BODEGA PROJECT

BODEGA (Proactive Enhancement of Human Performance in Border Control) is a three-year research project, funded by the European Commission under the Horizon 2020 program, started in June 2015.

The project`s goal is to build an expertise about human factors and border crossing at European level with the aim of enhancing its efficiency with no negative side effects towards the end-users (travellers as well as border control agents and managers). The consortium, led by VTT, comprises 14 partners from 7 European countries, specialised in different aspects of border control: human factors, technologies, law-enforcement and ethics.

TRAVELLERS' SURVEY AVAILABLE IN 8 LANGUAGES

The BODEGA consortium has released a survey dedicated to collecting travellers' feedback about their experiences in crossing Schengen borders. Through the survey, the consortium aims at gathering insights into the opinions and perceptions of travellers with regards to both current and future border control processes.

The survey covers a variety of aspects, from the travellers' overall experience at different types of border-crossing points (air, sea, land and rail) to the use of Automated Border Control (ABC) systems. The survey supports BODEGA's objective to study changes in travelling and border control processes resulting from the introduction of smarter border technologies, such as e-Gates and self-service kiosks based on biometrics.

The survey is currently available in 8 different languages (English, Finnish, French,German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish) and may be accessed from the BODEGA project website (http://bodega-project.eu/) or by clicking on the 'Access survey' button below.

BODEGA FIELD STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN 6

EU COUNTRIES

Since the beginning of the project, the BODEGA consortium has completed 13 field studies at border-crossing points of 6 EU countries: Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Italy and Poland. The field studies have provided the researchers with an opportunity to observe border guards as they perform their everyday duties and to collect their views as well as those of travellers in the form of interviews and short surveys.

The results of the field studies will be exploited to develop recommendations as well as other types of solutions, such as specifications for future technology development and training materials for border guards.

The body of findings gathered thus far will be enriched in the coming months by means of additional field studies to be carried out at specific Schengen border-crossing points where ABC technology is already operational.

Further field studies are currently planned for autumn 2017 in countries such as Greece and Portugal.

FIRST PROJECT RESULTS PRESENTED AT THE JOINT BODEGA-ABC4EU SHOWCASE EVENT IN FINLAND

On May 2nd-5th 2017, the Joint BODEGA-ABC4EU Showcase Event took place at Levi Spa Hotel in Levi, Finland. The event offered a valuable opportunity to expand the end-user community of the BODEGA and the ABC4EU research projects, while supporting the dissemination, discussion and validation of their results.

The initiative was conceived in response to the European Commission's call for greater cooperation between EC-funded research projects. Special attention was devoted to discussing the preliminary results of the two projects in light of the EU's

changing legislation in the area of border control.

The event saw the participation of 43 persons including members of EU and national law-enforcement agencies, representatives of Ministries of Internal Affairs of EU Member States, European universities, lobby groups and NGOs involved in activities related to security, technology and ethics.

Further information about the event may be accessed by clicking on the 'Read more' button below.

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BODEGA PARTICIPATED TO JOINT EXPLOITATION EVENT IN PARIS

On May 19th 2017, the BODEGA consortium took part in an exploitation event organised jointly with four other EC-funded research projects in the cargo scanning and border control domains (ACXIS, C-BORD, CORE and SOURCE). The event was held at the Institut de la Gestion Publique et du Développement Économique (IGPDE) in Paris and benefited from the support of the EC's 'Exploitation Booster' service.

During the event, representatives of each project presented their key research results to 80 potential end-users, including members of custom agencies and the European Commission.

BODEGA consortium members contributed by delivering an overview of BODEGA as well as three different business pitch presentations focusing on specific technological solutions proposed by the project, i.e. a set of advisory services to support early detection of high-risk travellers, an HMI mock-up for facial recognition software and the BodeGame platform for border guards' training.

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