



## Invitation

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are cordially invited to the **IN-PREP** and **HEIMDALL** workshop entitled '**Beyond the technical: legal, political, social and ethical considerations of transboundary cooperation**' taking place at the **Public Safety Communication Europe (PSCE) Conference** in Lancaster, UK on **4 June 2019**.

Imagine you had the perfect technical tool for planning, training and responding to transboundary crises and disasters – what else would you need to make the technology effective? What kinds of support would you need in terms of ethical guidance, policy recommendations, regulatory frameworks and organisational standards?

This workshop will gather practitioners and experts from across disaster management domains, industry, government and academia to explore the broader dynamics of successful support technologies for crisis management. The workshop will go beyond the technical, to provide a forum for broader discussions about policy gaps, and legal, societal, cultural and ethical challenges.

**Registration is now open here:** <https://pscebeyondthetechnical.eventbrite.co.uk/>

During registration, you are invited to share a short description of a transboundary crisis, experience, challenge or concern to illustrate what kind of policy and inter-organisational issues need to be addressed in a multi-agency training and response environment.

For more information about the workshop, please visit [www.in-prep.eu/psceworkshop](http://www.in-prep.eu/psceworkshop), or email [Meadhbh@carrcommunications.ie](mailto:Meadhbh@carrcommunications.ie) or [Katrina.Peterson@trilateralresearch.com](mailto:Katrina.Peterson@trilateralresearch.com).

### About the Projects

**IN-PREP** is working to prepare responders better so that more lives can be saved during natural disasters and crises. IN-PREP aims to develop a collaborative training platform to address the lack of training capabilities and insufficient links in transboundary crisis management. The platform includes: a novel IT training platform, called the Mixed Reality Preparedness Platform (MRPP); training modules to test coordination between agencies; and a Crisis Management Handbook.

**HEIMDALL** aims to improve preparedness of societies to cope with complex crisis situations by providing a flexible platform for multi-hazard emergency planning and management. HEIMDALL is developing a modular, flexible and scalable architecture that provides key stakeholders with relevant tools to process available data and improve preparedness of societies in relation to emergency management - and thereby enhancing response capacity of society as a whole.

