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Topic: Support letter VISOR Venture proposal

Dear prof. Dr. Willem-Jan van den Heuvel

As H2020 project coordinator I-LEAD, Innovation law Enforcement Agencies Dialogue ( I-Lead.eu), and Coregroup leader and national contact point of the European Network law enforcement technology services (ENLETS<sup>1</sup>), we fully endorse the VISOR Venture phase 1 proposal.

In particular, I-LEAD's focus is on the incapability of groups of operational Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) practitioners defining *their needs* for innovation. Where possible a direct uptake from this research will be facilitated and implemented in the ENLETS networks supporting the action. ENLETS is the European platform that strengthens police cooperation and *bridges the gap between the users and providers of law enforcement technology*. With 29 member states joined in ENLETS and an active Core Group, ENLETS will make a difference in the approach of technology used by Law Enforcement Agencies in Europe.

Through the ENLETS - I-LEAD tandem, we would like to offer our **strong support** for the SME Phase 1 project proposal titled: "*VISOR Venture*". The VISOR venture proposal fits perfectly within our ENLET technology roadmap on Intelligence analysis and Digital Forensics, and may in fact serve as a very interesting piloting company for us to collaborate with, share initial results, and best practices with the wider community of law enforcement agencies.

This could for example take place in the piloting phase of the ISF ProTect project that is taking place under the umbrella of ENLETS. ProTect focusses on the protection of public spaces, including crowd management for which a smart use of data as well as interpretation of this data is needed. ProTect reaches out to more than 250 European cities, predominately endusers and buyers of innovative solutions like the Visor project.

ENLETS has a role in the Action Plan in the Protection of Public places <sup>2</sup> and was endorsed with Council Conclusions on technology in the security domain<sup>3</sup>. If this initiative will be granted we will support the further deployment towards the market.

We see this proposal as the jumping board toward an intensive collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.enlets.eu/>

<sup>2</sup> Com 2017,612

<sup>3</sup> enfopol 148