
GROUNDUP Project officially launched in Belgrade

Spearheading CBRNE Innovation and Resilience in Southern Central and Eastern Europe

BELGRADE, SERBIA – June 4, 2025 – The GROUNDUP project, a pioneering initiative aimed at fostering a robust Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) innovation ecosystem in Southern Central and Eastern Europe, officially started with a highly successful kick-off event in Belgrade, Serbia. This meeting gathered all consortium partners, including the project coordinator, [Vinča Institute of Nuclear Sciences](#), and esteemed project partners, the [University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest, Design Terminal, Privanova](#), and [Scorpion Networks Ltd](#). We are proud to launch this groundbreaking initiative, which received the highest ranking among all applications, underscoring its critical importance and strong potential impact.

The GROUNDUP project is set to run for 24 months, from June 2025 to June 2027, with a substantial budget of €499,593.76, with a goal to bridge existing gaps in the CBRNE innovation landscape of Southern Central and Eastern Europe (CEE).

GROUNDUP's Mission: From Knowledge to Impact

The core mission of the GROUNDUP project is to build a dynamic CBRNE innovation ecosystem across Southern Central and Eastern Europe. This ambitious goal will be achieved by forging strong connections among a diverse array of stakeholders, including students, researchers, businesses, end-users, and public institutions. Through targeted engagement, capacity-building, and interlinking activities, GROUNDUP promotes knowledge exchange and technological advancement to ensure sustainable regional and EU-wide impact.

Key Objectives

The GROUNDUP project is structured around several strategic objectives designed to maximise its outreach and effectiveness:

- **Building a Business Community:** Fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among individuals and organisations in the CBRNE technology sector.
- **Establishing an Education and Research Hub:** Connecting universities and research centers to advance CBRNE-related research and education.
- **Supporting Young Innovators:** Linking emerging talent with established companies and providing mentorship to nurture their ideas.
- **Ensuring Widespread Impact:** Disseminating project results and creating lasting networks across the region and throughout Europe.



The CBRNE Resilience Cluster Europe

GROUNDUP is a flagship initiative within the CBRNE Resilience Cluster Europe, coordinated by Privanova. The cluster fosters cross-project cooperation through the exchange of knowledge, resources, and best practices. By uniting diverse stakeholders, from research institutions and policy makers to end-users: law enforcement, first responders, and the corresponding industry ecosystem, it aims to build a stronger, more coordinated European response to CBRNE challenges.

The CBRNE Resilience Cluster Europe objectives are:

- Support law enforcement, first responders, and industry partners in tackling CBRNE threats through webinars and workshops for cluster members.
- Align recommendations to the European Commission, law enforcement, and stakeholders for greater coherence.
- Explore interoperability between technical platforms to enhance collaboration and response.
- Identify synergies, research opportunities, and joint exploitation to strengthen CBRNE resilience across Europe.

Looking Ahead

The launch of the GROUNDUP project marks a pivotal moment for CBRNE innovation and resilience in Southern Central and Eastern Europe. By uniting diverse expertise, fostering collaboration, and empowering emerging talent, GROUNDUP is set to create a lasting impact, ensuring a safer and more prepared Europe for years to come. We look forward to the collaborative efforts and transformative outcomes that will emerge from this vital initiative.

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