

Cyber-Security Threats and Threat Actors Training Assurance Driven Multi-Layer, end-to-end Simulation and Training

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# **THREAT-ARREST Overview**

THREAT-ARREST is funded by the European Commission Horizon 2020 programme under Grant Agreement No. 786890, launched on September 2018.

It has a four-year duration and its main scope is to develop **an advanced training platform** incorporating **emulation**, **simulation**, **serious gaming** and **visualization** capabilities to adequately prepare stakeholders with different types of responsibility and levels of expertise in defending high-risk cyber systems and organizations to counter **advanced**, **known** and **new cyber-attacks**.

The THREAT-ARREST platform will deliver security training, based on a model driven approach where cyber threat and training preparation (CTTP) models, specifying the potential attacks, the security controls of cyber systems against them, and the tools that may be used to assess the effectiveness of these controls, will drive the training process, and align it (where possible) with operational cyber system security assurance mechanisms to ensure the relevance of training.

The platform will also support trainee performance evaluation and training programme evaluation and adapt training programmes based on them. The effectiveness of the framework will be validated using a prototype implementation interconnected with real cyber-systems pilots in the areas of smart energy, healthcare and shipping, and from technical, legal and business perspectives.

Visualisation Tool **Training Tool** Trainee CTTP CTTP CTTP Tools CTTP Model CTTP Model Performance Programme Programme Programme Editor Amendment Communication Evaluation Adaptation Evaluation Evolution Security ' **Gamification Tool Emulation Tool** Cognitive Profile esting and Generation Simulation Tool Emulated Emulated Bus Component Component Synthetic Logs Serious Serious Data Fabrication Generation Monitoring Generation Game 1 Game N Assurance Tool CTTP Model Event Pilot Monitoring Translation Capturing Connectivity

The THREAT-ARREST platform

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#### **THREAT-ARREST Kick-off meeting**



The THREAT-ARREST **physical kickoff meeting** was successfully held on September 19th, 2018 at the premises of FORTH in Heraklion – Crete, Greece!!

# **THREAT-ARREST** Publicity

- Bird&Bird published <u>a press release</u> about the THREAT-ARREST project on the company's website
- The Technical University of Braunschweig updated <u>its workgroup's website</u> with news of its participation in the project
- ✓ They also presented the project's poster at the HiPEAC conference, January 2019
- Prof. Takis Varelas from DANAOS shipping company mentioned THREAT-ARREST as related to maritime training and awareness regarding healthcare issues onboard their vessels

# **Publications**

Jihane Najar and Vassilis Prevelakis , **"A Secure and Efficient File System Access Control Mechanism (FlexFS)"** in the International workshop on Information & Operational Technology (IT & OT) security systems IOSec, September 2018

Mohammad Hamad, Mustafa R. Agha , and Vassilis Prevelakis , "**ProSEV: Proxy-Based Secure and Efficient Vehicular Communication**" in 2018 IEEE Vehicular Networking Conference (VNC), December 2018.

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