

Symposium 2

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We are excited to announce the upcoming **E2i Symposium 2: Security Innovation Matters on July 1st, 2025, in Brussels, Belgium**. This one-day event is dedicated to addressing a critical question: How can we achieve more impactful, real-world outcomes from EU security research and innovation?

Join us at **Le Bouche à Oreille**, in the heart of Brussels, for an exciting day of discussions, exhibitions, and expert insights. The symposium will feature keynote speeches from **Nicolas Bessot** (Head of Innovation and Security Research at the European Commission), and **Nehro Azeri** and **Magnus Sjöberg** from **Europol Innovation Lab**. Together, they will explore how human-centred design methods, tools and processes can drive innovation and bring EU security R&I closer to real-world implementation.

In addition, **we will be previewing the E2i Toolbox**, a practical set of tools designed to enhance engagement and human-centred approaches in EU security R&I projects. You'll also have the chance to explore the **E2i Student Design Challenge** finalists' entries, showcasing creative solutions to real-world security challenges.

**Attendance is free**

including lunch and refreshments, but places are limited.

[Know more](#)**Register now**

and don't miss this opportunity to contribute to the future of security innovation in Europe!

[Register here](#)**E2i Student Design Challenge: Submissions Closed – Winner to be Announced at Symposium 2**

The **E2i Student Design Challenge** has officially closed for submissions as of April 30th. We've received some incredible entries focused on urban safety and security, particularly around public spaces and urban mobility. The winning entry will be announced live at the **Symposium 2** in **Brussels** on **July 1st, 2025!**

The **Student Design Challenge** encouraged participants to bring innovative solutions to real-world urban security challenges, and we look forward to celebrating the most creative ideas at the event. Stay tuned for the big reveal!

**Policy Brief: Driving Policy Change with Research Insights**

As part of our ongoing research, we've developed a **Policy Brief** to present our findings and recommendations for policymakers. The document addresses key barriers in the security research sector and offers actionable steps to support the implementation of more effective, human-centred solutions.

We are committed to supporting **decision-makers** in shaping the future of **security innovation**, and the **Policy Brief** serves as an essential resource in this process.

[Read the Policy Brief here](#)**Stay connected**

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