

★ **The 1st Milestone has been reached with success (waiting for the official confirmation from European Commission)**

Meetings news

➡ **First End-Users meeting in Paris**



A first End-Users meeting was held in Paris the 3 & 4 March 2005.

Represented Countries: England, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Spain

Excused: Germany, Portugal

◆ 14 experts reviewed the document written by the French customs regarding the specific needs of end-Users and were invited in an open forum to discuss about the detailed project goals.

◆ *Main conclusions:*

- EURITRACK is a great challenge vs duration time of the project and allowed budget and moreover the project as explained fully meets Custom Authorities 's requirements
- Next meeting to be planned at the beginning of next year (2006).

➡ **Technical WP3 meeting in Zagreb**

A technical WP3 meeting was held in Zagreb (Croatia) the 14&15 March 2005

Represented partners : CEA, IRB, INFN, IPJ, CAEN, SODERN

The following items have been discussed

- ◆ General characteristics of the inspection system.
- ◆ Tracker
- ◆ Gamma ray system.
- ◆ Neutron Detector
- ◆ Front-end electronics
- ◆ Software

In addition the group seized the opportunity to make some preliminary tests at the IRB Laboratory

- ◆ IRB discussion with potential end users in Croatia (Croatian customs, coast guard).

➡ **Technical meeting in Le Havre**

A short technical meeting was held the 17th of March in Le Havre between the Project coordinator (on behalf of the Consortium) and Representatives of the French Customs to discuss about the location of the future demonstrator and some administrative details.

➡ **Boards next meetings**

Next Boards meetings: 12 & 13 May 2005 in France

Involved boards: Executive Committee, Exploitation Board, Advisory Board (1st meeting) and Governing Board (1st meeting)

➡ **Conferences/ Workshops**

- ◆ Giuseppe Viesti from the Dipartimento di Fisica "Galileo Galilei" dell' Università di Padova, INFN Sezione di Padova.

BARC Seminar (31st January to 4th February 2005, Mumbai, India)

The EURITRACK project: application of fast neutron based techniques to cargo container inspection.

The EURITRACK (EUROpean Illicit TRafficking Countermeasure Kit) Project was presented. It is a newly started project aimed at applying tagged neutron beam inspections in seaports ofr the detection of hidden explosives or other threat materials. Development of sealed tagged neutron generators and techniques for inspection of large volumes are foreseen.

Kyoto (28th February to 6th march 05, Japan)

In Kyoto EURITRACK was reported within Giuseppe Viesti presentation having the title: *Development of Antipersonnel Mine Detection Method in Italy.*

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At the Meeting: *Technical Meeting on the Project of the R&D for Supporting Antipersonnel Mine Detection and Removal Activities Program*



The Inertial Electrostatic Confinement Fusion Devices used as Portable Neutron Sources (Institute of Advanced Energy Kyoto)

News

Euritrack will be present in the next International Conference on Risk and Emergency Management - Research and Policy Perspectives, 8-9 June 2005, Hannover, Germany

And in INTERSCHUTZ, International Trade Fair for Rescue Services, Fire Prevention, Disaster Relief, Safety and Security (6-11 June 2005, Hannover)

<http://www.vfdb.de/riskcon/>



Web News

New presentations of Euritrack are on line on different web sites.

♦ **Europa information:**

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/policy_link/documents/factsheets/jus_euritrack.pdf

♦ **CAEN:**

<http://www.caen.it/newsletter/newsletter11.html>



European commission news

♦ **Security research**

European Commission activities and initiatives in security research

http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/security/index_en.htm

♦ **Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security**

http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/justice_home/index_en.htm

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