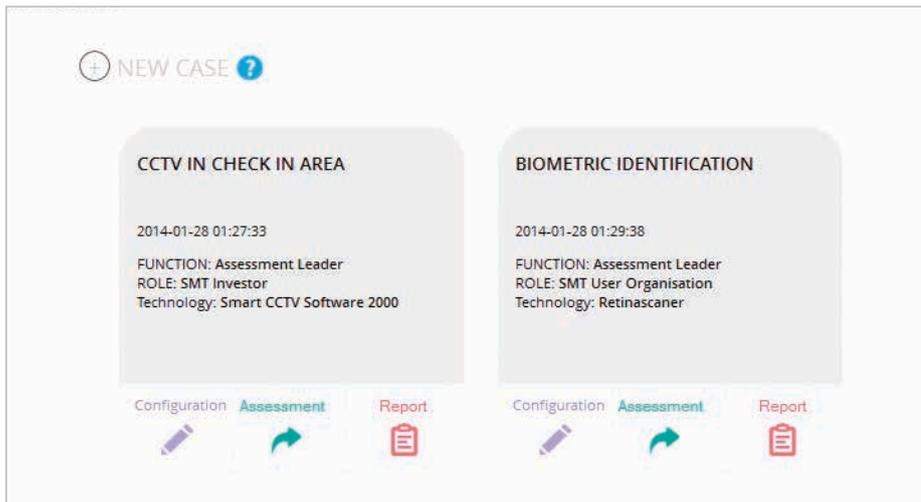


International User Forum in Berlin 31.10.2013

On October 31, the SIAM consortium conducted its last user forum where the alpha version of the SIAM Assessment Support Tool (AST) was tested. The alpha version incorporated the feedback from four previous user forums in Germany, Italy, Israel and the United Kingdom.

The user forum took place at an IT training facility in Berlin, Germany. The facility had provided a local area network within which the SIAM AST infrastructure could be simulated, by means of a local web application server (provided by KU).

professional expertise. Afterwards a scenario was presented, illustrating the security problem which induced the assessment process. The user forum case featured an example scenario concerning an increased need to detect unintended luggage and objects in a mass transportation facility. At the heart of the proposed solution was a range of advanced computer vision technology. This could be implemented into the existing CCTV system at the facility – capable to recognise and track people and objects based on different algorithms process-



Dashboard of the SIAM AST

After a short introduction by the coordinator, the AST toolkit was presented by Ronald Grau of Kingston University, covering a brief overview on the general ideas, system architecture, and some of the important theoretical underpinnings of the assessment support functionality.

Each participant was provided with a user account for the system and assigned a specific role within the AST, fitting their

ing the CCTV footage. The technology provider, impersonated by Graeme Jones of Kingston University, suggested a solution that would invite further capabilities, with different implications on the technical requirements as well as on a range of different trust and freedom infringement issues. After creating a new assessment case with the toolkit and completing the configuration phase together with the audience, the participants were asked to

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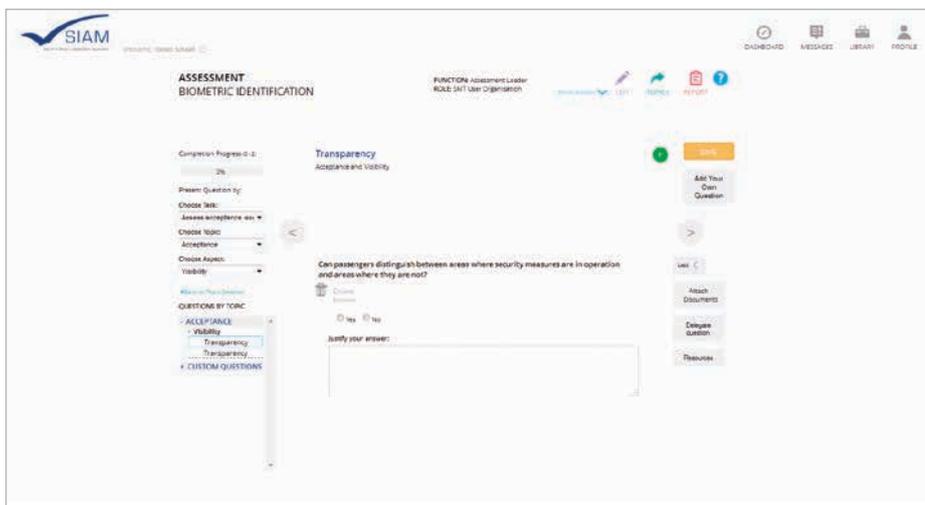
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answer a carefully prepared set of questions that were presented on their computer.

The second user forum presented a well structured alpha version of the AST. The suggestions, criticisms and ideas given as feedback at the first round of user forums were used to improve the AST substantially. Fortunately, the SIAM consortium was able to recruit some of the partici-

pants from the last user forums and supplement them with renowned experts from leading scientific institutions and other practitioners. This was the first time where users who have previously not been aware of SIAM have tested the tool and evaluated its content. This provided valuable insight into their interaction with such a tool and gave pointers towards issues where the AST can be improved.



Assessment process of the SIAM AST

SIAM at the „Computer, Privacy and Data Protection Conference (CPDP)“ in Brussels 22.01.2014

SIAM successfully organized its final conference at the CPDP 2014 in Brussels by hosting various panels covering the fields of technology impact assessments (TIAs). The CPDP is one of the leading conferences in this area and was attended by more than 800 participants. The focus of the panels reached beyond the AST and comprised the concepts and methodologies behind it. Dr. Leon Hempel, consortium leader (TUB), introduced together with Hans Lammerant (VUB) the concept behind the increased demand for “Social Impact Assessments (SIA)” in Security Technologies and Measurements. This was then supplemented by Dr. Ronald Grau (Kingston University) who presented the AST to the audience.

In the following debate academics and industry representatives acknowledged the need of structured TIAs in the security (research) area.

A highlight of the SIAM panels was the round table which dealt with the legal, technical and socio-organisational levels of addressed paradoxes between legal norms and socio-technical practices. Round table participants represented leading researchers in that area such as Ian Brown (Oxford University), Julie Cohen (Georgetown University), Roger Clarke (Australian National University), Paul de Hert (Vrije Universiteit Brussels/Tilburg University), Kristrun Gunnarsdottir (Lancaster University), Charles Raab (University of Edinburgh), Sarah Spiekermann (Vienna University of Economics and Business), Brian Wynne (Lancaster University), Mireille Hildebrandt (Vrije Universiteit Brussels) and Leon Hempel (Technische Universität Berlin).

Publicated

Final results will be published soon

The consortium is glad to announce that its final results will be ready for free download in March 2014 on its website. The consortium will make the assessment support tool, the guidelines depicting a structured assessment process and the handbook documenting the methodologies developed by SIAM available for download.

Workshop

Upcoming training workshops

In the final stage of the project, the dissemination manager of the SIAM consortium will offer training workshops in Berlin, London, Tel Aviv, Brussels and Turin in March 2014. The trainings aim to introduce interested personnel of mass transportation security to the AST and guide them in using it. For further information please contact the Berlin Brandenburg Aerospace Alliance (BBAA) with its representative Dr. Andreas Timmermann (andreas.timmermann@bbaa.de).