretary general Marie-Christine Bonnamour gave the internal security context in which operates EUCCS programme in building a more secure and resilient Europe. Facing critical geopolitical tensions across borders and hybrid challenges (environmental, war, manmade disasters), the EU tries to give strategic response by proposing initiatives like ProtectEU and EU-preparedness. Indeed, there is a fundamental link between ProtectEU and EUCCS as action 60 of this EU's internal covers the legal basis of this critical communication programme. EUCCS' mission is to improve the EU's capacity to react to crises, being based on 3 pillars: operational mobility, strong resilience and strategic autonomy. Finally, Marie-Christine has mentioned EU's Competitiveness Compass strategy driving EU's innovation and sovereignty and overall, fostering security partnerships and cooperation which comes along this Critical communication programme David Lund will present thereafter.

Status and plan for the technical developments by David Lund (PSCE)

PSCE President David Lund made an insightful presentation of the progress made in this Critical Communication systems programme through this past decade. Retracing the history of the project, from BroadMap in 2014 to BroadEUnet stage 2 today, he emphasized on the importance of its implementation in Europe, to be fully operational by 2030. Alongside the Commission's political guidelines and DG Home's internal security strategy, David stated EUCCS' role and goals to give its response to this strategy and its commitment to include the entire continent in this ambition to making Europe more resilient to hybrid threats. Given the programme's points of interoperability, from technical to organizational operabilities and its layers of coalition in between, EUCCS' work is now focused on operational mobility. Strongly collaborating with 16 countries and 4 contractors (Airbus, Frequentis, Leonardo, and Teltronic), EUCCS Preparation is committed to enhance resilience by giving power to first responders through Europe and overall allowing them to work together.

Innovation of Operational Procedures - The work of the OPT

By Uwe Kippnich (Bayern Red Cross) & Julia Von Heijne (Swedish police)

The work of the OPT (Operational Team) aims to, in gathering first responders across the Schengen area, implement MCX tools allowing them to cooperate, coordinate and communicate while managing crisis at any scale. Closely working together, they try to evaluate the varying needs of countries and how to ease their transition to MXC broadband communication. In the long term vision, EUCCS' Operational Team's goal is to provide recommendations to support EU-wide communication initiatives, to enhance Europe's resilience. Julia and Uwe, as well, shared the OPT's learnings from Pilot trial 1 and the concern to involve end users from different PPDR.

Italian model for International Police Cooperation

by Lieutenant Col. Sergio Santon (Ministry of the Interior of Italy)

With a career spanning nearly three decades across investigative, intelligence, and European cooperation roles, Lt. Col. Santon currently serves as Director of the 5th Section of Interpol's 3rd Division in Italy's central directorate for criminal police. He has extensive experience from leading investigations into environmental and health crimes, to serving as a seconded national expert at Europol and coordinating Italy's contributions to EU security cooperation platforms.

Sergio Santon, as the final speaker of this conference, presented the Italian police and security system alongside with EUCCS Preparation. He stated the role of the Italian Ministry of Interior, how it turns out to be a key point of contact and cooperation between other ministries and European and international security agencies, such as Europol, Interpol, and EMPACT. He emphasized the exercises and pilot trials made with the rest of the EUCCS partners (such as the one held in Montelibretti (Rome) on 18 and 19 March 2025).

PSCE General Assembly: Rotation of Presidency

Alongside the conference, Public Safety Communication Europe (PSCE) held its General Assembly. During the session, Mario Drobics presented his vision as the new President of PSCE, succeeding David Lund. PSCE also congratulated Charlotte Roesener who was re-elected Board Member and Chair of the Industry Committee.

Thank you everyone for having taken part of this conference!