



RESPECT PROJECT

Rules, Expectations and Security
through Privacy-Enhanced
Convenient Technology

INTERPOL is participating in a European Union-funded research project which seeks to determine whether the implementation of new surveillance technologies maintains an appropriate balance between law enforcement operational needs and the protection of citizen rights, such as privacy. The project explores options for restoring that balance through privacy-enhancing technologies and operational best practices. This three-year project is being conducted by 52 researchers from 16 countries. ▶



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Concept

Convenience and cost effectiveness are the two key considerations for both citizens and security forces when deciding which technologies to embrace or avoid.

Information communication technologies must be implemented in a way which maximizes convenience, profitability, public safety and security, while still respecting individual privacy.

The Respect Project examines whether the current and foreseeable implementation of new surveillance technologies is indeed in balance. Where this is not found to be the case, the project will explore options for addressing this through a combination of privacy-enhancing technologies and operational best practices.

Respect addresses the role of surveillance systems and procedures used in:

- Preventing and reducing crime;
- Tracking evidence;
- Prosecuting criminals.

Objectives

The Respect Project aims to generate best practices for the use of a number of technologies in areas such as CCTV, social network analysis, radio frequency identification and tracking of financial movements.

INTERPOL's participation focuses on research relating to the effective implementation of laws, regulations, standard operating procedures and best practices concerning the use of surveillance systems by law enforcement.

In addition, the project explores citizens' perspectives and social and economic costs linked to the implementation of surveillance systems.

Impact: The Smart Project

The recently completed Smart Project reviewed the existence of two evolving dynamics, namely a development of smart surveillance technology and a parallel endeavour by legislators to provide an effective legal framework in a timely manner.

Although the Smart Project has ended, its findings are closely interlinked with the findings of the Respect Project.

As technology and legal systems do not necessarily evolve simultaneously, this can have a negative impact on citizens' rights. Based on the findings of the Smart Project, model legislation will be developed on the safeguards for the deployment and the use of surveillance technologies. A policy brief will be presented to the European Commission.

The draft model legislation from the Smart Project will be merged with the model regulations under development by the Respect Project.

For more information on the Smart or Respect Projects, please visit www.respectproject.eu or www.smartsurveillance.eu.



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