

## I-ENERGYLINK REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE INTERSOC PROJECT

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I-ENERGYLINK Representatives participated in the First General Assembly Meeting of the INTERSOC Project „INTERconnected Security Operation Centres”. The Project objectives are: to improve disruption preparedness, resilience of digital infrastructures, and capacity building, through advanced threat forecasting, cyber-incident detection and response capabilities, at national and EU level, and dedicated training sessions in digital infrastructure security, while respecting privacy and other fundamental rights. To achieve this, INTERSOC will design and develop a user-centric intelligent threat defense and decision support platform.

The INTERSOC Project, funded by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), started its implementation on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, and gathers 11 Consortium Partners Organizations and one Supporting Organization, from Spain, Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Romania.

The First General Assembly (GA) Meeting was organized on 28-29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, in a hybrid format and the physical meeting took place in Thessaloniki, Greece, at the International Hellenic University (IHU) Partner. The Second Day of the GA Meeting was organized at the Thessaloniki City Hall. The General Assembly meeting highlighted very interesting and important discussions with key contributions on the status of the implementation of INTERSOC Project.

The INTERSOC General Assembly Meeting Agenda covered the main activities and tasks performed such as: the objectives of the INTERSOC First General Assembly Meeting, Deliverables submitted until November 2024 and Deliverables to be submitted in the next months, Work Packages (WPs) Progress Presentations - INTERSOC Project Coordination and Management; Use-case & scenarios Threat Modelling, User Requirements Analysis and Platform Deployment Recommendations; Identification, Detection and Protection Systems; Trustworthy Response and Recovery System; Capacity Building; Integration, Piloting, Users' Acceptance and Validation; as well as Project Impact, Dissemination and Cybersecurity Culture Awareness. The last but not the least, Future Priorities and Mid-Term Review Planning were discussed during the General Assembly Meeting. Documents for Financial, Technical and Monthly Reporting and important aspects regarding the implementation of the INTERSOC Project until now were highlighted during the GA Meeting.

The General Assembly Meeting started with the presentation of the Work Package 1 - INTERSOC Project Coordination and Management coordinated by Dr. Mihai PAUN – INTERSOC Project Coordinator. The Work Done in WP1 was underlined: „*Implementing the outcomes of the Workshop on Financial Reporting; Documents for Financial and Technical Reporting performed; Kick-Off Meeting in Sinaia, Romania; Periodic WP1 Meetings; Coordination of Work Packages execution, and Consortium Deliverables were successfully submitted. We are pleased to announce key aspects which were accomplished until now: We have continuously monitored the evolving technical and scientific management, protecting and managing Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in accordance with the Consortium Agreement; Progressed Data management Plan (DMP) strategy and templates. Established Ethics Issues Log, EU guidance on ethics followed, tracked compliance, updated documents, and aided Ethics Committee and Manager. Continuous Risk and Quality monitoring and bilateral coordination calls were performed*”, highlighted Dr. Mihai PAUN.

Work Package 6 – Integration, Piloting, Users' Acceptance and Validation was presented by Mr. Paul LACATUS – I-ENERGYLINK who underlined the objectives of this WP which are the following: Setup requirements for the pilot use case execution, evaluation and assessment; Conduct real-life final demonstrations and piloting activities for the fully integrated INTERSOC solutions; Conduct research for the social acceptance of the INTERSOC tools and services. The output of all the previous work packages will be used in the WP6, in order to demonstrate the holistic INTERSOC solution. The Tasks, Use-Cases and Deliverables related to this Work Package were discussed during the GA Meeting.

Furthermore, the Agenda highlighted an important **Workshop** with key discussions regarding the **Overall INTERSOC Architecture, Main Solutions and Demos with the center on Tools presentations; Technology stack; Integration interfaces and Dashboard; System requirements; and Architecture targeting Security Operation Centres (SOC) operation.**

In addition, two Open Debates were part of the First General Assembly Agenda in order to exchange innovative and key aspects and to pave the way for communication between Partners: **Open Debate on Dissemination and Exploitation Activities: Events and Impact and Open Debate on Training Activities and Stakeholders Involvement focusing on SOC approach.**

The European Consortium Partners is coordinated by EXIMPROD ENGINEERING (RO) working together with CLONE SYSTEMS (CY), CEL (IT), ROMANIAN NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY DIRECTORATE (RO), ASM TERNI (IT), SELENE (GR), AUTH (GR), CAIXABANK (ES), CERTH (GR), IHU (GR), SQS (RO), supported by I-ENERGYLINK (RO), as subcontracted Organization.

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INTERSOC aims to deliver the tools that will improve the security posture of organizations, by pro-actively predicting cybersecurity threats and related risks, improving the detection and prevention capabilities to sophisticated threats and attacks, increasing the level of automation in incident management, while promoting confidential trust-based threat intelligence sharing and continuous training and education of security professionals. To achieve these objectives INTERSOC aims to combine and deploy several different technologies, tools and techniques concurrently and in unison, including: **machine learning detection and prevention systems in the network and hosts, decentralized threat intelligence information sharing, collection, categorisation, aggregation, correlation of structured and unstructured data, and continuous training and education.**

More information can be found on INTERSOC and I-ENERGYLINK LinkedIn profile as well as on the Project website (<https://inter-soc.eu/>).

