

IMPRESS-CONCORDE Workshop (22nd November, 2016 in Athens, Greece)



Press release

IMPRESS (<http://fp7-impres.eu/>) and CONCORDE (www.concorde-project.eu/) are two R&D Capability projects, co-financed by the European Commission. Both projects address the topic “Development of decision support tools for improving preparedness and response of Health Services involved in emergency situations”, which falls under the Security Theme of the FP7 Programme, in a complementary fashion.



IMPRESS aims to develop and deliver an operational ICT solution that supports the coordination of civil protection authorities, law enforcement agencies and the pre-hospital emergency medical services by improving the performance of the information flow between medical staff and public services involved in crisis management.

CONCORDE develops a user-driven patient-centred system for operational coordination of the EMS and after action evaluation and training. The system will enable also the integration of existing and emerging solutions to leverage research efforts.

IMPRESS and CONCORDE have successfully organised on the 22nd of November 2016 a joint workshop entitled “Decision Support Tools for Effective Health Emergency Management” in Athens (Greece). The workshop was held as a side event to the 2nd PSCE Conference 2016. During the event, the two consortia had the opportunity to present and demonstrate their complementary findings and gather relative feedback from the stakeholders that attended the event.



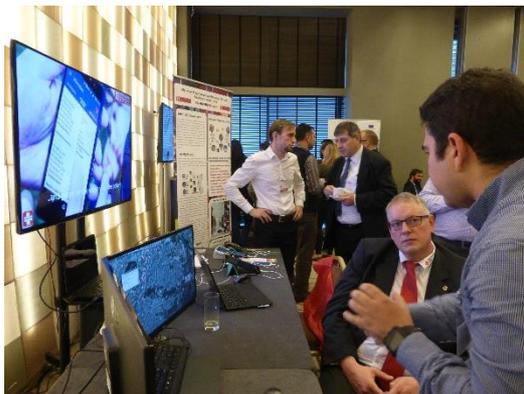
The participants included more than sixty representatives from Health Authorities, Emergency Agencies, Greek Public Services, Civil Protection organizations, Research and Academic institutes and representatives of the two consortia participated to the event. Stakeholders from the Greek Ministry of Health represented by EKEPY (National Center of Health Operations) and EKAV (National Emergency Center) participated to the interactive dialogue with the two projects.



The workshop included presentations on the state of the art of the European and U.S. emergency management realm, presented by Prof. T. Rosenberg, President of the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (HCDCP) of the Hellenic Ministry of Health and Mr. T.J. Kennedy, Executive Director of FirstNet respectively.

Scope, addressed Market, technical and technological aspects and impact of the IMPRESS project were presented by Intrasoft Intl (Project Coordinator) and Satways (Project Technical manager), while the conducted field trials for testing the IMPRESS prototype in Palermo (I) and Podgorica (MN) were presented by KEMEA (Center for Security Studies).

The COncORDE coordinator presented the approach to enable gathering of real life field data for operational total ground visibility for the EMS. Components and modules that are currently at a final stage of development and will be tested in field trials planned for 2017. Morten Wenstad from Crisis Training presented an integrated virtual training environment, which will be deployed as a cost-effective solution for simulations during the pilots, to measure the outcomes of targeted competence level training. Homer Papadopoulos from NCSR highlighted the efforts to link to using results from external sources as well as exploiting internet of things concepts. COncORDE's effort to integrate existing solutions was showcased by Iphigenia Keramitsoglou, TREASURE project.



The two projects provided video presentations of their developments and live demonstrations of their components to the participants. More specifically, IMPRESS presented videos from the trial in Palermo (Italy) and with live demonstrations of systems front-end components (INCIMOB, INCIMAG and WARSYS, interfaced with EKEPY's Filolaos system) with backend components in live operation.

COncORDE presented a live demonstration of virtual training organised by the Crisis Training and the Rescue and Field applications for triage developed by NCSR..Based on the presentations and demonstrations organized during the event, the attendees provided their feedback concerning IMPRESS and COncORDE during a concluding open discussion, and by completing a relevant questionnaire.