

AI-POL and CT-TECH+ Launch Event

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PRESS RELEASE

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New York, 22 November 2024 - The European Union (EU), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) launched two new EU-funded initiatives – AI-POL and CT TECH+ – at a joint event titled *“From Emerging Tech to Responsible AI: The Present and Future of Law Enforcement and Counter-Terrorism”* in the United Nations Headquarters.

Opening the event, His Excellency Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, Ambassador of the European Union to the United Nations highlighted that “these initiatives will help implement frameworks around emerging technologies and responsible AI. I am convinced they will equip law enforcement globally to better fight criminals and terrorists while safeguarding fundamental rights.”

AI-POL: Advancing Innovation Governance and Responsible AI in Law Enforcement is the second phase of UNICRI and INTERPOL’s work in artificial intelligence (AI) and law enforcement. Over the next three years, UNICRI and INTERPOL will seek to promote responsible AI innovation within the global law enforcement community. To this end, they will strengthen their support for law enforcement agencies in adopting AI technologies effectively, while safeguarding human rights and maintaining public trust. This initiative is implemented with the financial support of the European Commission Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI).

Building upon the foundations of the [*Toolkit for Responsible Artificial Intelligence Innovation in Law Enforcement*](#), developed by UNICRI and INTERPOL with the financial support of the European Union, AI-POL strengthens efforts to integrate responsible AI practices into law enforcement. The project will equip agencies with the skills and knowledge needed to implement AI solutions both effectively and responsibly. Key activities include executive leadership engagement, tailored training, the development of good practice frameworks, as well as pilot initiatives to foster public trust and community engagement.

“AI-POL is not just about advancing technology; it’s about fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and trust in law enforcement’s use of AI,” said Irakli Beridze, Head of the Centre for AI at UNICRI. During the event, Madan Oberoi, INTERPOL’s Executive Director for Technology and Innovation, emphasized that *“This initiative is crucial for empowering law enforcement to harness AI responsibly, while safeguarding the communities they serve. The risk of not equipping law enforcement with this knowledge and skillset is unaffordable.”*

CT TECH+ is the second phase of UNOCT’s and INTERPOL’s work on strengthening law enforcement capacities in countering the use of new technologies for terrorist purposes and using new technologies as part of this effort, in a human rights compliant and gender responsive manner. With the financial support of the European Commission Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), CT TECH+ will continue to improve selected Partner States’ response to the increased misuse of new technologies for terrorist purposes, focusing on strengthened policy frameworks, improved law enforcement operational capacities and technological capabilities, thus reinforcing interagency and international cooperation, and public-private partnerships.

CT TECH+ will respond to technological advancements by integrating artificial intelligence and focusing on OSINT, Darknet investigations and Virtual assets tracing for counter terrorism purposes.

Highlighting this new initiative, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov underscored that “Today’s launch of CT TECH Plus is a response to the growing needs and requests from Member States to develop policy and operational capacities required to prevent and counter-terrorism in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.”

This joint event and launch of AI-POL and CT-TECH+ reaffirm the commitment of the European Union, INTERPOL, UNICRI and UNOCT to supporting the adoption of innovative technologies that respect fundamental rights and enhance public safety and global security in an integrated and coordinated manner.

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