



CERIS – SSRI Webinar

Challenges and opportunities for SMEs and start-ups in EU security R&I

30/04/2021

10:45 – 11:00: Welcome and organisational aspects of the meeting

11:00 – 11:25: The SME context in EU-funded security research:

- SME participation in H2020 Societal Challenge 7 – Secure Societies (Christoph Castex, Research Executive Agency)
- The SME challenges – Their mirror in the security market

11:25 – 12:15: Obstacles faced by SMEs when bridging gap between security R&I and the security market

- Moderated by: Veronique Pevtschin (CEO, “TheGreenShot”)
- Claudia Gärtner (Microfluidic ChipShop GmbH)
- Dimitris Vassileiadis (Thridium – T4S)
- Elisabete Pires / Márcio Spinola (Vision-box)

12:15 – 12:30: Presentation of the new EU Security Market Study

12:30 – 13:00: Bringing SMEs closer to public buyers (introduction)

- How to attract agile SMEs to public procurers? – Samira Boussetta, DG GROW

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch break

14:00 – 14:50: Bringing SMEs closer to public buyers (continued)

- The role of the Networks of Practitioners – Juha Hintsa (PEN-CP)
- The role of industry associations – François Mattens (GICAT)
- The role of big industrial players – Giorgio Mosca (LEONARDO)

14:50 – 15:40: Upcoming opportunities for SMEs and Start-ups

- Horizon Europe Pillar II, Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society – Claudio Catalano (DG HOME)
- Horizon Europe Pillar III: EIC – Pedro Canto e Castro (DG RTD)
- Dissemination & exploitation opportunities – Alessia Melasecche (META Group)

15:40 – 16:00: Conclusions, recommendations and final Q&A