

# 1 What iProcureNet has done in the past six months: The key findings

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## **WP1:**

- WP1 organised a training for Group leaders to support them in managing their online communities on IPOP 2.0 with a view to improve interaction on the platform and therefore attract new members to join in.
- LaweBox company was selected by WP1 since they had experience in the field and could organise an online training session for the IPNCs and Topical Group Leaders on “Online Community management”. The training took place on 5 February and was followed by most IPNCs and TGLs.
- A satisfaction level survey was prepared by WP1 and ARTTIC and sent to the participants. The results of the survey showed that almost all participants were very satisfied by the training and had learnt techniques to better manage their groups online.
- WP1 took part in the dissemination of information on LinkedIn by posting or forwarding messages about iProcureNet in order to attract new members to our Network and Community. For instance, when looking for potential suppliers to bring offers to the 3 segments identified by WP4 as key segments for potential JCBPP, WP1 forwarded the message to enlarge the circle of potential viewers.

## **WP2:**

*No activity has been reported in the last 6 months.*

## **WP3:**

In the Work Package WP3, it was planned to concentrate on two activities since November 2023: (1) to have additional analysis on all three revised lists of the most promising segments for JCBPP in order to analyse the dynamics of the needs and (2) to feed and propagate the Knowledge Factory with additional information to support possible preparations for JCBPP for internal security and public safety domain.

During the period November 2023 – April 2024 the following activities were implemented in the Work Package WP3:

- The results of three feasibility studies have been analysed. They have been completed during the three project cycles and the dynamics of the revised lists of the most promising segments for JCBPP during the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd project cycle. The aim of the analysis was the research and reasoning about the dynamics of the needs and possibilities for JCBPP during 2019—2024, potential background objectives for that.
- The evolution of the corresponding methodology has also been examined for the collection of needs and analysis of the feasibility for JCBPP.



- Data has been collected, systemized, analysed, and propagated to the Knowledge Factory for internal security and public safety domain practitioners regarding JCBPP on focus items, legal framework, financial capacities, and known experience and practices.

#### **WP4:**

The following steps were taken since November 2023:

- Building upon the insights and discussions from the onsite workshop in Cyprus, we prepared an initial draft of the use cases. These have been further refined and structured within WP4. The updated version was shared with all consortium partners for their valuable input. The final version of the use cases was then shared through an online survey using EUSurvey. This allowed consortium members to vote on their preferences and prioritise the use cases. More details can be found in Section 1.1 of Deliverable 4.5.
- We have prepared and finalized the methodology for collecting examples of JCBPP, which is included in Deliverable 4.6.
- We have updated the JCBPP methodology from previous cycles and included it in Deliverable 4.6. Additionally, we presented the methodology for conducting Pre-commercial procurement based on the EAFIP methodology.
- We have also updated the methodology for market analysis. In the third cycle of iProcureNet, we have focused on innovation to address the challenges and needs described in the use cases that existing market solutions (COTS) cannot currently meet. This provides an opportunity for possible application of Pre-commercial procurement and Public procurement of Innovative solutions. To establish whether the challenges specified in the use cases can be met by existing solutions, we included specific questions about the TRL level of proposed solutions.
- Based on information provided to the WP4 team, the use case of waste fires, which falls under the segment of Climate Change and its consequences, was included in the proposal for the Horizon Europe call. More specifically, it was included for the HORIZON-CL6-2024-GOVERNANCE-01-5 PCP call for the customization/pre-operationalization of prototypes end-user services in the area of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. It builds on the Copernicus Services that respond to the common needs of water authorities, environmental agencies, cities, and LEAs (Law Enforcement Agencies). The iProcureNet partners participating in the call were the French Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic as public buyer, and Cyprus Ministry of Civil Defence, which was in the process of providing a support letter.

#### **WP5:**

- PJ analysed Deliverables 2.6, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 4.5, 4.6 and prepared documents sent to ARTTIC with the text to populate Releases 3 and 4 of the Toolbox. The technical implementation was done by ARTTIC.
- Preparation of the Release 3 (December 2023) and 4 (April 2024) of the Toolbox.



- PJ coordinated meetings with UT and JERA to discuss Toolbox training and workshops/webinars to be provided until the end of the project.
- PJ also organised, with JERA, UT, MININT and Ministry of Slovakia, a Toolbox training webinar, presented by PJ and Ministry of Slovakia, and moderated by MININT, held online on the 23rd April 2024.
- Final review of the last online release of the Toolbox.
- The final webinar (#10) was held in February 2024, with planning and development in progress since November 2023: Public/private innovation procurement of storm water management solutions for climate resilience, 28 February 2024. This webinar explored how Frederiksberg municipality tackled climate resilience and adaptation by adopting innovative public-private procurement approaches and helped them prepare for hazardous climate events and reduce their economic and social impact. There were 63 registrations and 41 participants from a variety of sectors and 12 EU countries.
- Two training events were envisaged over the life of the project and these both took place in March and April 2024. The focus of both events was to provide practical training and orientation around the iProcureNet Toolbox.
  - The iProcureNet Toolbox: Enabling strategic procurement in the security sector, 26 March 2024 (Paris)
  - The iProcureNet Toolbox: Enabling strategic procurement in the security sector, 23 April 2024 (online)

The first training took advantage of the Annual Conference to reach a focussed and in-person audience, while the second was conducted online with the aim of reaching wider audience and providing a recorded training session to accompany the launch of the final version of the Toolbox.

#### **WP6:**

- Advertisement for the Webinar Public/Private Innovation Procurement of Stormwater Management Solutions for Climate Resilience, 28 February 2024
- Announcement for the training The iProcureNet Toolbox: Enabling Strategic Procurement in the Security Sector, 23 April 2024 (online)
- Preparation of 3 newsletters published on 25 January, 26 March and 15 April.
- Organisation and promotion of the 2024 Annual Conference, held in Paris on 26 and 27 March 2024.

## **Annex I. Joining the iProcureNet Community**

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## Joining the Community

The Community of experts consists of **experts and stakeholders** in the procurement of security solutions from procurement agencies and departments, from academia, industry, policy and civil society.

As a member of the Community, you represent yourself as an individual.

## Joining the Network

The Network of organisations consists of **procurement organisations and departments** active in the acquisition of security solutions in each iProcureNet member state and beyond.

As a member of the Network, you are the representative of your organisation.

### Two options to join:

Your country already has an IPNC

Contact your IPNC (see list below)

Your country does not have an IPNC yet

Contact [contact@iprocorenet.eu](mailto:contact@iprocorenet.eu), giving background on your motivation and profile.

**Table 1: List of iProcureNet IPNCs as of April 2024:**

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