

MEDEA – EWISA Joint Workshop Press Release

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On the **3rd and 4th of April 2019**, the EU funded projects **MEDEA** and **EWISA** will organise a Joint Workshop on “**Land Border Security Needs and Challenges**”. The event will take place in Orestiada, Evros, Greece. The workshop is organised by KEMEA (Center for Security Studies) and is supported by EWISA partners and MEDEA’s network members. Several EU officials and practitioners from neighbouring countries will participate.

The workshop objective is to bring together Border Guard Authorities, police personnel and science – policy - practitioners’ organizations, operating at the external EU Land borders, thus exploit their expertise and knowledge, strengthen their interaction and relationship, elaborate and identify operational security needs and challenges, as well as highlight the capabilities required by them to fulfil their security tasks. Its outcomes will be subject to further analysis and serve as inputs to the Mediterranean Research Security and Innovation Agenda (MSRIA).

During the two days of the workshop, the participants will be provided with a notional context to virtually introduce them to real-life border management challenges. At the first day, they will be asked state their current capabilities as well as their desired capabilities to perform their security role, identifying simultaneously the missing capabilities related to several scenarios. These capabilities will be examined if they can have Technological, Organizational, Human or Regulatory/Political dimensions.

Limitations and constraints defining the missing capabilities will be discussed between the participants. At the end of the workshop, a summary of the needed and desired capabilities to respond to current and emerging border security challenges will be listed. Part of the needed capabilities will be compared with the components of the EWISA solutions that will be demonstrated during the second day of the workshop.

More in particular, the EWISA practitioners will present “Cutting Edge Innovative Solutions for Border Security” demonstrations of two technological solutions organized, by their project, in real field conditions (Greece and Turkey land borders), which are aiming to address border surveillance challenges. The residual list will be elaborated further with the industry.

For more information on the MEDEA and EWISA projects please visit the MEDEA website <https://www.medeaproject.eu/> and EWISA website www.ewisa-project.eu.