Taskforce to plan and manage recording and publication of WP9 DEMOs

The three work package 9 DEMO cycles form the highlight of the technical work done inside SECREDAS. The DEMOs provide the opportunity for partners to test their technology in combination with others inside live on-road demonstrators. The main demonstrations will be held in the Dutch city of Helmond using automated vehicles on a dedicated stretch of road, as well as in Portugal using drones as vehicle simulators on a dedicated test site. Further smaller demonstrations will take place at various partner locations.

For each partner participating in the WP9 DEMOs, it is important that their technology not only works well, but also that the testing and validation is properly recorded and prepared for use in future marketing and exploitation activities towards prospective clients.

For this purpose, we are in the process of setting up a dedicated Taskforce to plan and manage the recording and the public messaging of the DEMOs. The Taskforce, comprised of communication and marketing experts from the three DEMO-owner organisations as well as the work package 9 and work package 11 leaders, will take care of detailed planning, production of appropriate video(s), press-releases, media-invites and other dissemination material to highlight individual technologies and overall DEMO results.

SECREDAS working on establishing direct collaborations with other EU funded projects in security and transport

Over the past year, several attempts have been made to connect the SECREDAS project and/or individual SECREDAS partners to other EU-funded project in the same domain. In one case this has led to a draft MoU to be able to exchange information with the ENSEMBLE
project (https://platooningensemble.eu/) on their use of V2X communication and standards in platooning. We also hope to have shared dissemination activities and exchange ideas and best practices related to holding demonstrations. A further course of action has been SECREDAS’ participation in the Cyberwatching.eu initiative. Cyberwatching itself is an EU funded project that has evolved to a central gateway to information and business opportunities in cybersecurity and privacy research. A number of large EU-funded projects, among which SECREDAS, are now represented on the platform, and are in the process of linking their dissemination and exploitation activities, give each other access to networks and hold joint workshops. A joint workshop of all represented projects was held in late July, which led to the establishment of contacts with the CARAMEL consortium (https://www.h2020caramel.eu/) who are working on Artificial Intelligence-based Cybersecurity for Connected and Automated Vehicles. The aim is to connect the two projects and make use of network channels to promote the outcomes of both projects.

Furthermore, Cyberwatching.eu has a dedicated support service called the “Dissemination & Exploitation Booster”, through which communication/marketing/accounting/ICT experts support funded projects in the implementation of their dissemination and exploitation plans. On behalf of SECREDAS, the Project Office applied for support from this service and we are now waiting to hear back.

**Technical demonstrators from partners now available on SECREDAS Sharepoint site**

In the first Annual Review meeting (Glasgow, 2019) we promised the external reviewers that we would present a large number of demonstrators and prototypes at the next annual review. As said elsewhere in this newsletter, the Annual Review meeting will be largely (or fully) virtual which makes it impossible to show the physical demonstrators in action. That is regrettable because it always makes a good impression to see technological results ‘in action’ and it makes it
easier for the reviewers to see which/how demonstrators can be connected and integrated. To still meet the challenge, the Project Office requested in April that partners produce recordings of demonstrators and prototypes that can be used for the Annual Review. We are happy to announce that despite the limitations created by COVID19 and the summer holiday break, already 14 recordings have been produced and uploaded to the SECREDAS Sharepoint site. Many partners have promised to send their recordings by the end of August.