

Dear Reader

Welcome to the first newsletter of the EvoCS project.

This newsletter will provide you with the news, events and achievements of the EvoCS project. The EvoCS newsletter will have a total of four editions and will be sent every two months.

In this edition you will find an overview of the project and information about its method of work, which is the crucial for EvoCS.

As coordinator for dissemination, the ProCon team is proudly participating in this ambitious joint effort of nine partners from seven EU countries.

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Sincerely,

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The EvoCS method

The main objective of the Evolving Concepts of Security (EvoCS) project is to offer a detailed overview of security perceptions that exist in different regions of Europe.

A better understanding of these concerns is vital to more effective and representative priority setting in the European security policymaking.

The results of the EvoCS project are also intended to be relevant to security policy makers and security R&D planners at the European Commission.

The EvoCS project employs a combination of inputs – to assess regional and temporal specifics in security concerns.

EvoCS examines different concepts of security that exist across Europe in **four regions**.

A “concept of security” consists of a general definition as well as a delineation of its **seven constituent dimensions**, namely physical safety and security, territorial integrity and security, environmental and ecological security, cultural identity and security, social stability and security, political stability and security, economic prosperity and security, and information and cyber security. Moreover, a concept of security also contains a particular understanding of the risks that affect security.

EvoCS will examine the perceptions of: governments, parliaments, think tanks and academia, media, private sector and NGOs, at six levels – from local, via subnational and national, to international, transnational and global.

The EvoCS regions

EvoCS focuses on four European regions. Each of them is analysed based on examining three countries, expected to be sufficiently different from each other, yet generally representative for various security concerns in the region. The regions are:

- West-Mediterranean EU
Italy, Malta, Spain
- Eastern EU Border
Poland, Hungary, Latvia
- North-Western EU
United Kingdom, Netherlands, France
- South-Eastern Europe
Bulgaria, Turkey, Serbia

Forthcoming events

Dates of four regional workshops have already been announced, including:

- 13 January 2015, Warsaw, Poland
(Region of the Eastern EU Border)
- 15 January 2015, L'Aquila, Italy
(Region of the West-Mediterranean EU)
- 27 January 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria
(Region of South-Eastern Europe)
- 29 January 2015, London, UK
(Region of North-Western Europe).

The workshops will introduce participants to the EvoCS project, the national concepts of security for the three countries in each of the regions and discuss the preliminary findings of EvoCS. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss similarities and differences of security perceptions in the region. .



Key facts and figures

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The EvoCS consortium

