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**EUROSINT
FORUM**

The European
Open Source Intelligence Forum
(EUROSINT FORUM)

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New threats

OSINT is the ability to derive **intelligence** – with all its added value – from **information** gleaned not from secret sources but from **non-classified sources**

New sources or new technologies ?

“When a crisis erupts in some distant part of the globe, in an area where established intelligence assets are thin, intelligence analysts and policymakers alike will often turn first to the television set and Internet”

“There are far more bloggers, journalists, experts, television reporters, and think-tankers in the world than there are case officers”

Source: S.Mercado - « Studies in Intelligence » - Vol 49 - 2005

To be informed is not enough

In OSINT the core value is not the source
but the information it contains and the
ability to analyse it

OSINT places man at the heart of the
intelligence equation

OSINT and CLASSINT

OSINT is a vital complement to classified intelligence. It allows rare intelligence resources to be concentrated on the most complicated and difficult information challenges

OSINT is not in competition with classified information

OSINT's key advantage

OSINT provides EU institutions with the perfect platform to, quite legitimately, initiate intelligence cooperation

EUROSINT Facts

- Established in 2006 and headquartered in Brussels
- The Forum is a not for profit association
- The Forum is funded solely by annual membership fees
- Forum staff work on a voluntary basis
- The Forum does not undertake commercial work of any kind

Our Mission

To create a European “intelligence ecology” that is dedicated to provoking thought on open source intelligence (OSINT) and its use in the intelligence and security spheres by public and private sector organisations

Our Aims

- Facilitate public-private dialogue on OSINT and related disciplines
- Promote new thinking at the European policy level on the use of OSINT in national and regional security
- Network and connect public and private sectors actors working in the European security, defence and intelligence sectors
- Encourage the creation of public-private consortia to pool R&D capabilities, advance the development of new IT and realize challenging projects
- Identify global best practices and encourage their uptake across the EU

Our Members

- EU institutions
- National defence, security and intelligence agencies
- Private sector providers of intelligence
- Technology developers
- Universities, think tanks and research institutes

The Forum's Activities

Since September 2006, the EUROSINT Forum has:

- Organized 12 working group meetings (between 20 - 50 participants each) and two annual conferences (of approx. 100 participants):
 - Technological gaps
 - Training and best practices
 - Subject and region-specific workshops (maritime security, radicalization, terrorism, etc.)
 - Networking events
- Joined an FP7 security research project (VIRTUOSO)
- Served as a “nest” for several projects between members (training, IT development, joint research)

The Forum's Achievements

In just over two years the Forum and its members have succeeded in:

- Defining the training needs of European government, security and intelligence professionals working with open sources of information
- Identifying critical technology gaps with regard to the collection, management and application of open source information
- Raising broad awareness on the value of OSINT to today's national, regional and international security agenda
- Engaging in competitive research project on the European level

Main actions at the EU level

- 2006 – EDA Study “Open Source Information Search Engines”
- 2007 – EDA Study and Demonstrator “Universal Intelligence Analyst’s Tool (UIAT)”
- 2008 – EDA Pilot Training Programme (3 sessions of 2 weeks)
- 2008 – FP7 Security – Call 2: Integrated project “Exploitation of open source information in support of decision making processes”
- 2009 – EDA “Development of a Common Standardised User Interface (CSUI)”
- 2009 - EDA Pilot Training Programme (About 30 weeks)
- 2009 – FP7 Security – Call 3 (draft project): “Information and knowledge management for the prevention of organised crime”

The VIRTUOSO Project (2010-2012)

- VIRTUOSO is three-year project that brings together a European consortium of 18 OSINT actors to realize a single project
- The project is intended to create a pan-European platform for the collection, analysis and dissemination of open source information
- The platform will integrate different methods and technologies and ensure greater interoperability among information and technology providers
- The platform will provide EU actors with real-time OSINT aggregation as well as text mining, early warning and decision support tools
- Over the next three years, the Forum will organize 20 working groups with European end-users to gather and evaluate project requirements

How Can the Forum Serve You?

- How can the Forum collaborate with you or your organization?
- What issues or themes should we explore in our working groups?
- What projects or initiatives would you like to see realized on a regional or international level?
- How can the FORUM raise awareness of OSINT in your country?

Thank You

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