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## Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

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ACRONYMS / ABBREVIATIONS	DESCRIPTION
ANITA	Advanced Tools for fighting Online illegal trafficking
DoW	Document of Work
H2020	European Grant Program Horizon 2020
KPI	Key Point Indicators
LEA	Law Enforcement Agency
NPS	New Psychoactive Substances
UC	Use Case
UK	United Kingdom
WP	Work Package



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## Executive Summary

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ANITA aims at improving the investigation capabilities of LEAs by delivering a set of tools and techniques to efficiently address online illegal trafficking of counterfeit pharmaceutical products, new psychoactive substances (NPS), drugs, and weapons.

This can be achieved through appropriate knowledge modelling and reasoning services and discovery and monitoring of new and existing online marketplaces, also with resolving criminal identities in social networks and on the Web and the identification of authors of Internet content also with revealing fake information, disinformation, and camouflage of the real nature of the information. Achieving that is possible with insights on criminal groups relevant and related to trafficking of illegal products, and discovery and understanding of trends and behavioural patterns, also with revealing, tracking, and monitoring of payments and transactions in crypto-currency networks and interoperability with available relevant investigation systems already utilized by LEAs. This will support the LEAs in more effective investigation activities by using online contents and information obtained under a lawful warrant.

Fundamentally, ANITA aims to design and develop a novel knowledge-based and user-centered investigation platform for addressing online illegal trafficking challenges providing operational tools for data sources and blockchain analysis, Big Data analytics, knowledge modelling and exploitation, incorporating human cognitive function in the analysis pipeline and providing user-oriented intelligence applications to support Law Enforcement officers. In this aspect after solving a need to train the trainers and to transfer the knowledge to the LEAs for them to use it efficiently, there is a need to test the platform and tools in a realistic surrounding. Training must be a developing process, and, in that line, it must be an iterative process with authentic feedback, provided by the professionals. In this view, Pilots present the expected furthering of the training with the involvement of new professionals in the loop of the Platform and the tools within it.

The culmination of the learning curve and realization of the full implementation of all parts of the project will have its peak in the public demonstration and workshops, where the platform and the tools will be fully demonstrated and discussed.

In this deliverable, an overview on the format as designed for the two ANITA Workshops and a focus on the organisation and results of the first workshop is presented. In addition, the results gained from the questionnaire designed specifically for this event with the objective to receive feedback from participants regarding the demonstrated ANITA functionality and usefulness of the workshop, are presented.





## 1 Introduction

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This deliverable D11.8 is the first release of a set of two deliverables to be produced within the context of Task 11.5 “Organisation of Workshops”: this task deals with the organisation of two workshops oriented to LEAs and international stakeholders. The objective of the two workshops, to be organised by the end of the ANITA project, is to increase the LEAs’ background and awareness on illegal trafficking crimes and at the same time raise awareness and engage interest in the potential impact of the ANITA solution on the LEA’s investigative cycle.

Specifically, the first workshop was the first public presentation of the ANITA platform and tools. The main objective of the workshop was to present the platform, its capabilities and operative values and to gain feedback, from the LEA officers who had been invited.

The ANITA platform aims to evolve thanks to the public discussions and the feedback about the tools received both during the focus groups – promoted under Task 11.3 “Best practices and guidelines for curricula” - and during workshops, as they represent crucial demonstrational capabilities of the system and its parts.



## 2 The ANITA Workshops

### 2.1 Objectives and Format of the events

In the context of the ANITA project, two workshops are planned in order to provide LEAs and EU agencies with a comprehensive view of the new capabilities developed during the project and how to use and integrate them in LEAs’ own systems and operational investigation cycle.

Although adopting the same format, the two workshops will be different in terms of audience: while the first workshop addressed LEAs involved in monitoring of illegal trafficking and organised crime activities specifically, in order to increase their background and awareness of the potential of the ANITA system and explain how ANITA can enhance and contribute to their technological capabilities, the second one will mainly target EU Agencies with the objective to provide further visibility and resonance to the ANITA results. EU LEAs are the main ANITA target group, thus they will also be invited to the second workshop taking place in fall this year, where the final instance of the ANITA platform will be presented.

In order to convey a clear message on the dual nature of this set of events, a preliminary invitation card (see Figure 1) was designed, including quick info about both events. In this way, the LEAs that have received the invitation to this round have already been preliminarily informed of the event that will take place in the fall.



Figure 1: The two ANITA Workshops format



## 2.2 Synergies with other ANITA events

In the context of the ANITA project, and during this final phase of the project life, several events are taking place. In addition to the workshops, two focus groups are being organized by RISSC partner, as well as the second iteration of the Pilots.

All these events are open to external LEAs and will therefore represent an important moment of contact to discuss the ANITA results. However, the purposes of these events differ. The table below explains the difference in terms of objectives and target audiences.

Date of the event	Title	Main Objective	Stakeholders involved
21/05/2021	1 <sup>st</sup> ANITA Workshop	Increase awareness on the ANITA results and potential impact	EU LEAs
Autumn 2021 – date to be confirmed	2 <sup>nd</sup> ANITA Workshop	Increase awareness on the ANITA results and potential impact	EU LEAs + EU Policy Makers and EU Institutions (EUROPOL Interpol, EuroJUST, CEPOL, etc..)
30/04/2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Focus Group	Building capacity and new curricula for LEAs on online illegal trafficking.	EU LEAs and Police Academies
18/05/2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> Focus Group	Building capacity and new curricula for LEAs on online illegal trafficking.	EU LEAs + EU Policy Makers and EU Institutions
June-July 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> round of ANITA Pilot	Piloting ANITA	ANITA LEA and possibly external ones (to be decided)

**Table 1: Synergies with other ANITA events**

Specifically, the two ANITA focus groups, related to Task 11.3, took place before the 1<sup>st</sup> ANITA Workshop with the objective to get a first feedback from EU LEAs about the ANITA platform and tools, but – more specifically – to get an understanding about the possibility to use ANITA for *training* purposes.



## 3 The First ANITA Workshop

### 3.1 The Workshop organisation and the Agenda

The first ANITA Workshop was held on May 21, 2021, and hosted as a live online event on the Microsoft Teams© platform.

The event was organized by Engineering and UCIPS, in collaboration with RISSC, AIT, JADS and DITSS who actively participated in the event as speakers.

This first event was entirely dedicated to EU LEAs and reached peaks of over 100 people in the first two hours of the event. At the end of the event, about 70 people were still connected.

The agenda of the day was a mix of activities including a live demo of ANITA and a session dedicated to four sister projects, developing complementary research results.

More in detail, the event started with a welcome speech by Engineering, the project coordinator and UCIPS as the coordinator of the task within which the workshop was organised. After the opening speeches, an overview of the ANITA project was given, followed by a presentation on the Multidisciplinary Approach adopted by ANITA, presented by RISSC.

The heart of the event was represented by the ANITA demo, organised on three nodes: 1) the presentation of the ANITA Platform by Engineering, 2) the presentation of Deep - and Dark nets crawling by AIT and 3) the presentation of the Illegal Trafficking and Trend Analysis tools by JADS. This session took roughly one hour in total and was followed by some considerations about the usefulness and value of ANITA by Peter van de Crommert, Coordinator of the ANITA User Community and Head of the Advisory Board.

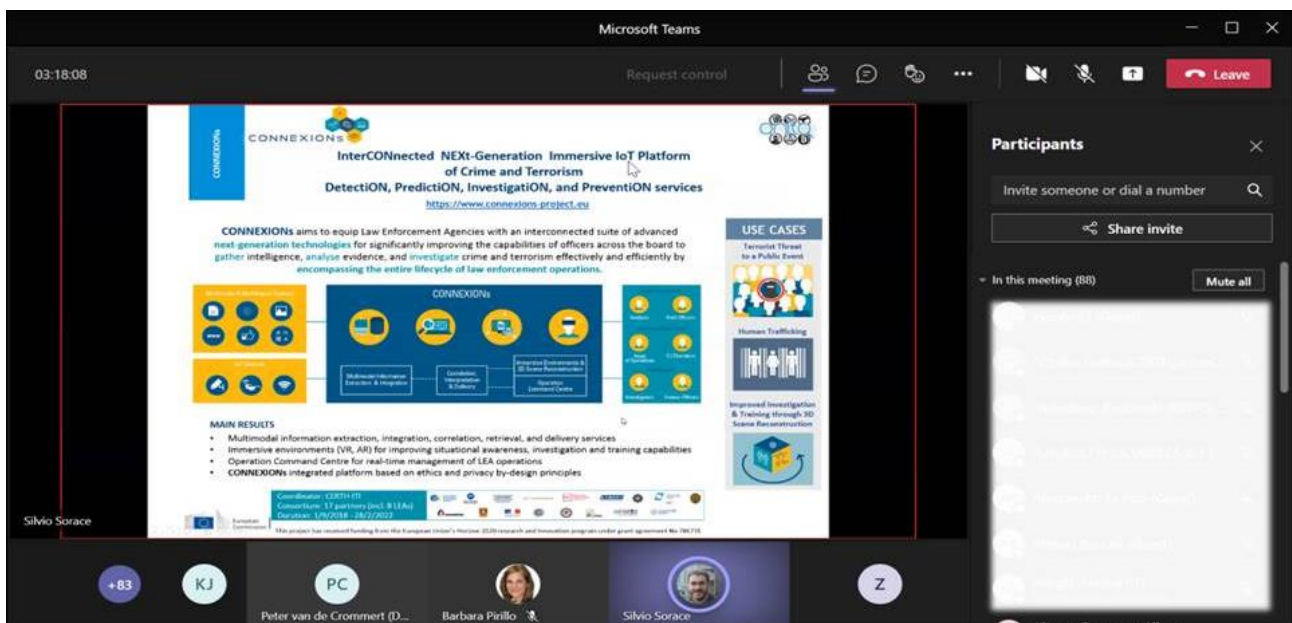
Session	Time	Who
<b>Introduction and welcome message</b>	9.30 – 9.40	Welcome and Introduction (10'), Vito Morreale (ENG), Ernesto La Mattina (ENG), Zvonimir Ivanovic (UCIPS)
<b>ANITA system overview</b>	9.40 – 10.00	ANITA overview (20'), Ernesto La Mattina (ENG)
<b>Operative and theoretical coverage</b>	10.00 – 10.20	Multidisciplinary approach (30') Valentina Scioneri (RISSC)
<b>ANITA Demo</b>	10.20 – 11.30	"The ANITA Platform" (30'), Valentina Mazzonello (ENG) "Deep - and Dark nets crawling suite" (10'), Joachim Klerx (AIT) "Illegal Trafficking and Trend Analysis tools" (10'), Giuseppe Cascavilla (JADS)



<p><b>Sister projects presentations</b></p>	<p>11.45 – 12.45</p>	<p>PROPHETS – Fikenscher Sven-Eric (Hochschule für den öffentlichen Dienst in Bayern)</p> <p>LION-DC – Evaldas Bružė (L3CE)</p> <p>CONNEXIONS – Silvio Sorace (ENG)</p> <p>PREVISION – Kostas Demestichas and Axel Kerep (ICCS)</p>
<p><b>Closing session</b></p>	<p>15 min</p>	<p>Youssef Bouali (ENG) “Business plan and future life of ANITA platform”</p> <p>All</p>

**Table 2: ANITA Agenda**

The second part of the event was characterized by the presence of sister projects whose research activities are carried out in complementarity with ANITA. The projects selected and present at the workshop were: PROPHETS<sup>1</sup>, CONNEXIONS<sup>2</sup>, LION-DC<sup>3</sup>, and PREVISION<sup>4</sup>.



**Figure 2: Screenshot of the presentation by the sister project CONNEXIONS**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.prophets-h2020.eu/>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.connexions-project.eu/>  
<sup>3</sup> <https://lion-dc.eu/>  
<sup>4</sup> <http://www.prevision-h2020.eu/>

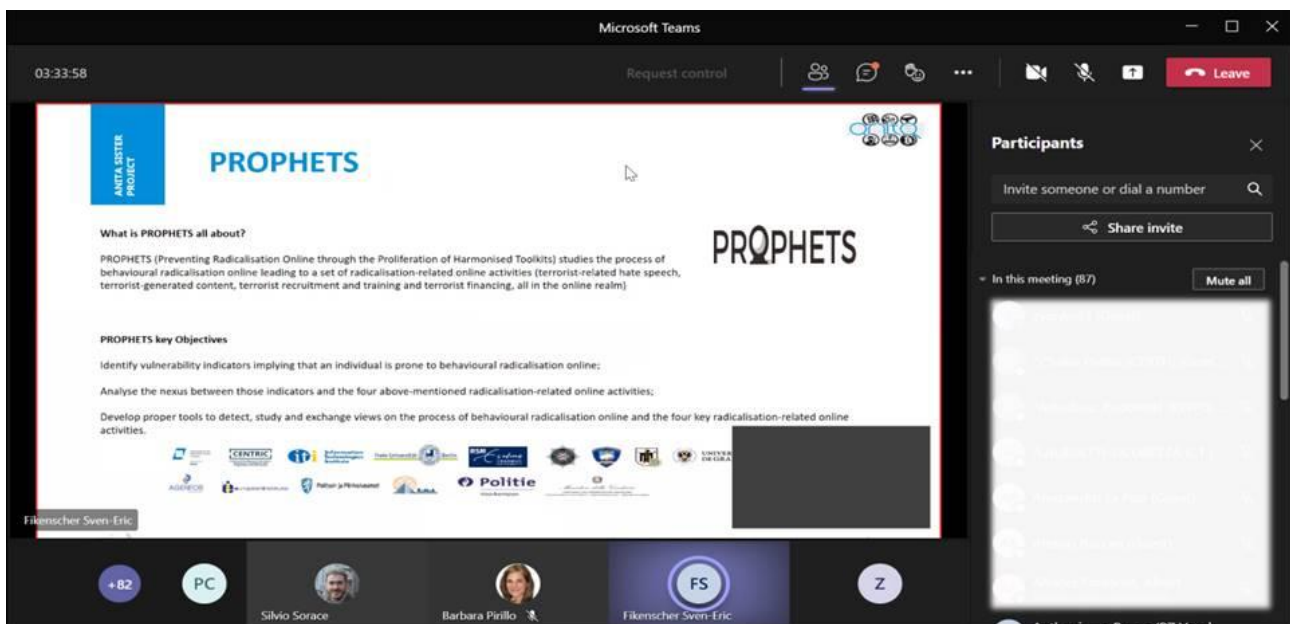


Figure 3: Screenshot of the presentation by the sister project PROPHETS

The closing session was led by Engineering with participation from DITSS and UCIPS and aimed to inform the attendees about the potential ways to adopt ANITA for LEAs.

### 3.1.1 Internal organisation of activities and templates

Aiming at a large participation from LEAs, it was considered useful to organize the work within the consortium by preparing a contact email that each ANITA partner could easily forward to its own network to be invited. The email contained an introduction into the ANITA project accompanied by the presentation of the two workshop events - to create a common thread with the next event to be held in the fall this year -, the details of the 1st ANITA workshop, the agenda, the link to the ANITA video, the Twitter account and the brochure. Another draft email to facilitate partners in their follow up work, including information about the confirmation of the event registration and providing the link to participate on the Teams platform, was also prepared.

Moreover, in order to keep track of the invitations sent by each partner and to have an idea about the expected participation both in terms of numbers and relevance of the audience with respect to the objectives that were set, an excel file was created by Engineering and shared on the project platform. A high number of the people included in the excel have then actually participated, confirming the high interest received from the invited users.

In order to make the material produced for the event homogeneous and to offer the audience a composed and coherent experience, some templates were produced for the speakers that would have intervened, in particular for the sister projects PROPHETS, LION-DC, CONNEXIONS and PREVISION.

With the exception of the template designed for the LION-DC project(which had anticipated that it would not show a demo), the format for the sister projects was "a slide + demo": this way, an approach aimed at the concrete results of the project was favoured over general info, potentially less interesting for our audience. This approach has been successfully followed by the CONNEXIONS and PREVISION projects, stimulating a real appreciation and interest from the users.

To summarise, the following material was therefore prepared:



- **An excel list** (internal use only) with the full invitation list – it needed to be filled in by partners responsible for the invitees before the event took place;
- **An invitation email** drafted, to speed up the invitation process. It provides quick info about the project as well as about the 2 workshops format and the specific event taking place on the 21 May; in the text there were some links and comments to underline the items to be attached to the email, specifically:
  - the ANITA brochure;
  - the invitation card - with some basic information about the event and the agenda;
- **Follow up email;**
- **Template for the sister projects** – 1 slide only reporting main info about the project;
- **Template specifically designed for the LION-DC project** – asking to highlight the overall project description, info about the consortium, project’s objectives and concrete results, the solution proposed and synergies with the ANITA project.

The graphic is a public agenda for the ANITA 1st Workshop. It features the ANITA logo and the date '21 May 2021'. The main title is '1st ANITA Workshop: Advanced tools for fighting online illegal trafficking'. The agenda lists the following items:

- 1st ANITA Workshop - 21 May 2021 - 9.30 CEST – 13 CEST**
- 9.30 – 9.40 - Welcome and Introduction (Engineering)
- 9.40 – 10.00 - ANITA overview (Engineering)
- 10.00 – 10.20 – Multidisciplinary approach (RISSC)
- 10.20 – 11.30 - ANITA demo
  - the ANITA Platform (Engineering)
  - Deep - and Dark nets crawling suite (AIT)
  - Illegal Trafficking and Trend Analysis tools (JADS)
- 11.30 – 11.45 - Coffee break
- 11.45 – 12.45 – Sister projects (demos and presentations)
  - CONNEXIONS project (Engineering)
  - PROPHETS project (Hochschule für den öffentlichen Dienst in Bayern)
  - LION-DC project (L3CE)
  - PREVISION project (ICCS)
- 12.45 – 13.00 - Questions/LEAs’ feedback

Additional text on the graphic includes: 'Join us for the ANITA Workshops - two one day events designed for LEAs and EU agencies to provide a comprehensive view of the new capabilities developed during the project and how to use and integrate them in LEAs’ own systems and operational investigation cycle.', 'The first workshop aims to increase the LEAs background and awareness on the potential of the ANITA system: learn about how ANITA enhances and contributes to the technological capabilities of the European LEAs involved in monitoring of illegal trafficking and organised crime activities and about the ANITA key legacy in terms of uptake.', 'Confirmation is mandatory.', and 'The second workshop will take place in Autumn 2021.' The website 'www.anita-project.eu' and Twitter handle '@AnitaProject' are also provided.



Figure 4: ANITA 1st Workshop Public Agenda



Finally, to give visibility to the event, several dissemination activities were performed. Particularly, a dedicated page<sup>5</sup> was created to advertise the event on the Engineering website (both in English and in Italian) and some tweets and LinkedIn posts were published prior to the event.

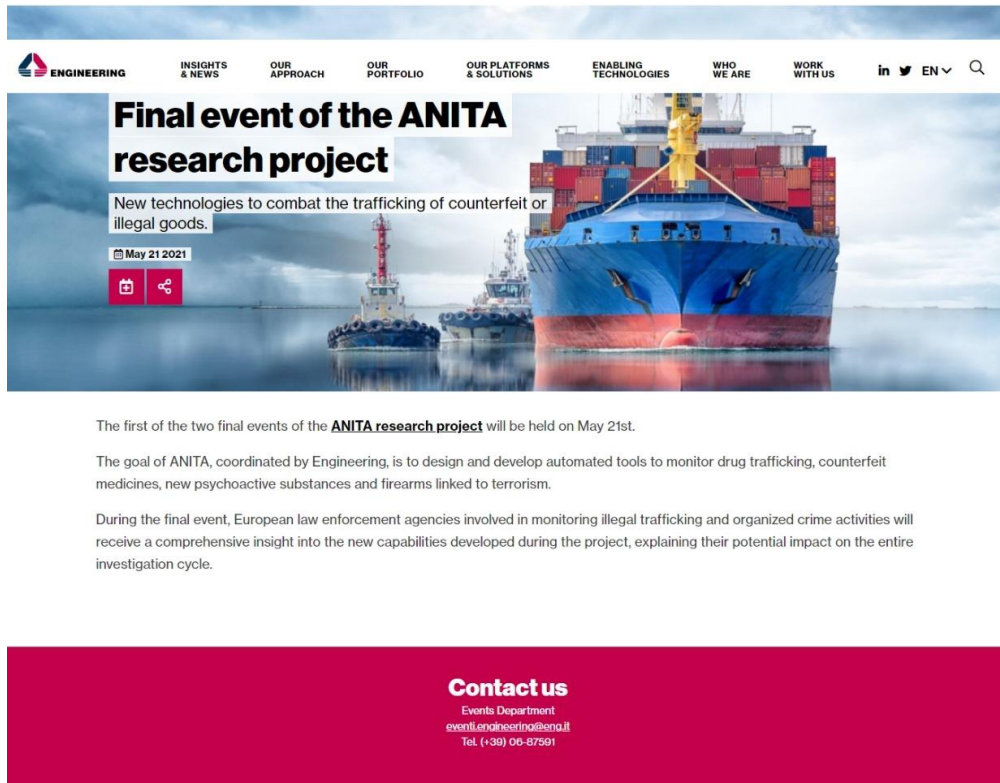


Figure 5: ANITA 1st Workshop advertised on the Engineering website

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.eng.it/en/whats-on/events/evento-finale-del-progetto-di-ricerca-anita>





Figure 6: 1st Tweet announcing the ANITA workshop (14 May, 2021)



Figure 7: 2nd Tweet on the 1st ANITA Workshop (18 May, 2021)



**Barbara Pirillo**  
@BarbaraPirillo

The first of two @AnitaProject final events will be held on Friday, May 21 - Engaging with #European #LawEnforcement to explain the potential impact of ANITA in their entire #investigation cycle | [eng.it/en/whats-on/ev...](https://eng.it/en/whats-on/ev...) via @EngineeringSpa #Security

Traduci il Tweet

**1st ANITA Workshop**  
Advanced tools for fighting online illegal trafficking

The ANITA Workshops are two one day events designed for LEAs and EU agencies to provide a comprehensive view of the new capabilities developed during the project and how to use and integrate them in LEAs' own systems and operational investigation cycle.

The first workshop aims to increase the LEAs background and awareness on the potential of the ANITA system: learn about how ANITA enhances and contributes to the technological capabilities of the European LEAs involved in monitoring of illegal trafficking and organised crime activities and about the ANITA key legacy in terms of uptake.

The second workshop will take place in Autumn 2021.

**1st ANITA Workshop - 21 May 2021 - 9.30 CEST - 13 CEST**

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- 9.40 - 10.00 - ANITA overview (Engineering)
- 10.00 - 10.20 - Multidisciplinary approach (RISSC)
- 10.20 - 11.30 - ANITA demo
  - the ANITA Platform (Engineering)
  - Deep - and Dark nets crawling suite (AIT)
  - Illegal Trafficking and Trend Analysis tools (JADS)
- 11.30 - 11.45 - Coffee break
- 11.45 - 12.45 - Sister projects (demos and presentations)
  - CONNECTIONs project (Engineering)
  - PROPHETS project (Hochschule für den öffentlichen Dienst in Bayern)
  - LION-DC project (L3CE)
  - PREVISION project (ICCS)
- 12.45 - 13.00 - Questions/LEAs' feedback

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Figure 8: Last Tweet about the 1st ANITA Workshop including the agenda and tagging the sister projects (19 May, 2021)

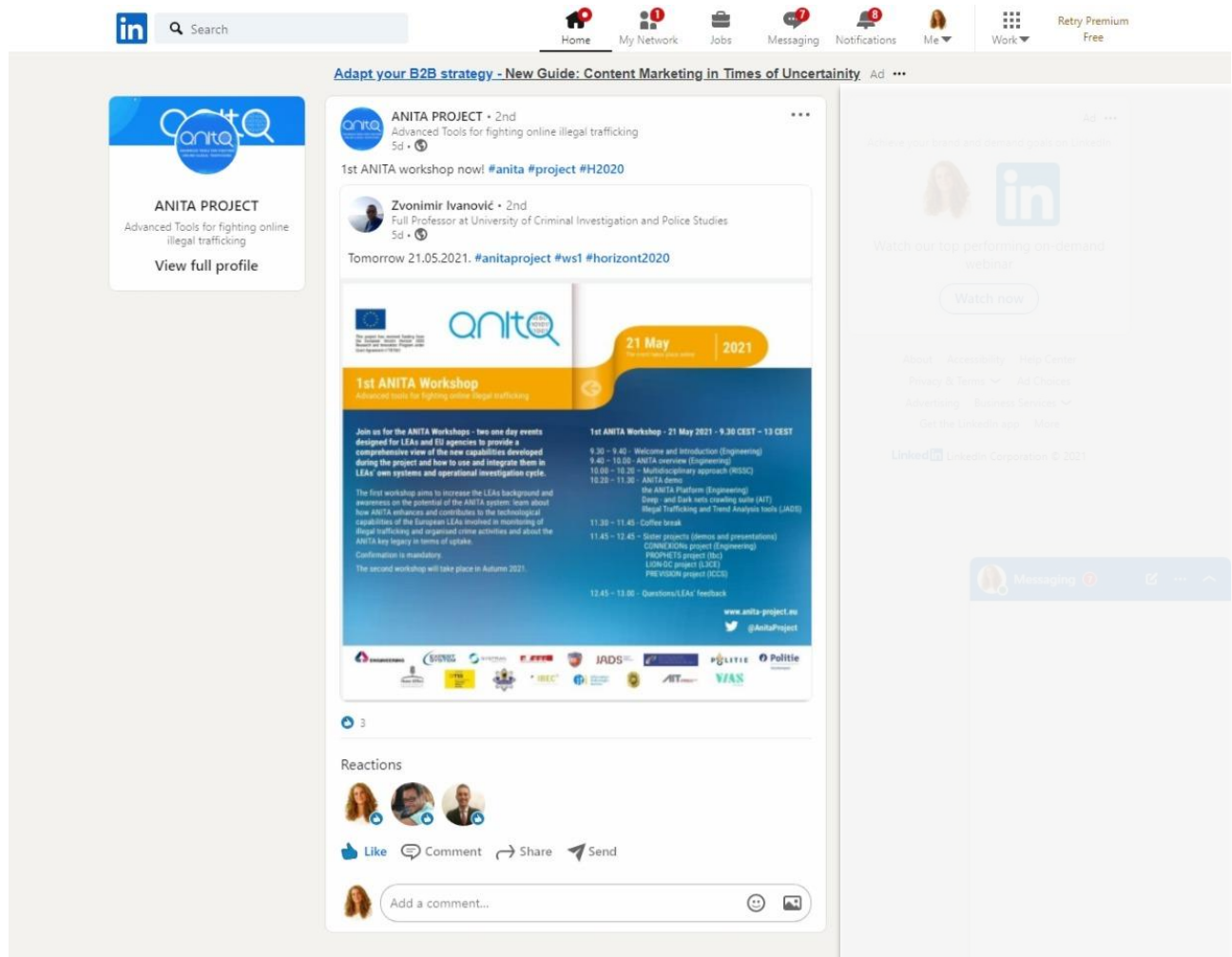


Figure 9: LinkedIn posts on ANITA account

### 3.1.2 Registration approach

Considering the profile and the work domain of our guests, it was considered better to avoid using registration systems (eg. Eventbrite) that would require participants' data storing in an external system. The attendees list was therefore managed in the following way:

- Each ANITA Partner, about one month before the event received the materials (brochure, invitation card, invitation email) to invite potentially interested LEAs;
- Each ANITA Partner was responsible for entering and updating the list of invitees they were responsible for, specifying their status ("confirmed" if the invited LEA confirmed their participation). This was important to get an estimate of attendees;
- Engineering created the online event on Microsoft Teams and provided a link to access the event that was then forwarded by the ANITA partners to their invited guests;
- Engineering personally shared the connection details only with those law enforcement agencies whose email addresses were known and who have therefore been invited directly by Engineering. All the other invited attendees will be invited by the ANITA responsible partner who have originally invited the LEA.



### 3.2 Users’ Feedback

In order to gather feedback from users regarding the workshop, the link to a questionnaire (ANNEX 1) prepared by UCIPS was repeatedly posted on the bulletin board (chat) of the current event. The questionnaire was structured in order to investigate the perceived usefulness of both the workshop and the ANITA platform to the users.

The event has lasted slightly longer than planned – until 13:30h – and the attendance was higher than planned by the project’s KPIs: more than 100 participants attended the event and the Key Performance Indicator set for this activity required to involve at least 75 participants. Also, another formulated KPI was to organise at least one of the workshops and a second one has already been planned.

In order to get attendees’ feedback, as explained earlier, a questionnaire was distributed through a weblink on the <http://www.surveymonkey.com> platform and participants were, during the conference, repeatedly asked to fill in the online questionnaire not later than two days after the workshop’s ending.

All participants and their answers were anonymous, and no information about their location or identity was collected. The survey was titled “ANITA H2020 project workshop feedback” and the description of the survey entailed the reflections on the workshop and ANITA Platform. Participants were asked to be as much realistic in their answers, as possible. They were informed that their answers will serve as a guiding tool in the refinement of the project. **In total 35 participants have filled in the survey.**

The survey was filled in a few different waves, of which the most peak was during and immediately after the workshop. The last one filled was on Monday 24 May, 2021.

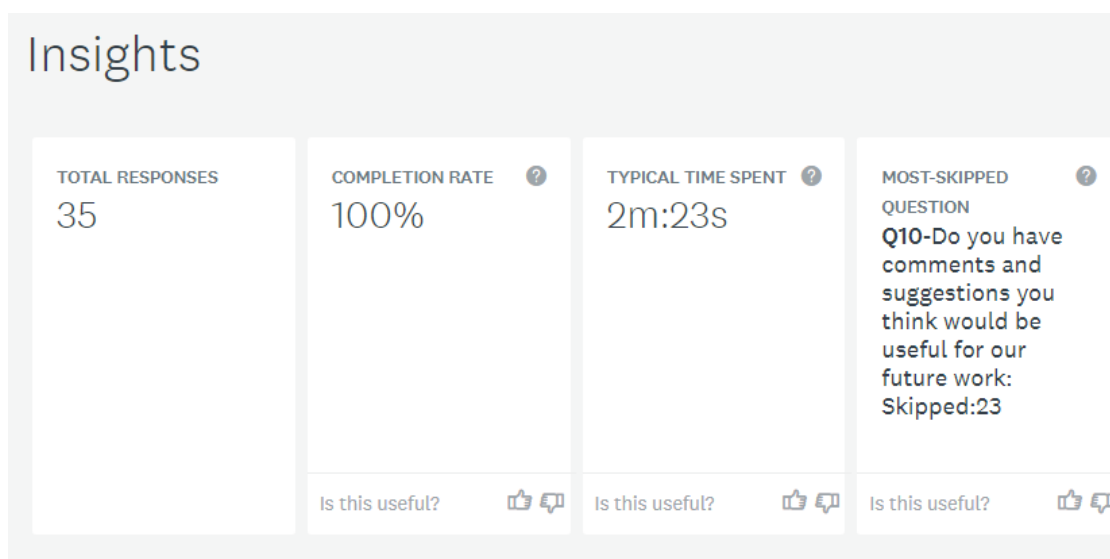


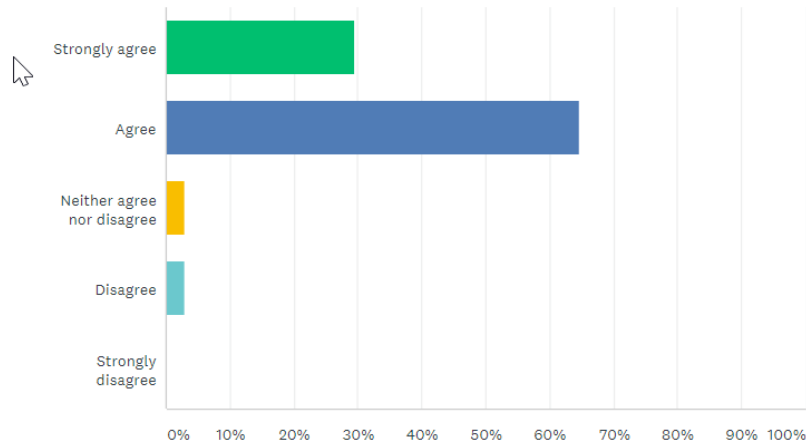
Figure 10: Questionnaire Insights



As it can be seen on Figure 10, there were some questions that lacked response, and as shown on the screenshot, the most-skipped question was question no.10. and it was skipped 23 times. This question was stated and designed to improve the workshop, but participants did not have anything to add to it.

Given my background knowledge on the subject, the training contents were specific enough & provided me with relevant and useful additional information about the topics?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	29.41% 10
Agree	64.71% 22
Neither agree nor disagree	2.94% 1
Disagree	2.94% 1
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>

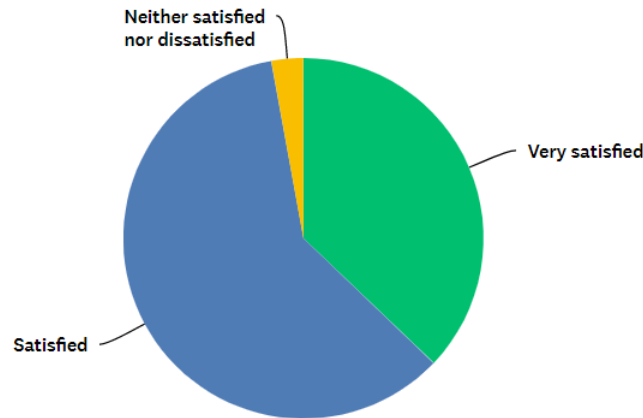
**Figure 11: Question 1 of the Questionnaire**

Answers on the first question provided almost 95% of agreement for the relevant and useful additional information about the topics. This included almost 65% of attendees agreeing with that and almost 30% Strongly disagreeing. One of the participants neither disagreed nor agreed with the statement and one disagreed. Given the results, this indicates that the Workshop hit the target. The vast majority of the participants did find additional relevant and useful information about the ANITA platform and tools.



## Overall impression on the organization of the event?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Very satisfied	37.14%	13
▼ Satisfied	60.00%	21
▼ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2.86%	1
▼ Dissatisfied	0.00%	0
▼ Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>

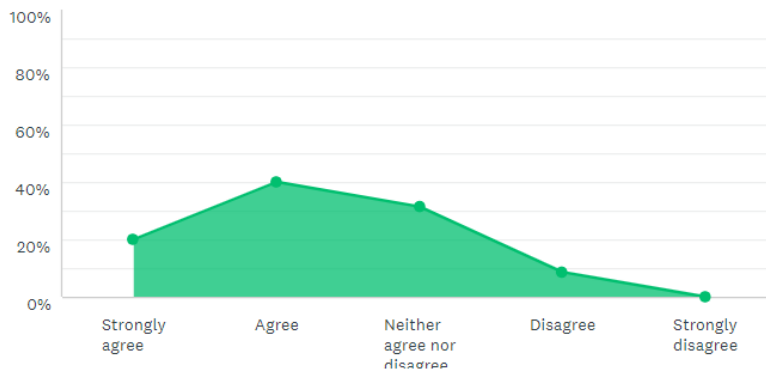
**Figure 12: Question 2 of the Questionnaire**

Answers provided on the second question have shown over 97% of satisfaction by the organisation and realization of the event and there were almost 40% of very satisfied and 60% of satisfied participants. Only one of them was neither satisfied nor dissatisfied by the organisation and realisation of the event.



During the session it was possible for the participants to interact and discuss the contents presented?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	20.00% 7
Agree	40.00% 14
Neither agree nor disagree	31.43% 11
Disagree	8.57% 3
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>

Figure 13: Question 3 of the Questionnaire

Results show that 60% of the participants agreed that they were given the possibility to interact and discuss the presented content. Also, there was almost a 40% of those who did not feel that way. Eleven (11) of them neither agreed nor disagreed with this and almost 9% disagreed. This is mostly due to the tight schedule of the event – online workshops of this type are filled with different activities and provide very few opportunities to the public to actively discuss certain subjects. There was a dedicated time slot for the participants to discuss and point out certain subjects with their own state and opinion, but since the whole event took more time than it was planned, there was not a lot of time for Q&A session. Nevertheless, almost 2/3 of the participants agreed that it was possible to interact and discuss.

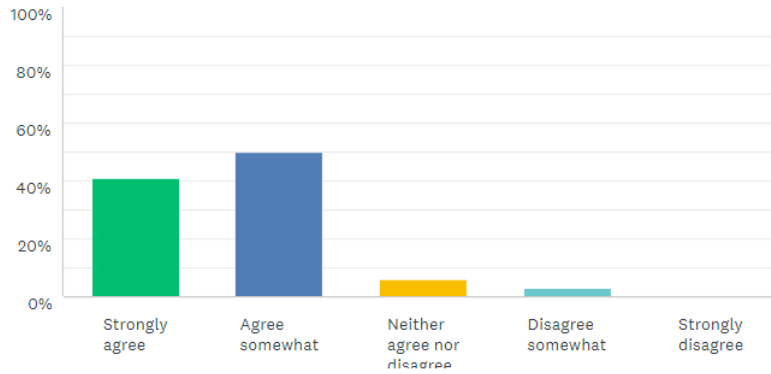




### The materials provided are clear and appropriate for audience?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 1

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	41.18% 14
Agree somewhat	50.00% 17
Neither agree nor disagree	5.88% 2
Disagree somewhat	2.94% 1
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>

Figure 14: Question 4 of the Questionnaire

In this question, almost 92% of the respondents agreed to the statement that the materials provided were clear and appropriate for the audience. Two respondents were neutral and only one somewhat disagreed. This confirms that the materials provided by the workshop were clear and appropriate for the participants.

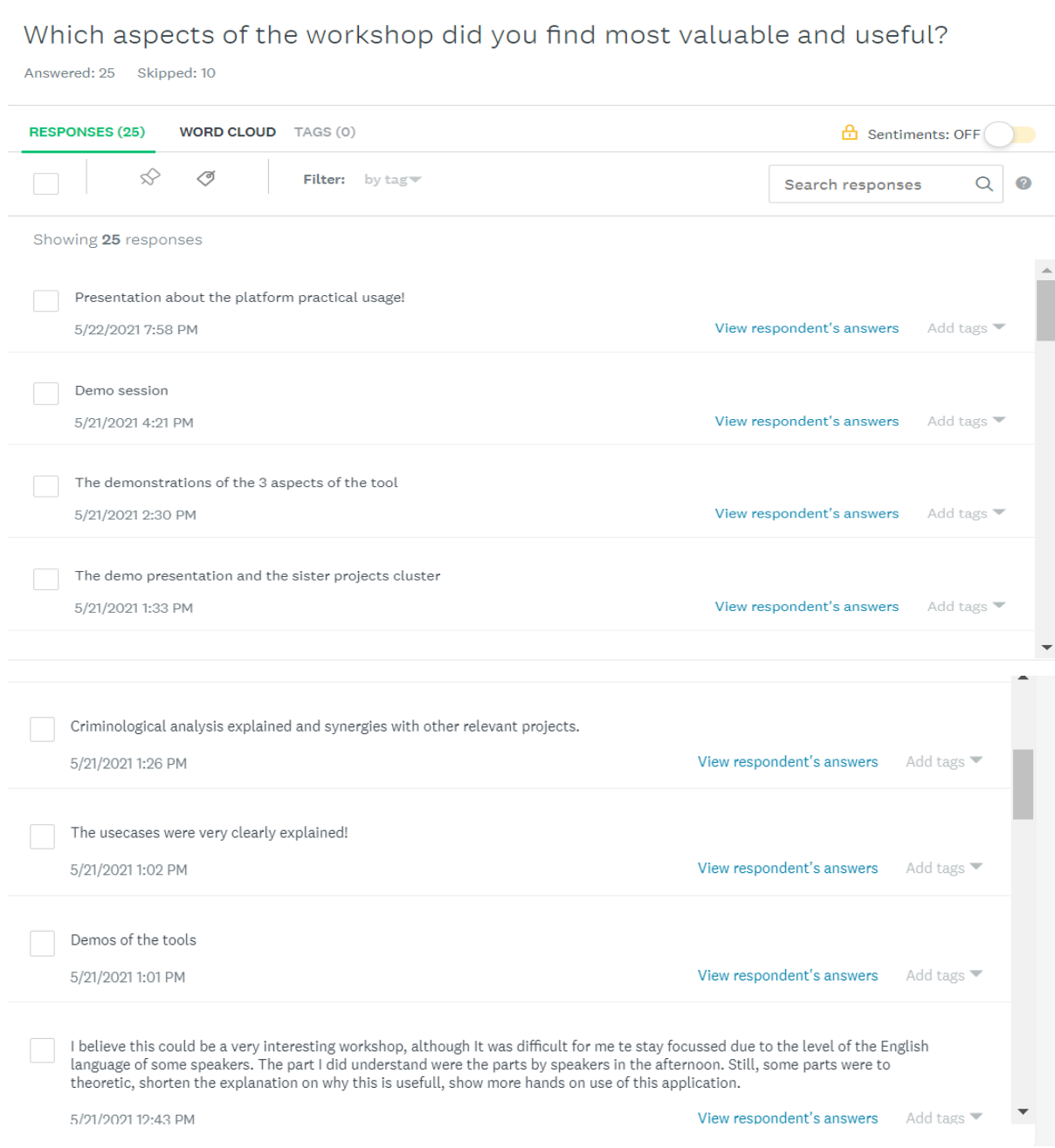


Figure 15: Question 5 of the Questionnaire

Question no. 5 was formulated to invite participants to explain which part of the workshop was the most interesting for them and even to answer which part was less well organised if any. Most of the respondents (15 of 25 – 60%) were praising the demo sessions in the comments. That was the best part of the workshop according to the participants, but also the use cases were very positively evaluated: this part was mainly related to the multidisciplinary approach, investigative analysis, and its applicability in real surroundings. One of the respondents has criticised the level of English fluency of the speakers, so that it influenced on his (or her) possibility to stay focused for the whole workshop, also he (or she) has seen presentations too much theoretical and that it should be more “hands-on” with shortened explanations of the tools and platform.



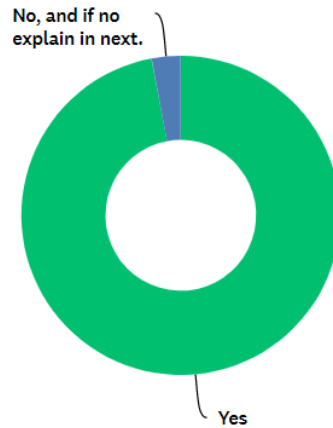
General observations	Times commented
Demo sessions	15
The use cases were very clearly explained!	1
The different inputs from people with different backgrounds and areas of knowledge	1
The analysis of investigations	1
The possible links between persons, organisations, and the possibility to become analysis in an easy way.	1
Using the tool was very useful	1
<p>I believe this could be a very interesting workshop, although it was difficult for me to stay focussed due to the level of the English language of some speakers. The part I did understand were the parts by speakers in the afternoon. Still, some parts were too theoretic, shorten the explanation on why this is useful, show more hands on use of this application.</p>	1

**Table 3: Summary of answers on Q5**



## Did the workshop achieve the project objectives?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes	97.06% 33
▼ No, and if no explain in next.	2.94% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>

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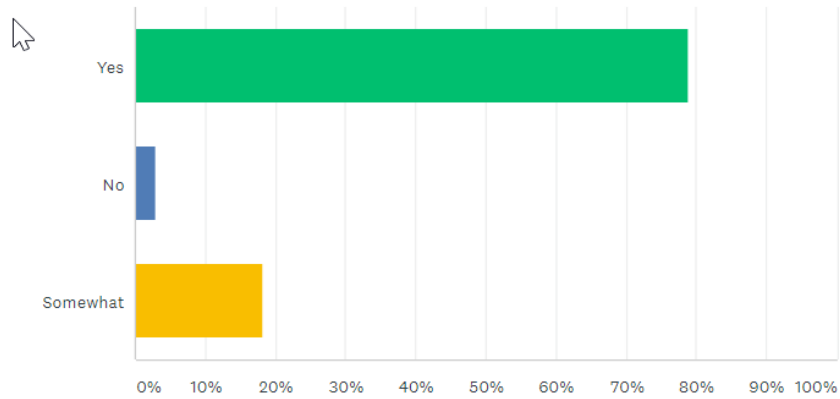
**Figure 16: Question 6 of the Questionnaire**

In the answers to question no. 6, 97.06% of the attendees considered that the workshop achieved the project objectives. There was only one negative answer and the attendee provided additional explanation as follows: “I believe this could be a very interesting workshop, although it was difficult for me to stay focused due to the level of the English language of some speakers. The parts I did understand were the parts by speakers in the afternoon. Still, some parts were too theoretic, shorten the explanation on why this is useful, show more hands-on use of this application”. One of the participants, although stated “yes”, added an additional comment in following: “I would like to learn more about the technical background of the tool and possibilities for implementation in our system”.



## Did knowledge gained from participation at this event met your expectations?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	78.79% 26
No	3.03% 1
Somewhat	18.18% 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>

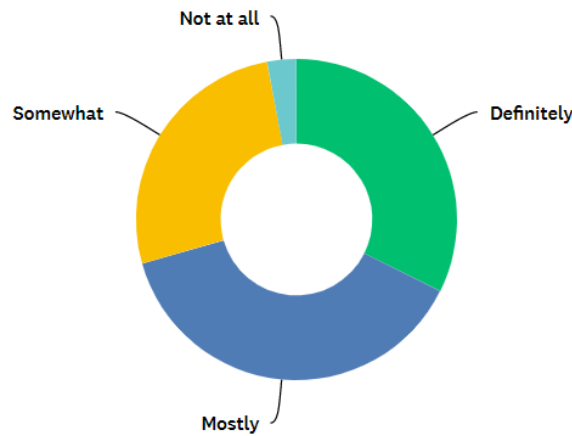
**Figure 17: Question 7 of the Questionnaire**

Most respondents that answered question no. 7 – almost 80% of them - answered that their expectations were met regarding the knowledge gained through this workshop. Six of the participants stated that their expectations were somewhat met in the workshop, and only one stated that his expectations were not met.



Will knowledge gained from participation at this event be useful/applicable in your work?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 1



**Figure 18: Question 8 of the Questionnaire**

The main result as we see it in this workshop comes from answers to question no. 8 and 9. Almost 98% (Definitely – 33%, Mostly – 39% and Somewhat 27%) of respondents to question no. 8 stated that the knowledge from this workshop can be useful/applicable in their work. Only one did not find it useful or applicable in their work (3%). This shows that the workshop was a success, that the attendees were carefully chosen by partners and that the entire project showed results which are tackling all areas of work of focused groups and that most of the participants were more than interested in the results of the project.



Do you think that ANITA platform and tools will be useful/applicable in your future work?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 1

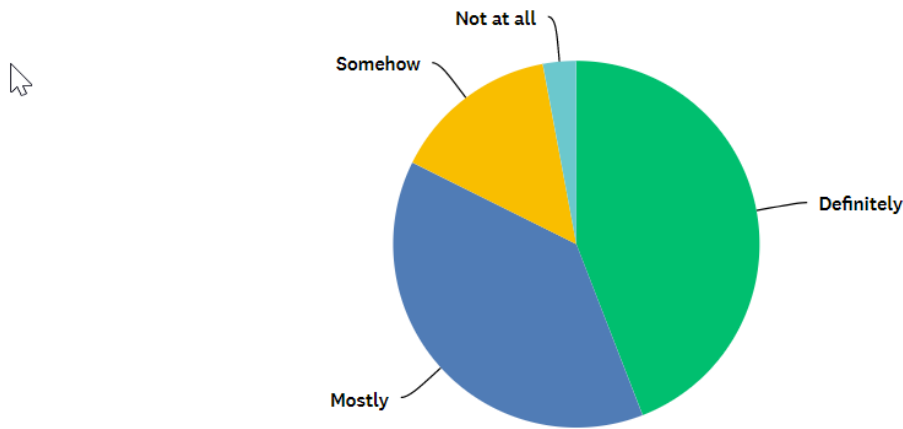


Figure 19: Question 9 of the Questionnaire

Almost 98% (Definitely – 44%, Mostly – 39% and Somewhat 15%) of the respondents stated that the ANITA platform and tools can be useful and /or applicable in their work. Only one respondent did not find it useful or applicable in their work (3%).



Do you have comments and suggestions you think would be useful for our future work:

Answered: 12 Skipped: 23

RESPONSES (12) WORD CLOUD TAGS (0) Sentiments: OFF

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- Please provide more information about tools and platform, is it open for purchase?  
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- To extend the workshop duration  
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Figure 20: Question 10 and answers of the Questionnaire

To the question no. 10 “Do you have comments and suggestions you think it would be useful in future work?”, the following answers (12) were provided:

General observations	Times commented
Please provide more information about tools and platform, is it open for purchase?	1
To extend the workshop duration.	1
Congratulations for the nice work and organisation.	1
I believe this could be a very interesting workshop, although It was difficult for me to stay focused due to the level of the English language of some speakers. The parts I did understand were the parts by speakers in the afternoon. Still, some parts were too theoretic, shorten the explanation on why this is useful, show more hands-on use of this application.	1





Keep up the good work in our common goal against crime	1
Not direct - maybe after using it myself	1
No suggestions, thank you	3
More interaction with users	1
Currently no comments or suggestions	1
What about the future and the time of use of the software in the field	1

**Table 4: Summary of answers on Q10**

The most commented answer on Q10 was “*No comments, thank you*” 3 of 12 – 25% of all answers. Next is the interest for more information about the platform, and if there was a possibility to purchase it, congratulations on the good organisation and good work, also that there is a need for a hands-on and practical approach, which was mentioned in three answers and implicates more practical approach in the next workshop and more interaction with users.



## 4 Linkage with other projects and initiatives

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The sister projects chosen to present on the workshop were selected on a basis of similarity and complementarity to the ANITA project in terms of objectives, goals and area of research. In order of appearance during the workshop, these are the projects that were presented:

- The PREVISION project, “Prediction and Visual Intelligence for Security Information”, is related to information and data stream management to fight against (cyber)crime and terrorism. It was presented by Kostas Demestichas and Axel Kerep (ICCS). Its relevance compared to the ANITA research scope, is related to the exploitation of new technology to fight against criminal activities performed on / facilitated by social media and on the Darknet, and through the Internet of Things (IoT) and other technologies. In this complex landscape, LEAs are faced with tremendous challenges.
- The CONNEXIONS project, presented by Silvio Sorace (ENG), aims to develop and demonstrate next-generation detection, prediction, prevention, and investigation services. These services will be based on multidimensional integration and correlation of heterogeneous multimodal data, and delivery of pertinent information to various stakeholders in an interactive manner tailored to their needs, through augmented and virtual reality environments. The CONNEXIONS solution encompasses the entire lifecycle of law enforcement operations, including:
  - Pre-occurrence crime prediction and prevention
  - During-occurrence LEA operations
  - Post-occurrence investigation, and crime-scene simulation and 3D reconstruction.

In line with the ANITA mandate, CONNEXIONS will meaningfully enhance operational and (near) real-time situational awareness for the LEAs, through automated identification, interpretation, fusion and correlation of multiple heterogeneous big data sources, with the addition of the delivery of these services via immersive solutions.

- THE LION-DC project was presented by its project coordinator – Evaldas Bružė (L3CE). The project aims to provide LEA with new skills, methodologies, and tools in the fight against drug trafficking, given major discernible shifts in the utilisation of digital environments (eg. traditional social media) regarding distribution and sale of drugs such as the increasingly widespread use of cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies by organised crime. In order to enhance LEA capacity to identify the flow of drugs and key players involved, either to thwart criminal activity or to determine guilt after the fact, the project will: test the efficiency, unique capabilities, and shortfalls in the use of various forms of technology, as well as Open Source Intelligence Tools (OSINT); penetrate the Dark Web; develop novel ways of going beyond the widely used “follow the money” principle; and augment the identification and description of criminals by collating a wide range of sources, both open and closed. The key activity of the Lion DC initiative is real, case-based, cross border exercising in drug criminality, which will be enacted by LEA practitioners, providing opportunities for LEA together with academia to share expertise, methodologies and analytical capabilities; and to identify available tools and rank them on their feasibility and usefulness.
- The project PROPHETS presented by project leader – Fikenscher Sven-Eric (Hochschule für den öffentlichen Dienst in Bayern), focuses on examining the process of behavioural radicalisation online and how it leads to hate speech, terrorist financing, terrorist-generated content, terrorist recruitment and training.



## 5 Conclusions

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As it has already been highlighted in the context of this deliverable, this first ANITA Workshop has met the expected level of dissemination activities since the KPIs were outreached almost 100% and it attracted more than 100 participants, from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, France, Poland, Greece and the UK.

Nevertheless, results oblige the consortium and each partner to bear in mind the effort and activities engaged in the creation of this result and to honour their reach until the end of the project. Also, this serves as a reminder to keep up the good work and provide even better results. Comments from the 25 answers of question no.5 and especially from the 12 answers of question no.10 provide better possibilities for tuning of the tools and the platform which could be engaged in further life of the project, even beyond the finishing date in October 2021. Generally, already commented answers provide the following conclusions: the workshop was very interesting, covering extremely relevant areas of police interests and in a very demanding field. Many of our participants are directly related to operative actions and investigations so the platform with tools itself is directly targeting those focus groups. Impact on them was very positive as can be seen from their direct interest in demo session, practical demonstration and usefulness in the investigation.



## 6 ANNEX 1

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### ANITA WORKSHOP EVALUATION

Thank you for attending the workshop! We would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to share your opinions about the workshop with us. Your feedback and comments will help us evaluate the effectiveness of the workshop.

**Workshop**

**title:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(1 = Strongly agree (Very satisfied) - 5 = Strongly disagree (not satisfied at all))**

**1. Given my background knowledge on the subject, the training contents were specific enough & provided me with relevant and useful additional information about the topics?**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

**2. Overall impression on the organization of the event?**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

**3. During the session it was possible for the participants to interact and discuss the contents presented?**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

**4. The materials provided are clear and appropriate for audience?**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

**5. Which aspects of the workshop did you find most valuable and useful?**

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**6. Did the workshop achieve the project objectives?**

Yes

No (And if no, why?)

**If no, why?**

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**7. Did knowledge gained from participation at this event met your expectations?**

Yes                  No                  Somewhat

**8. Will knowledge gained from participation at this event be useful/applicable in your work?**

Definitely      Mostly                  Somehow      Not at all

**9. Do you think that ANITA platform and tools will be useful/applicable in your future work?**

Definitely      Mostly                  Somehow      Not at all

**10. Do you have comments and suggestions you think would be useful for our future work:**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!**