

PRESERVE Insights - July 2026



EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Summer Edition of PRESERVE Insights & Updates

We are already in Month 23 of the project, and the past few months have been particularly busy, with another major networking event, the mid-term review, and the launch of the first round of pilot operations.

In April, alongside the project's fourth consortium meeting, PRESERVE welcomed sister projects and related initiatives for the latest edition of its joint networking event series, first launched in Athens in April last year. What began as a stakeholder event has evolved into a recurring platform that brings together key stakeholders and actors from across the security research community.

While continuing to pursue its core mission of **delivering an AI-powered decision-support toolbox for cybercrime prevention and detection, fully aligned with EU ethical and legal standards**, the project also made significant progress in developing the training modules that will help law enforcement agencies (LEAs) effectively use the tools.

Another major milestone during this period was the successful mid-term review in May, providing an opportunity to showcase the project's achievements to date and the progress made towards its objectives.

A particularly significant step forward was reached in June, when dedicated pilot sessions were conducted with each of the partnering LEAs to evaluate

the first PRESERVE prototype.

It has been a productive few months for PRESERVE - and there is much more to come. Highlights below, and as always, keep up with the latest news via the PRESERVE [website](#).

Thank you for following our journey through this newsletter. We hope you enjoy this edition, and we wish you a wonderful summer.

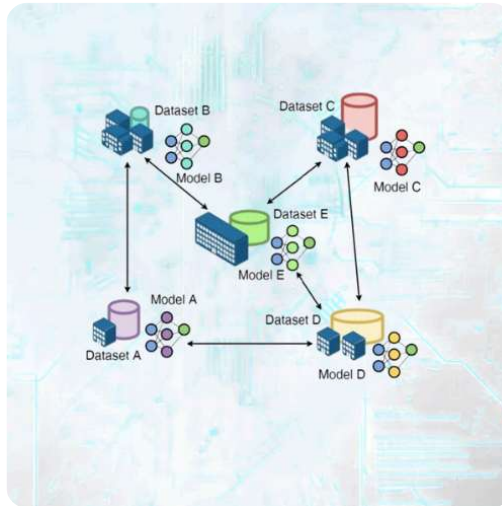


LATEST NEWS

First Round of Pilot Operations Completed

As the project progresses into its second half, PRESERVE has completed its first round of pilot operations, marking a key milestone in the development of its privacy-preserving decision-support toolbox.

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Fighting Crime Without Compromising Privacy: Federated Learning in PRESERVE

By PRESERVE partner Bournemouth University

If you've ever wondered how organizations like hospitals, banks, and police forces can work together to train smarter AI without putting sensitive data at risk, you're in the right place.

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SECURITY RESEARCH NETWORKING

3rd Edition of 'Networking within the Security Research Community!'

Building on the policy brief "From AI Tools to Trustworthy Investigations", developed following the previous edition of PRESERVE's event series, this 3rd edition of "Networking within the Security Research Community" kicked off the development of a joint paper co-authored by participating projects and initiatives.

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Bari, 2026

CONSORTIUM MEETING

Fourth Face-to-Face Meeting in Bari

The fourth PRESERVE Consortium Meeting took place on 21 and 22 April in Bari, Italy. Hosted by our colleagues from the University of Bari Aldo Moro, the meeting provided the opportunity to review recent progress and ongoing activities ahead of the project's mid-term review in May.

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EUROPOL

Europol Industry and Research Days 2026

PRESERVE was selected among other excellent projects to participate in this year's Europol Industry and Research Days - a flagship event bringing together law enforcement, industry, and research to explore innovative technologies and novel solutions to complex security challenges.

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CEPOL

PRESERVE at CEPOL's PIMIF 2026

PRESERVE was invited by CEPOL (the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training) to participate in the Pitch Match Innovation Forum (PIMIF) 2026: Enrichment and Novelty in Law Enforcement Training, held at CEPOL headquarters in Budapest on 28 January..

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PUBLICATIONS

The Applicability of Due Diligence in Cyberspace

Developed within the framework of PRESERVE, the paper “The Applicability of Due Diligence in Cyberspace: Reflections from an International Law Perspective”, published in *Ordine Internazionale e Diritti Umani* (OIDU), analyses whether due diligence in cyberspace is a voluntary standard of State conduct or a binding obligation under customary international law.

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Policy Brief: From AI Tools to Trustworthy Investigations

Drawing on discussions from the joint stakeholder workshop held in October 2025 in Madrid, this brief explores the growing use of AI in investigating cyber-enabled and cyber-dependent crimes and the challenges that arise as the institutional frameworks for their responsible and effective deployment often lag behind.

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Transmission of Intercepted Data Obtained in a Criminal Investigation to the Competition Authority: The Grand Chamber Judgment in the Ships Waste Oil Case

February 7, 2020 By Claudia Calabrese

Sharing Intercepted Data with Competition Authorities

New from PRESERVE partner UNIBA: an article in the Journal of Media Law examining the Grand Chamber's Ships Waste Oil judgment and its implications for sharing intercepted criminal investigation data with competition authorities.

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GUEST COLUMN

AI4SafeEurope: New Milestones, Shared Mission

by AI4SafeEurope Cluster led by Sister Project AVALANCHE

Since its launch in 2025, the Cluster has already established an impressive track record. Through a growing portfolio of joint activities, it has strengthened collaboration between the eight participating projects and thus contributed to advancing a shared European vision for the responsible use of AI in civil security.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESERVE Consortium Meeting

5th PRESERVE Face-to-Face Meeting

7 & 8 October 2026, Agios Georgios Korissias, Kea (Tzia), Greece

INCYBER Forum

INCYBER Forum Europe

9 - 11 March 2027, Lille, France

The 13 PRESERVE Partners



Ethical and Privacy-Preserving Big Data Platform Supporting Criminal Investigations

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