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The SIAM project has entered the final phase. A major milestone is approaching in September, when all contend-related work packages will conclude. From then on, the partners will focus on including the content from the empirical work packages into the SIAM database. Both the database and the Assessment Tool have seen major progress. Kingston University and Technical University Berlin are closely cooperating in the process of further developing the final products of SIAM. As of early August, a tool will be made available for the consortium that facilitates the integration of the results from content-related work packages into the database. All partners will then be working to fill the data base with empirical data in order make the data available for security technology assessments.

Data base integration tool released

The tremendous amount of data that has been gathered and pre-structured is now to be integrated into the SIAM data model. Therefore Kingston Univer-

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sity developed a data collection tool that allows grouping the assessment criteria and their related questions. These questions will be aligned to the four S-T-E-Fi dimensions (Security, Trust, Efficiency, and Freedom Infringements). The Freedom Infringement related questions will also be further structured along the respective normativity dimensions

The idea behind this **toolkit**, is not only to ensure common standard in integrating the data but also to enable future users to add their own questions and criteria in the same manner. The aim of SIAM is to become a sustainable and growing tool that gathers constantly knowledge provided by users.

User Forum II

After conducting user fora in Berlin (D), Torino (I) and Tel Aviv (IL) in the beginning of the year 2013 a second international user forum will be held in Berlin on October the 31st. The first user fora were supposed to test the SIAM approach and to collect the ideas and know-how of the respective experts and future users. SIAM was at that time in a stage where the Assessment Support Tool could be adapted following the demands of the practitioners.

The second user forum will present the alpha version of the Assessment Support Tool to a selected group of international experts. They will be given a step-by-step introduction, provided by Kingston University, and will then have the opportunity to test the system by themselves. In the end they shall evaluate the tool and conduct a SWOT analysis which will be part of the revision of the tool. Building on the results of the second user forum, the consortium is planning to provide the beta-version of the tool in March 2014.

Training workshops

The dissemination manager for SIAM, Berlin Brandenburg Alliances (BBAA), will be holding training workshops to introduce the Assessment Support System to interested practitioners beginning next year. Workshops will be held between January and March 2014 in Belgium, United Kingdom, Germany, Israel and Italy. The objective of the training workshops is to contribute to the dissemination of the tool among those stakeholders who are actually the target group of SIAM: deci-

sion makers in the security domains of mass transport organisations.

Final conference at CPDP 2014

The project coordinator Leon Hempel of Technical University together with Mireille Hildebrandt from Vrije Universiteit Brussels is organising a whole-day workshop for the 2014 Computer, Privacy and Data Protection Conference 2014 in Brussels. The workshop will include experts from different research domains who will discuss issues of social impact assessments. Two sessions will present research papers on social impact assessments and underlying theories and one roundtable will discuss current and future issues of this research domain.

Staff changes

Dagny Vedder of Technical University left SIAM for maternity leave. We are happy to welcome Hans Lammerant from Vrije Universiteit Brussels, who has been working on the Brussels team since June and will be joining the team at TUB on the 1st of September 2013.

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