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AGAINST ONLINE DRUG CRIMES

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INNOVATION CONSOLIDATION  
FOR FIGHT AGAINST ONLINE  
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# ADAPTATIONS

*Dear Reader,*

*Welcome to the fourth edition of the Lion DC project newsletter.*

*Organisations all over the Europe were forced to adapt to the new era which derived from COVID-19 crisis. In this framework, LION DC consortium changed its time plan, schedule and sequence of actions, implementing innovative alternatives to successfully meet project's goals, offering to LEAs useful training sessions and information in the best way possible. It's been a while since the third issue of our newsletter, thus, going through the current version, you will find out plenty of consortium's activities.*

*The project team after the successful implementation of the first two trainings, has also completed the "Practitioners" training and second version of Train the Trainers (TtT) training, both organised virtually. The material and exercises provided to the trainees with an overview of the way to conduct an online drug crime investigation, starting from the fundamentals and going quite deep. This newsletter provides all the information you need to stay on track with the latest innovations and activities on tackling online drug crimes.*

*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.*

*Looking forward to getting you on board this project.*

*Stay Safe!*

**The Project Coordinator**



# LION DC PROJECT

**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 pandemic

**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

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 <p>L3CE</p>	<p><u>Lietuvos Kibernetiniu Nusikaltimu Kompetenciju IR Tyrimu Centras, Lithuania</u></p> <p><a href="http://www.l3ce.eu/en/">http://www.l3ce.eu/en/</a></p>		<p><u>Glavna Direktsia Borba S Organiziranata Prestupnost, Bulgaria</u></p> <p><a href="https://www.gdbop.bg/bg/">https://www.gdbop.bg/bg/</a></p>
	<p><u>Muitines Kriminaline Tarnyba, Lithuania</u></p> <p><a href="https://www.lrmuitine.lt/">https://www.lrmuitine.lt/</a></p>		<p><u>Kentro Meleton Asfaleias, Greece</u></p> <p><a href="http://kemea.gr/en">http://kemea.gr/en</a></p>
 <p>TNO innovation for life</p>	<p><u>Nederlandse Organisatie Voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek TNO, Netherlands</u></p> <p><a href="https://www.tno.nl/en/">https://www.tno.nl/en/</a></p>	 <p>Ministerie van Defensie</p>	<p><u>Ministry of Defense, Netherlands</u></p> <p><a href="https://english.defensie.nl/">https://english.defensie.nl/</a></p>
 <p>DITSS Dutch Institute for Technology Safety &amp; Security</p>	<p><u>Stichting Dutch Institute for Technology, Safety &amp; Security, Netherlands</u></p> <p><a href="https://www.brainport.nl/ditss">https://www.brainport.nl/ditss</a></p>	 <p>Respublikinė Vilniaus universitetinė Igoninė</p>	<p><u>Viesoji Istaiga Respublikine Vilniaus Universitetine Igonine, Lithuania</u></p> <p><a href="http://www.rvul.lt/en/">http://www.rvul.lt/en/</a></p>
	<p><u>International Cyber Investigation Training Academy, Bulgaria</u></p> <p><a href="https://e-crimeacademy.com/">https://e-crimeacademy.com/</a></p>		<p><u>Inspectoratul General al Politiei Romane, Romania</u></p> <p><a href="https://www.politiaromana.ro/">https://www.politiaromana.ro/</a></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 20 members involved in project's activities.*

### INTERESTED IN JOINING?

*Are you a cyber-crime expert or investigator? Are you interested to find out how you are going to tackle online drug trafficking? LION DC offers you the opportunity to learn the ways of prevention and reaction through simulated environment trainings.*

*If you wish to hear the news first and be close to LION DC activities, we would be delighted to welcome you in LION DC Stakeholders Group. If you are interested in joining our team, you may send us an email to: [info@lion-dc.eu](mailto:info@lion-dc.eu)*



# ▶ TRAININGS

## LION DC PRACTITIONERS-LEVEL TRAINING, 02-27 NOV 2020



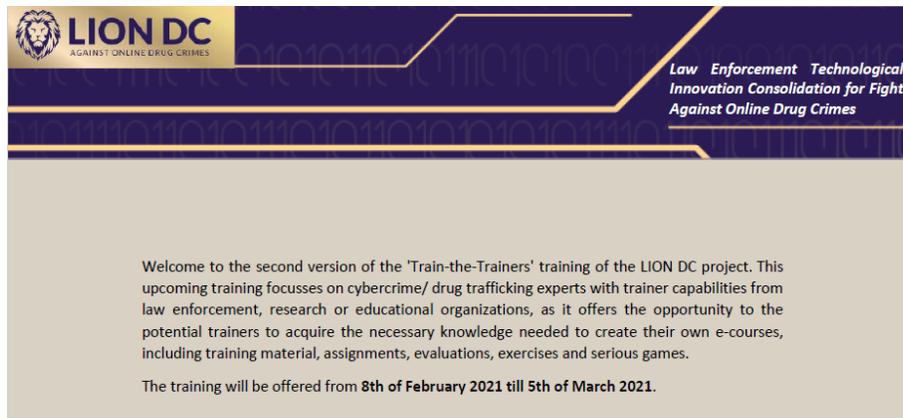
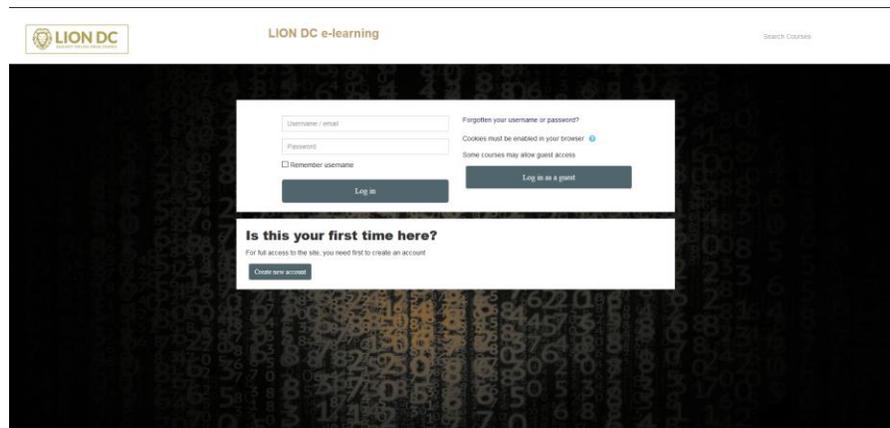
Figure I: LION DC Practitioners Training, available through e-learning platform

*LION DC project organized a fruitful training which was offered to a total of 69 registrants through the e-learning platform which was specifically designed for the needs of LION DC project. Training & exercise material and the one-day exercise itself focused on cybercrime/ drug trafficking experts with investigator capabilities from law enforcement, research or educational organisations. This demanding training can be considered as successful, considering first the feedback received, and the number of participants that managed to go through the trainings (46), while 30 of them acquired the Certificate of Achievement shared by the Consortium. Besides the various topics that were covered from the training material, real-time implementation of the exercise in virtual format was also one of the notable achievements of this training.*



**TRAIN-THE-TRAINER V2 TRAINING, 8 FEB – 5 MAR 2021**

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**Figure 2: Extract of the general instructions provided to end-users for Train-the-Trainer v2****Figure 3: Log in screen – e-learning platform**

*LION DC e-learning platform hosted not only the first version of train-the-trainer and "Practitioners" e-courses, but also the second version of the Train the trainers which took place from the 8th of February to 5th of March 2021. The second version of the train-the-trainer training was conducted exclusively via an e-learning platform due to COVID-19 situation and focused on cybercrime/ drug trafficking experts with trainer capabilities from law enforcement, research or educational organizations. Except from training modules in different areas concerning the fight against online drug crimes, it included hints and tips on how to perform e-trainings. The training was held entirely online and specifically it was hosted on an open source training platform. Overall, more than 15 trainees were successfully trained and became the next trainers on the domain!*





# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## PAST ACTIVITIES

- ❖ *The training material that has been created within the scope of the various LION DC trainings, has been refined and it is already available for the end users, who may ask for access by sending an e-mail to [training@lion-dc.eu](mailto:training@lion-dc.eu).*
- ❖ *Besides the Certificate of Achievement, the participants of Train-the trainers v2 course were also provided with the structure of the training framework in zip format, so as to download it and be able to set-up their own training e-courses.*
- ❖ *The competences, which are required to conduct an online drug crime investigation have been identified and depicted in skill matrix format.*
- ❖ *An initial analysis of gaps has been conducted, in order to identify the current needs of the LEAs in the field of online drug crime investigations. This was the first step made by the consortium to come up with the roadmap of online drug crime investigation.*

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- ❖ ***In April 2021**, LION DC consortium will organize a **workshop with end users and other stakeholders** in order to validate the findings of the initial analysis that has been performed to identify gaps, competences and next steps in the domain of the online drug crime investigation.*
- ❖ *Polish event on **27-28 April 2021**. It is coordinated by PPHS and organised in cooperation with the Bureau for fighting Cybercrime Office of the General Police Headquarter and the Polish Police Regional Headquarter in Gdansk. The event will be attended by Polish LEAs practitioners specialised in cybersecurity and drug crimes tackling.*
- ❖ ***On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2021**, a **Closing Conference** for the project has been planned. Within its scope, the work done under the project, its findings & outcomes and the next steps will be presented. To ensure the sustainability of the project beyond its lifecycle, the consortium will also invite additional **end users and members of other EU funded initiatives** working under similar topics. Projects' representatives will also have the chance to present their work in a wide audience. The agenda will be shared through our social media soon! Stay Tuned!*



## CONTACT US & SOCIAL MEDIA

### CONTACT US



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### SOCIAL MEDIA



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