



## **ENDURANCE Newsletter – 1st Edition**

April 17, 2025

As we reach the six-month milestone, we are excited to share the latest updates, key takeaways, and upcoming activities from the Endurance Project. This initiative brings together partners from across Europe to foster collaboration and innovation in strengthening Critical Infrastructures (CI) resilience.

As we look back on the past six months, the ENDURANCE project has made significant strides in advancing the resilience of Europe's Critical Infrastructures.

- Launched the official ENDURANCE website and the Pan-European Working Group on Disruption Resilience.
- Successfully conducted four national workshops in Greece, Italy, Romania, and Slovenia.
- Hosted the first EU Workshop, engaging over 100 experts and stakeholders.
- Established collaborations with the SUNRISE and EU-CIP Projects to explore synergies and amplify impact on infrastructure resilience.

This newsletter will be published twice a year and will aim to provide a brief overview of developments and news concerning the ENDURANCE project that have taken place over the previous months.

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Visit the Website (<https://endurance-horizon.eu/>) to learn more about our objectives, meet our partners, and explore how we are contributing to a more resilient Europe.

Should you have any questions in relation to the project, please contact Amélie Cathier, EU Project Manager at Carr Communications, at [acathier@carrcommunications.ie](mailto:acathier@carrcommunications.ie).

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## 1. Introducing the Endurance Project

The ENDURANCE Project brings together 23 partner organisations from 7 European countries to boost the resilience of Critical Infrastructures sectors, including energy, health, digital services, public administration, drinking water, and wastewater.

Driven by the need to fortify Europe's essential services, ENDURANCE embarks on a three-year journey to develop methodologies, interoperable technologies, and pragmatic strategies for enhancing resilience.



ENDURANCE project partners in Timisoara (Romania), 15 October 2024

Led by EVIDEN from Romania, the project officially launched on 1 October 2024, with a kick-off meeting on 15 October in Timisoara, Romania, where partners gathered to discuss the roadmap ahead. This successful launch reinforced our shared commitment to enhancing resilience across Europe.

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## 2. Main Project objectives with Adelin Homoraceanu (EVIDEN Romania)

Adelin Homoraceanu from EVIDEN Romania, the partner organisation coordinating the ENDURANCE Project, outlines the key objectives driving the initiative to enhance the resilience of Critical Infrastructure across the European Union.

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### 3. First Local Workshops in Slovenia, Italy, Romania, and Greece

Over the past months, we conducted our first round of national workshops, bringing together key stakeholders to discuss solutions for strengthening Critical Infrastructures resilience.

- **Slovenia – 27 November 2024:** Hosted by the Institute for Corporate Security Studies (ICS) and ELES, the event focused on addressing security challenges and developing flexible solutions for infrastructure protection.



First national workshop in Slovenia, 27 November 2024

- **Italy – 28 November 2024:** Organised by Insiel and Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia, the workshop gathered 18 participants to explore business continuity in public administration and digital services.
- **Romania – 17 December 2024:** Hosted at the DNSC Headquarters in Bucharest, this workshop explored best practices, security frameworks, and resilience strategies, with participation from key national stakeholders, including the Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate (DNSC) and the Ministry of Health.





First national workshop in Romania, 17 December 2024

- **Greece – 19 December 2024:** Organised by SYNELIXIS in Athens with remote participation from across the country, the Greek workshop gathered 11 participants from CI operators, regional authorities, academia, and technical coordinators. Structured around four thematic panels, the event encouraged discussion on risk management, inter-sector dependencies, and stakeholder engagement, particularly in the context of Drinking & Wastewater Management under the CER directive.

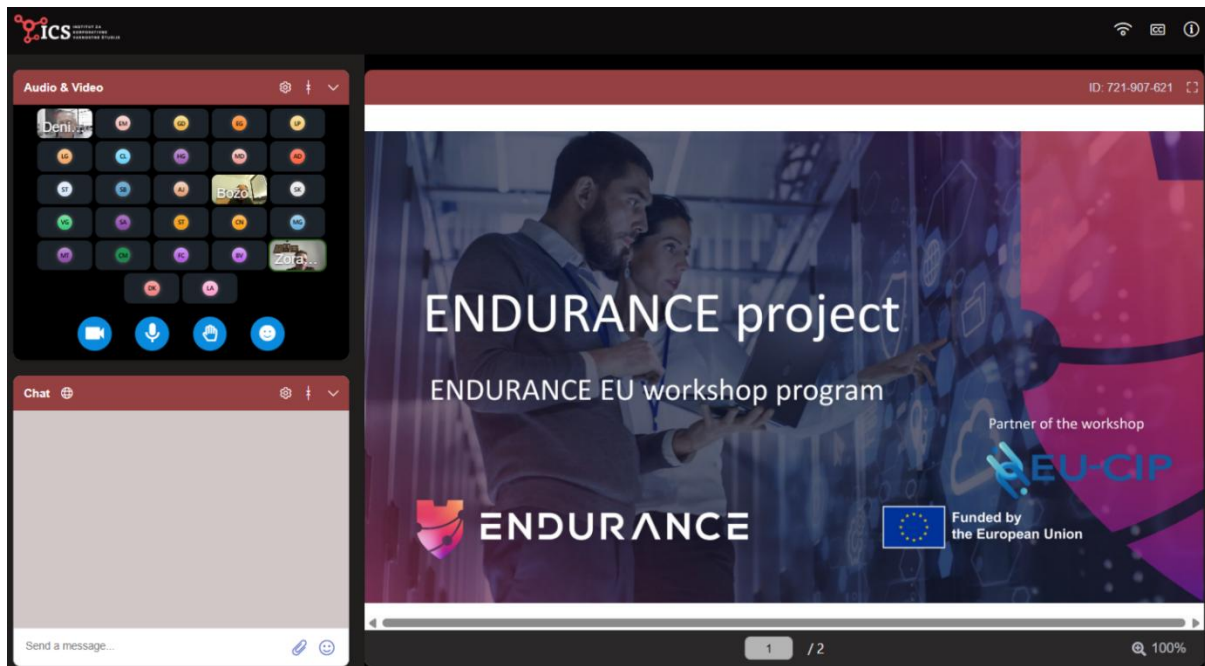
Join the ENDURANCE Working Group: sign up here to exchange ideas with experts, stay updated on project progress, and contribute to shaping future solutions.

<https://endurance-horizon.eu/project-working-group/>

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#### 4. European Workshop: key insights

On 18 March 2025, the first ENDURANCE EU Workshop marked a key milestone in our efforts to enhance Critical Infrastructures resilience across Europe. Bringing together over 100 security experts, infrastructure operators, and policymakers, the event enabled a multifaceted discussion grounded in real-world experiences and pilot implementations.



First online ENDURANCE EU Workshop, 18 March 2025

#### *Key Highlights:*

- The workshop opened with a comprehensive overview of the project's objectives, progress, and national workshop outcomes from Greece, Italy, Romania, and Slovenia.
- Participants were introduced to the EU-CIP Project and its collaborative repository of best practices in Critical Infrastructures Protection.
- A dedicated briefing was held for the Pan-European Working Group on Disruption Resilience, setting the stage for deeper dialogue.
- Four dynamic roundtable sessions enabled participants to dive deeper into resilience challenges, share national experiences, and explore practical approaches for strengthening CI across sectors and borders.

A big thank you to all participants, speakers, and partners for their valuable contributions.

### **5. Joint Workshop with SUNRISE Project: Strengthening collaboration across Europe**

On 4 February 2025, partners from the [SUNRISE Project](#) and ENDURANCE Project gathered in Dublin for an insightful joint workshop, bringing together two Horizon Europe initiatives committed to strengthening the resilience of Europe's Critical Infrastructures (CI). The event served as a valuable opportunity to align efforts, share experiences, and explore ways to maximise the impact of ongoing and future activities.

The workshop focused on fostering strategic communication, building synergies, and encouraging cross-sector cooperation. As both projects address increasingly complex and evolving threats to critical infrastructure, these collaborative exchanges are essential, not only for achieving project objectives, but for informing broader EU-level policies and practices.

Participants explored how lessons learned from SUNRISE and ENDURANCE can be translated into actionable strategies for long-term resilience. Innovation and technology were also highlighted as key enablers in future-proofing infrastructure systems across Europe.

*Key Highlights:*

- Strengthening project impact through effective and coordinated communication strategies.
- Identifying synergies that enhance resilience and support shared goals.
- Exploring how inter-project collaboration can inform EU-level initiatives.
- Discussing the role of innovation and digital solutions in protecting critical infrastructure.



SUNRISE and ENDURANCE representatives in Dublin (Ireland), 4 February 2025

The insights gathered during the workshop will serve as a foundation for continued collaboration between SUNRISE and ENDURANCE in the months ahead.



For more information, visit:

- <https://sunrise-europe.eu/>
- <https://endurance-project.eu/>

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## 6. What's next?

Looking ahead, the ENDURANCE project will focus on a series of strategic activities to build on recent achievements.

- More local and EU workshops focusing on resilience regulations (CER, NIS-2, DORA), cross-border cooperation, and the exchange of best practices.
- Expanding stakeholder engagement and pilot activities to test and validate proposed solutions in real-world environments.
- Strengthening policy recommendations and fostering collaboration across sectors and member states.
- Next General Assembly to be held in Rome on 27–28 May 2025

ENDURANCE represents a major step forward in Europe's resilience-building efforts, ensuring that Critical Infrastructures remain strong and adaptable in the face of emerging threats.

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