



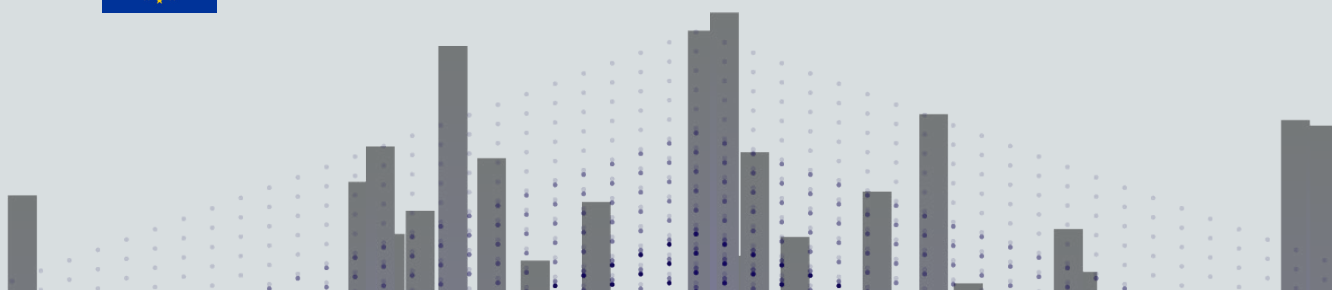
# NEWSLETTER

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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.

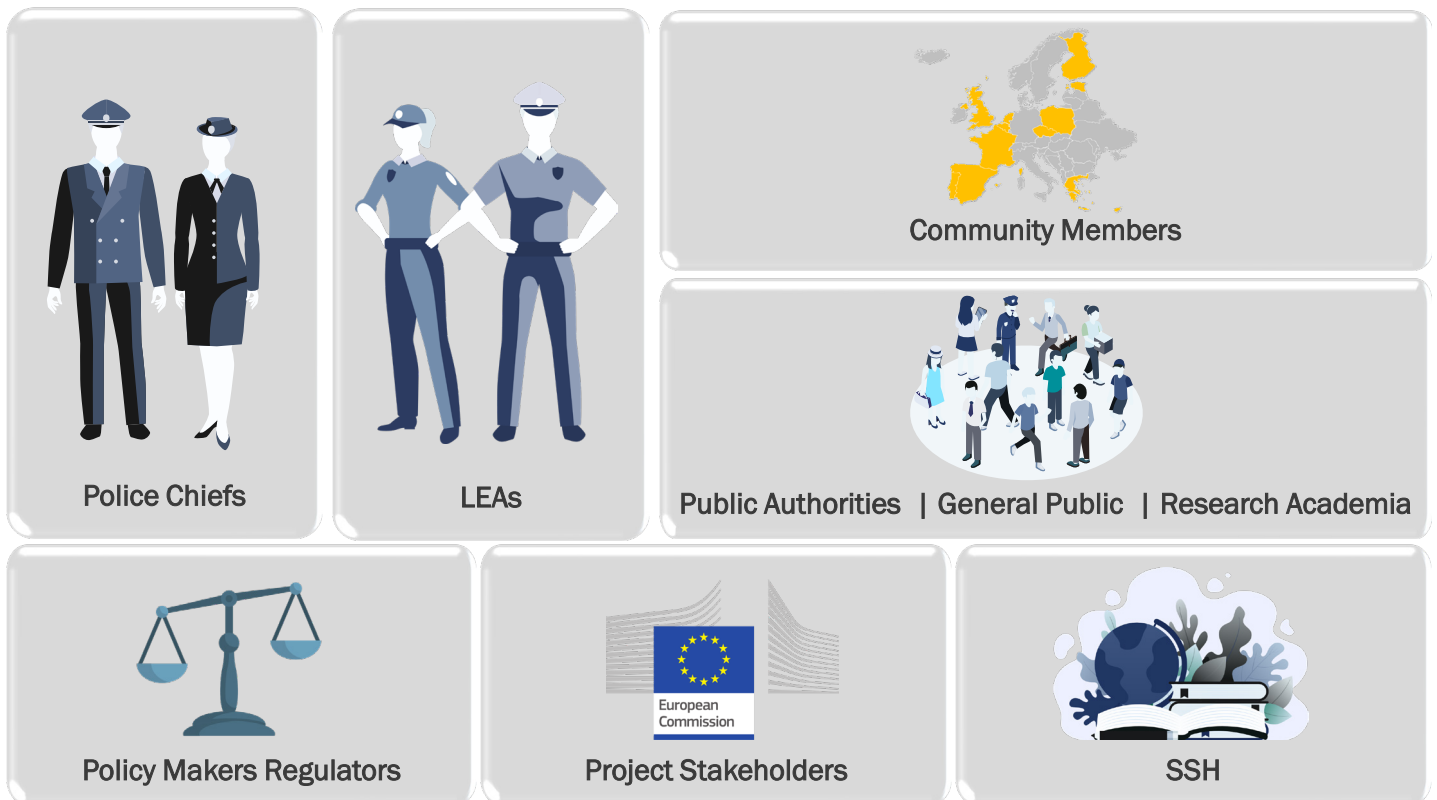
KOBAN focuses on Community Policing, where police and community members work together to solve safety issues. The project will identify proven strategies, tools, and practices to improve this partnership. It will create an AI Assistant and an App Factory to develop helpful tools for both police and communities, 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, coactive 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. International Police Mediation Congress – Teruel, Spain

The KOBAN project was presented at the 1st International Police Mediation Congress in Teruel, Spain, bringing together police commanders, public authorities, academics, judges, magistrates, and certified mediators. The event provided an opportunity to showcase KOBAN's future-oriented community policing approach and discuss the role of mediation, citizen engagement, and trust-building in modern policing.

Participation strengthened the project's visibility among European policing and public safety stakeholders.

January 2026



## 2. International Symposium on Data Mobilities – Tallinn, Estonia

KOBAN was presented at the International Symposium on Data Mobilities in Tallinn, Estonia, by Erasmus University Rotterdam. The presentation highlighted KOBAN's innovative approach to future community policing through co-creation methodologies, AI-driven tools, and digital platforms designed to strengthen collaboration between law enforcement agencies and communities. The symposium provided an international platform to discuss the role of digital innovation in public safety and community engagement.

April 2026



# ACTIVITIES

## WEBINAR - WORKSHOPS

### CERIS Webinar on Community Policing

KOBAN contributed to the CERIS Webinar on Community Policing, which brought together policymakers, law enforcement practitioners, researchers, and European projects to discuss innovative approaches for strengthening police-community relations. The webinar explored trust-building strategies, the role of artificial intelligence in community policing, and lessons learned from European research initiatives. KOBAN presented its capability-driven framework and ongoing work on the

AI Assistant, App Factory, and Multifaceted Intelligence Dashboard.

13 April 2026



- 14.00: Welcome**
- Marcel van Berlo, CERIS expert, TNO
- 14.00 – 14.10: Opening remarks**
- Nada Milsavljivic, DG HOME, European Commission
  - Felix Combreau, DG HOME, European Commission
- 14.10 – 14.30: Results and experiences from previous projects**
- **UNITY**: Saskia Bayerl, CENTRIC
  - **INSPEC2** – Inspiring Citizens Participation for Enhanced Community Policing Actions: Ivan L. Martinez, Valencia Local Police (PLV)
- 14.30 – 15.10: Highlights from current projects**
- **KOBAN** – Identifying future capabilities for Community Policing: Luke Bates, CENTRIC & Arnout de Vries, TNO

**Who will Vow work with?**

- Anybody up to, and including, the age of 25.
- Lives in Edinburgh (or near by and regularly offends in the city)
- Is offending at any level or is on the periphery of offending.
- Shows a willingness to reduce offending and regularly engage with the project.
- Has no significant domestic or sexual offending charges.

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

Participants: Dougal, Kieran; Clark, Heather; Donald Tumilowicz



# FEATURES & PUBLICATIONS

◆ [Article](#)- “Police structure reforms: Innovation beyond british borders” by Andrew Staniforth, Policing Insight - 28 January 2026

Following the publication of police reform proposals for England and Wales, this article examines how community policing can remain central during organisational change. Drawing on the Dutch police reform experience, it highlights how the KOBAN capability framework can support adaptable, evidence-based community policing across Europe while balancing national priorities with local needs.

◆ [Article](#) - “Notions of Intelligence: The rise and rise of AI-powered OSINT” by Andrew Staniforth, Policing Insight – 18 February 2026

This feature explores the growing role of artificial intelligence and open-source intelligence (OSINT) in modern policing. It discusses how AI-powered tools can strengthen intelligence gathering and decision-making while highlighting KOBAN’s contribution to developing innovative, ethical and collaborative approaches for European law enforcement.

◆ [Article](#) - “New counter-terror qualification provides skills and knowledge in protective security and preparedness” by Andrew Staniforth, Policing Insight – 24 March 2026

The article introduces a new protective security qualification developed to strengthen preparedness against evolving security threats. It highlights European collaboration in counter-terrorism capability development and showcases KOBAN’s contribution to advancing knowledge, training and innovation for public safety professionals.

◆ [Article](#) - “Community Policing – How Cooperation with Residents Improves Safety in Poland and Beyond” by Polish Platform for Homeland Security (PPHS) – 16 April 2026

The article introduces a new protective security qualification developed to strengthen preparedness against evolving security threats. It highlights European collaboration in counter-terrorism capability development and showcases KOBAN’s contribution to advancing knowledge, training and innovation for public safety professionals.

## Police structure reforms: Innovation beyond British borders

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28th January 2026  
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## New counter-terror qualification provides skills and knowledge in protective security and preparedness

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12th March 2026  
Andrew Staniforth, Policing Insight

This week saw the UK launch of a new Level 3 Award in Counter-Terrorism Protective Security and Preparedness, developed by Skills for Justice (SFJ) Awards in collaboration with the National Counter-Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), and endorsed by Counter Terrorism Policing; Policing Insight's Andrew Staniforth spoke to SFJ Awards Managing Director David Higham about the aims of the qualification, the involvement of NaCTSO, and how the award helps with the implementation of Martyn's Law.

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# COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

## ◆ KOBAN Podcast Series Launched – February–March 2026

KOBAN launched its official podcast series to provide a platform for sharing project developments, partner perspectives, and innovative approaches to community policing. Across three episodes, project experts discussed the vision of KOBAN, digital innovation, citizen engagement, and the future capabilities needed to strengthen collaboration between law enforcement agencies and communities. The series aims to increase project visibility while making KOBAN's objectives accessible to a broader audience.

## ◆ Participation in the HATEDEMICS Conference – 26 March 2026

KOBAN participated in the HATEDEMICS Conference at the University of Granada, contributing to discussions on strengthening Europe's response to online hate speech and disinformation. The event brought together researchers, practitioners and European projects to exchange knowledge on digital safety, artificial intelligence and community resilience, reinforcing KOBAN's commitment to secure and inclusive digital communities.

## ◆ International Visibility through Partner Networks – April 2026

Project partners actively promoted KOBAN through their communication channels, extending the project's reach across Europe. Publications and social media campaigns from organisations including the EXIS Project and the Polish Platform for Homeland Security (PPHS) highlighted KOBAN's objectives, innovative tools and collaborative approach to community policing, strengthening engagement with policymakers, practitioners and the wider research community.

## ◆ Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement

Throughout the reporting period, KOBAN continued to expand its outreach through LinkedIn, partner organisations, conferences and online events. These communication activities increased awareness of the project's AI-driven tools, Community Policing Capability Model, App Factory and Multifaceted Intelligence Dashboard, supporting knowledge exchange and encouraging collaboration among researchers, law enforcement agencies, policymakers and citizens across Europe.



Podcast

# Koban Podcasts

KOBAN Project



## KOBAN Podcasts – Episode 1 | Patrick Padding

Video • Koban Podcasts

Welcome to the very first episode of the KOBAN Podcasts. This episode marks the beginning of a series dedicated to exploring...

Feb 12 • 22 min 55 sec



## Episode 2 – Irma | Building Inclusive & Safer Communities with KOBAN

Video • Koban Podcasts

In this episode of the KOBAN Podcast, Irma discusses the importance of inclusive communication and digital tools in...

Feb 25 • 27 min 2 sec




## Episode 3 – Jordy Mulder | Digital Innovation for Safer Communities

Video • Koban Podcasts

In Episode 3 of the KOBAN Podcast, Jordy Mulder discusses how digital innovation and community engagement can strengthen...

Mar 10 • 22 min 28 sec





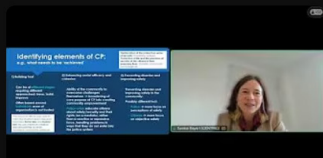
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# CONSORTIUM

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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