



Migration-Related Risks caused by Misconceptions of Opportunities and Requirement

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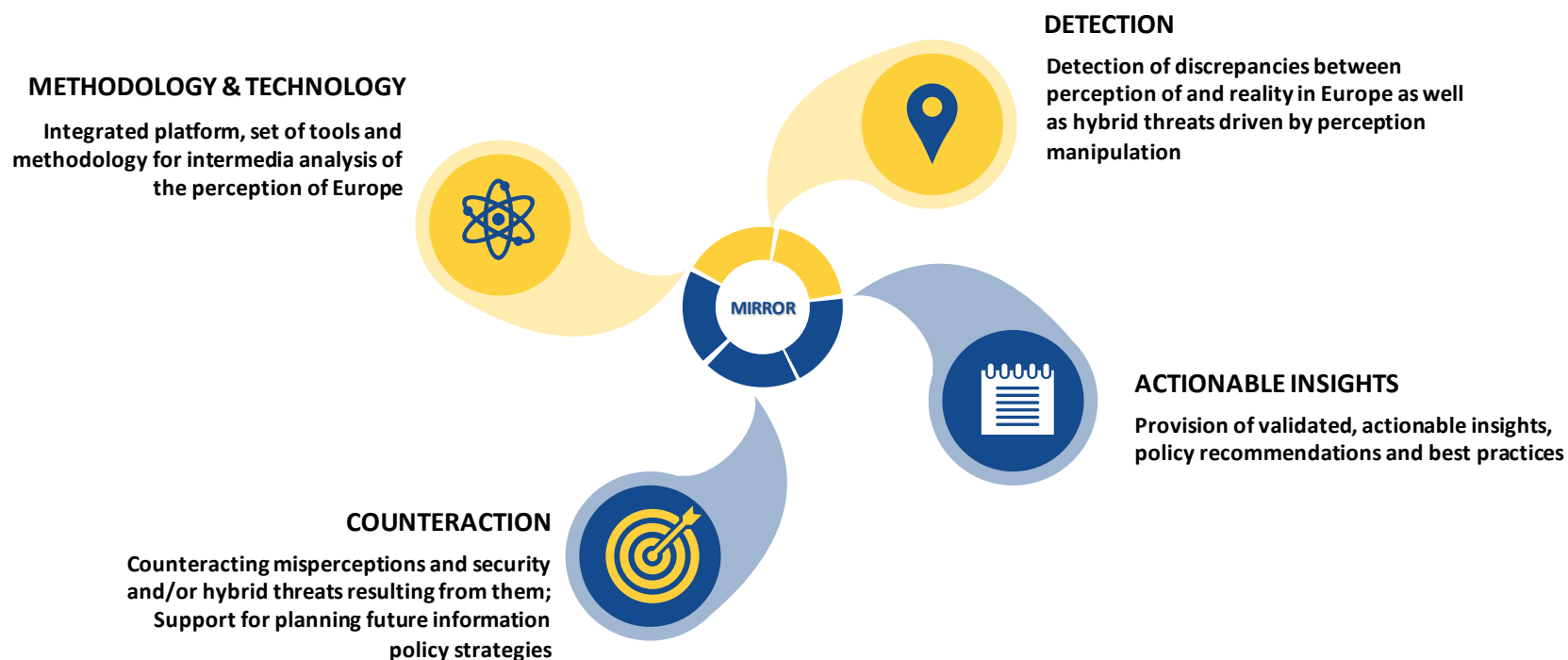
Dear Reader,

Welcome to our MIRROR Newsletter!

MIRROR AT A GLANCE

Mirror is a research project funded through the Horizon2020 program which focuses on the perception of Europe and its impact on expectations and decisions of non-EU nationals (considering) to migrate to the European Union. Misperceptions and targeted misinformation campaigns can lead to discrepancies between perception of and realities in Europe and result in security threats. It is therefore crucial to better understand how Europe is perceived and presented abroad, detect discrepancies between image and reality and spot instances of media manipulation. With this in mind, the MIRROR project was launched in June, 2019 with the following aims:

- Development of an integrated platform, a set of tools, and a systematic methodology for the comprehensive intermedia analysis of the perception of Europe
- Detection of discrepancies between perception of and realities in Europe
- Provision of actionable insights, policy recommendations and best practices
- Creation of awareness for the impact of such misconceptions and resulting threats
- Demonstration of possibilities for counteracting misperceptions



MIRROR main objectives

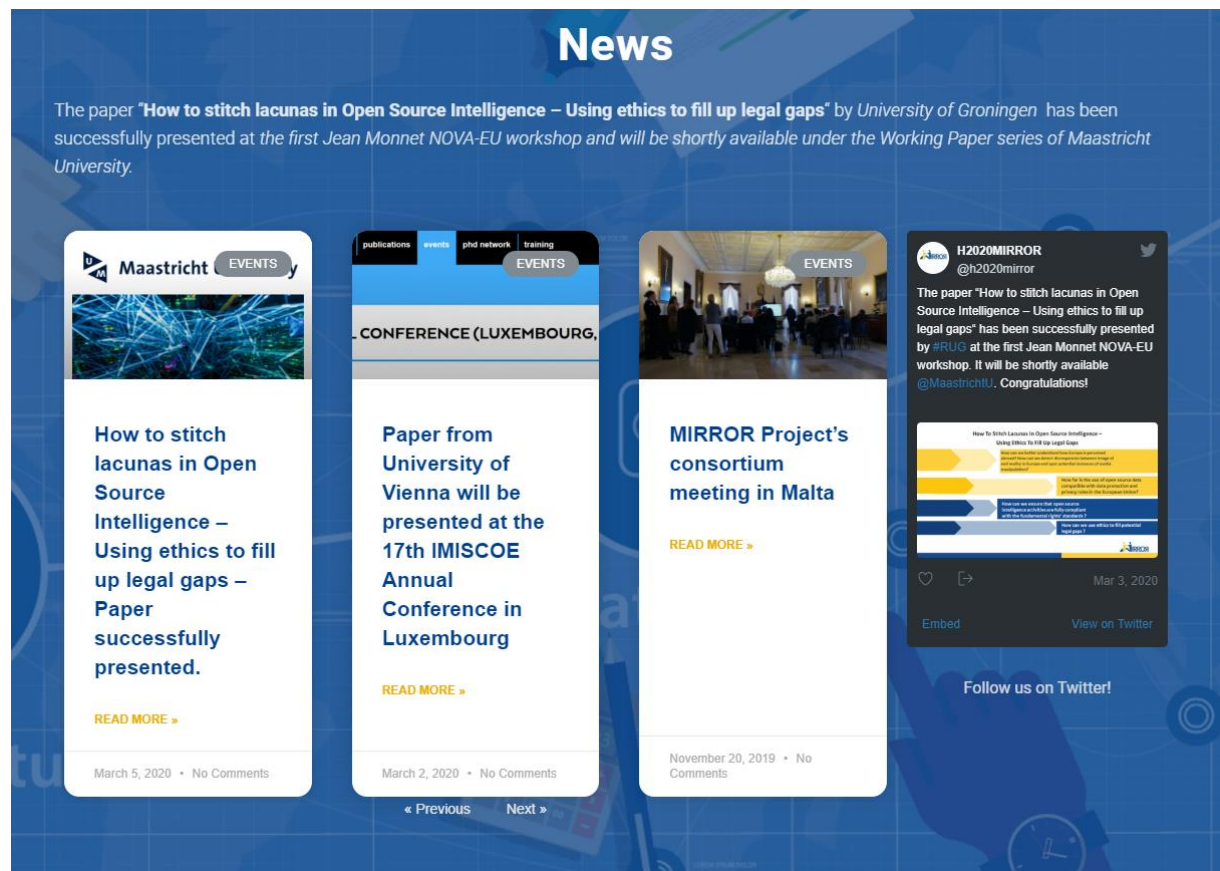
The project consortium consists of the L3S Research Center Leibniz University Hannover (Germany), Federal Ministry of Defence (Austria), Malta Police Force (Malta), Polismyndigheten Swedish Police Authority (Sweden), SAIL LABS Technology (Austria), Eurix Srl (Italy), University of Groningen (Netherlands), Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (Greece), Swedish Defence Research Agency (Sweden), University of Vienna (Austria), University of Malta (Malta), Knowledge & Innovation Srls (Italy), Fremde werden Freunde (Austria), Agenfor International Foundation (Italy).

LATEST NEWS

As proud as parents with their baby's first tooth, we announce that MIRROR has achieved the first project milestone according to plan: Following a series of very productive discussions and workshops together with all end-users and application partners, we have converged in a set of requirements to be addressed by the MIRROR platform. In sum, the priorities and main personas collected will need to focus on the platform's ability for ...

- Social media and multi-media analysis with a focus on topics and regions selectable by users
- Information aggregation and validation of information (including bias detection and fact checking) from multiple media sources
- Foresight and identification of threats
- Assessment of migration processes, flows and their trigger events
- (Decision-making) support for strategic as well as practical (functional) units.

At the same time, and closely interlinked with the users' requirements specifications and target groups' needs, we have established the MIRROR *Architecture and Integration Plan*. This brings together the selection of the candidate technologies for the implementation of the framework, the identification of all expected components from technical work-packages, and the integration plan for the different framework prototypes.



This initial phase in the project is fundamental and represents the first layer for the foundation of the MIRROR system.

COMING UP:

Field Studies

The *University of Vienna* is leading work-package 8 (Analysis & Field Studies for EU Perception and Media Impact) which has the aim to get a deeper understanding of migrants' perceptions and the shaping of misperceptions with regards to Europe as a destination for irregular migration. This work package represents one of the cornerstones of the project.

The field work will be conducted in cooperation with partners *Fremde werden Freunde* and *Agencja for International Foundation* with the objective to get insights into the media usage and perceptions arising at different stages during the process of irregular migration. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis field conditions may change. The health and safety of interviewees, consortium members and partners are of utmost importance and will guide the decisions with regards to timing and selection of international locations.

Publications

Publications are a substantive and very important part of the research activities within MIRROR. Congratulations to our colleagues for their successful submissions and presentations!

University of Vienna: ["Exploring the Missing Link - The Role of Media and Communication Theory in Migration Decision-Making"](#)

University of Groningen: ["How to stitch lacunas in Open Source Intelligence – Using ethics to fill up legal gaps"](#)

Swedish Defence Research Agency: ["Veracity assessment of online data"](#)

We are very excited to continue working with this multidisciplinary consortium and look forward to first study results! Find out more-

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