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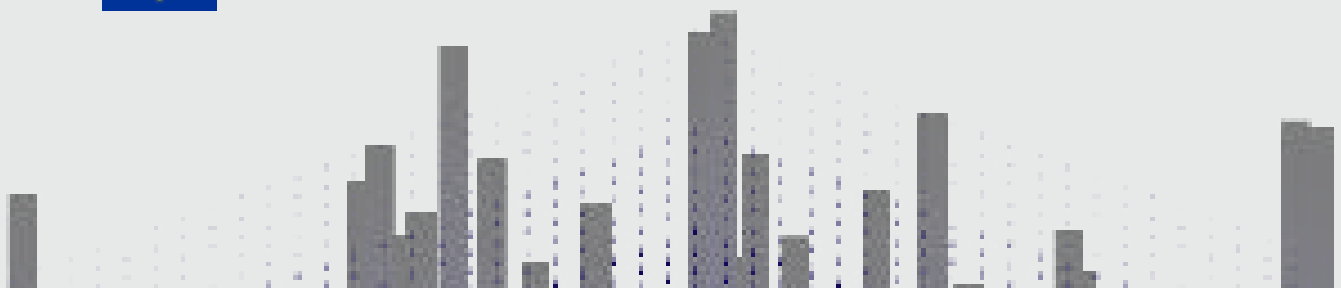


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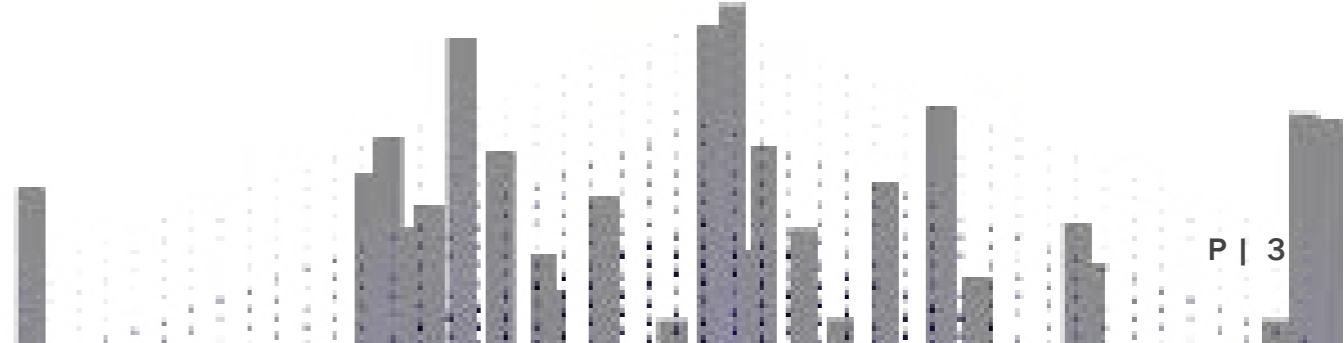
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ABOUT KOBAN

KOBAN (Japanese: 交番, a small neighbourhood police station found in Japan) builds upon these foundations and will prepare police forces for the future, including the social and demographic changes that will influence daily police work.

The KOBAN project is about improving how police work with communities to create safer neighborhoods. As Europe changes due to new technology, diverse populations, and economic shifts, police need better ways to connect with people and build trust.

KOBAN focuses on Community Policing, where police and community members work together to solve safety issues. The project will identify proven strategies, tools, and practices to improve this partnership. It will create an AI Assistant and an App Factory to develop helpful tools for both police and communities, ensuring they meet ethical, legal, and cultural standards.



KOBAN Objectives

1. To identify proven SSH and Community Policing (CP) methodologies, models, technologies, tools and best practices as well as current and future oriented proactive, coercive and reactive capabilities for CP.
2. To deliver adapted co designed and state of the art tools, methods and CP solutions which are tailored to the stakeholders needs and compliant with societal, legal, cultural, ethical and gender aspects.
3. To foster capacity building, knowledge, skills and abilities that organisations and citizens need to jointly fulfill the CP capabilities responsibly.
4. To increase the exchange and visibility of KOBAN outcomes widely.
5. To ensure successful adoption and implementation of the KOBAN validated methodologies and technologies by Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and non LEA community actors within and beyond the consortium.

KOBAN Target Audience



KOBAN Impact

1. Modern information analysis for Police Authorities, allowing them to efficiently fight criminals and terrorists who use novel technologies. [Economic and Societal]
2. Improved forensics and lawful evidence collection, increasing the capabilities to apprehend criminals and terrorists and bring them to the court. [Economic and Societal]
3. Enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of societal issues related to various forms of crime, including cybercrime, and terrorism, such as violent radicalisation, domestic and sexual violence, or juvenile offenders. [Scientific, Societal and Economic]
4. Increased security of citizens against terrorism, including in public spaces (while preserving their quality and openness). [Societal and Economic]
5. Improved intelligence picture and enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of various forms of organised crime. [Scientific, Economic and Societal]
6. More secure cyberspace for citizens, especially children, through a robust prevention, detection, and protection from cybercriminal activities. [Societal]

ACTIVITIES

EVENTS & MEETINGS

1. KOBAN Project Featured at the SMI2G Brokerage Event – Paris, France

The KOBAN project was featured at the SMI2G Brokerage Event 2025 in Paris, a key European networking event bringing together research organisations, law enforcement representatives, National Contact Points, and security stakeholders working under the Horizon Europe Civil Security for Society programme. The event focused on consortium building, exchange of forward-looking ideas, and collaboration

opportunities across civil security domains, with sessions covering security technologies, innovation pathways, and Horizon Europe funding priorities. KOBAN's participation contributed to strengthening its visibility within the European security research ecosystem and fostered engagement with partners and practitioners from across Europe.

6-7 May 2025



2. KOBAN Project Featured at BDVA DataWeek – Athens, Greece

The KOBAN project was featured at BDVA DataWeek 2025 in Athens, where project partner CERTH participated in discussions on topics highly relevant to KOBAN's mission. The sessions focused on AI against disinformation, the development of trustworthy and ethical AI, and the use of synthetic

data, including their legal and ethical implications. KOBAN's participation highlighted the project's commitment to developing responsible, AI-based tools supporting law enforcement agencies and first responders across Europe.

27-28 May 2025

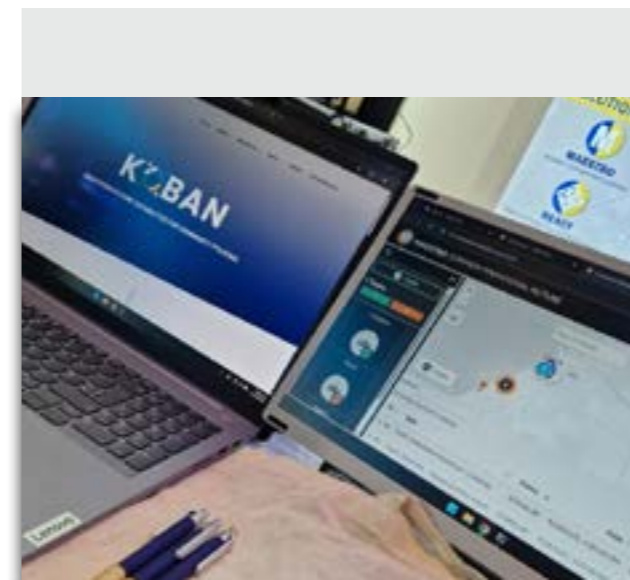


3. KOBAN Project Featured at GITEX GLOBAL – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The KOBAN project was featured at GITEX GLOBAL 2025 in Dubai, where Irene Barri from IANUS Technologies showcased MAESTRO4Police, an innovative solution designed to support and enhance community policing. The event brought together global technology leaders, innovators, and practitioners across AI, cybersecurity, and digital transformation, providing a platform for

KOBAN to connect with diverse stakeholders and highlight its community policing capabilities.

13-17 October 2025



ACTIVITIES

EVENTS & MEETINGS

4. KOBAN 2nd General Assembly – Lisbon, Portugal

The KOBAN consortium gathered in Lisbon for its 2nd General Assembly, bringing project partners together to advance key activities and strengthen collaboration. Over two days, partners reviewed progress across work packages, shared updates from pilot cities, and continued shaping tools to support the future of community policing in Europe. The programme also included exchanges with the Lisbon Municipal Police, providing valuable insights into

local community policing approaches and cooperation with community actors.

26-27 November 2025



ACTIVITIES

WEBINAR - WORKSHOPS

1. KOBAN Stakeholders Workshop – Poznań, Poland

The KOBAN project organised a three-day Stakeholders Workshop in Poznań, bringing together project partners, law enforcement practitioners, and security experts from across Europe. The workshop marked an important milestone in the project, focusing on rethinking, refining, and rebuilding community policing through a future-oriented and capability-driven approach.

Throughout the sessions, participants examined the current context of community policing, shared real-world use cases, and discussed both technological and non-technological solutions to address operational needs. The workshop emphasised listening to practitioners, co-creation, and ensuring that innovation remains grounded in real operational challenges and community realities.

14-16 May 2025



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WEBINAR - WORKSHOPS

1. KOBAN Workshop – Warsaw, Poland

This KOBAN workshop was held in Warsaw and brought together stakeholders and practitioners to continue advancing the project's work on future community policing capabilities. The sessions focused on exchanging experiences, discussing emerging challenges, and further refining approaches and tools developed within the project.

The workshop supported alignment between research,

technology, and operational needs, reinforcing KOBAN's commitment to user-centred, practical, and scalable solutions for law enforcement and communities across Europe.

11-12 September 2025



FEATURES & PUBLICATIONS

◆ [Article](#) - “Urban security ethics: The use of artificial intelligence in smart cities” by Andrew Staniforth, Policing Insight – 2nd July 2025

In this article, Andrew Staniforth examines the role of artificial intelligence in smart city security, drawing on insights from the Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN) annual report and the outcomes of the EU-funded PRECRISIS project. The article explores both the benefits and challenges of AI in security contexts, with particular attention to ethical standards, data protection, and fundamental rights.

By addressing issues such as anomaly detection, crowd dynamics, and the balance between technological opportunity and human rights, the article highlights the importance of ethics-by-design approaches in the development and deployment of AI tools. The analysis aligns closely with KOBAN's focus on responsible, trustworthy AI for public safety and community policing.

◆ [Article](#) - “What works: Community policing in the digital age” by Andrew Staniforth, Policing Insight – 6th August 2025

In an article from Erasmus University Rotterdam, Professor Marc Schuilenburg discusses the evolving role of AI in policing, emphasizing a shift from predictive control to fostering connection and trust. He highlights initiatives like ethics tables, where diverse stakeholders collaborate to ensure that AI tools uphold public values such as privacy and accountability. This approach aligns with projects like KOBAN, which aim to integrate technology with community engagement to enhance public safety.

◆ [Article](#) - “EU intelligence and innovation project offers ‘valuable opportunities’ for Hellenic Police” by Andrew Staniforth, Policing Insight – 5th November 2025

In this article, Andrew Staniforth explores how European law enforcement agencies invest in innovation to strengthen operational impact, focusing on the participation of the Hellenic Police in the EU-funded NOTIONES project. Through interviews with Lieutenant Colonels Anthoula Bania and Christos Floros, the article highlights the value of European security research and innovation networks in addressing real operational challenges.

The article emphasises the importance of end-user involvement, knowledge exchange, and technology-driven capability development, illustrating how collaboration across European initiatives contributes to more effective, intelligence-led policing. The themes closely align with KOBAN's objectives of supporting innovation, operational relevance, and community-focused policing across Europe.

CONSORTIUM

No.	Participant organisation name	Short Name	Country
1	NETHERLANDS POLICE	NPN	NL
2	STOWARZYSZENIE POLSKA PLATFORMA BEZPIECZENSTWA WEWNETRZNEGO	PPHS	PL
3	NEDERLANDSE ORGANISATIE VOOR TOEGEPAST NATUURWETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERZOEK TNO	TNO	NL
4	IANUS TECHNOLOGIES LTD	IANUS	CY
5	SAHER (EUROPE) OU	SAHER	EE
6	FUNDACION CENTRO DE TECNOLOGIAS DE INTERACCION VISUAL Y COMUNICACIONES VICOMTECH	VICOMTECH	ES
7	ETHNIKO KENTRO EREVNAS KAI TECHNOLOGIKIS ANAPTYXIS	CERTH	EL
8	TIMELEX	TLX	BE
9	MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR	FIMOI	FI
10	KOMENDA WOJEWODZKA POLICJI Z SIEDZIBA W RADOMIU	KWPR	PL
11	AYUNTAMIENTO DE VALENCIA	PLV	ES
12	CAMARA MUNICIPAL DE LISBOA	CML	PT
13	QUALIFY JUST - IT SOLUTIONS AND CONSULTING LDA	IPS	PT
14	ERASMUS UNIVERSITEIT ROTTERDAM	EUR	NL
15	FORUM EUROPEEN POUR LA SECURITE URBAINE	EFUS	FR
16	POLICEJNI PREZIDIUM CESKE REPUBLIKY	CP	CZ
17	ZONE DE POLICE BRUXELLES IXELLES	POLBRU	BE
18	SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY	CENTRIC	UK
19	HOME OFFICE	HOME	UK





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