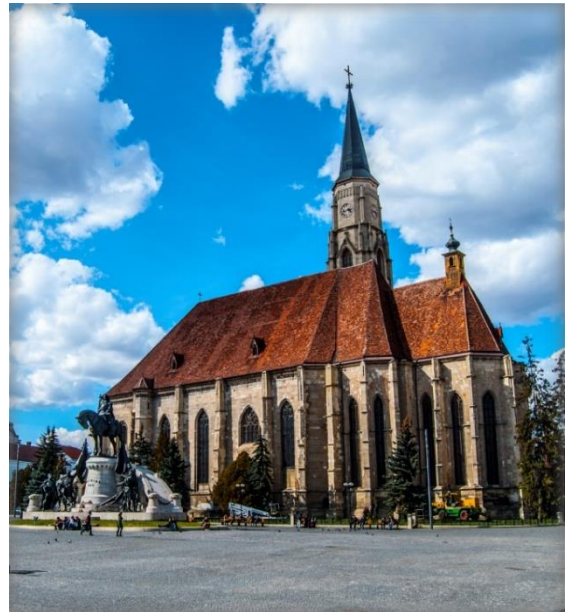


Fruitful third meeting of BorderSens consortium

The third BorderSens project meeting took place online on 11 February 2021

Although this meeting was supposed to have been held in Cluj-Napoca (Romania), the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic forced it to be held online. The host of the meeting, “Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, shared several videos during the meeting that helped make the attendees feel almost as if they were there.

During this third plenary meeting, the status of the work packages of the project was presented by the respective WP leaders and discussed by BorderSens consortium. Also, dedicated sessions on the future exploitation of the project results, preparation of periodic reports, and scientific interactions took place.



Phase 1 and 2 of the project, aimed at defining end-users requirements and developing the technology to be integrated in BorderSens device, respectively, are almost completed, so phase 3, which will comprise the development of a prototype with integration of key technology elements, will start soon.



The ultimate research aim of BorderSens is to develop a portable, wireless single prototype device with the capability to quickly test for different types of drugs, precursors, and adulterants/cutting agents, with outstanding accuracy and reduced false positives and false negatives.

In order to achieve this objective, the project brings together 16 partners from 8 EU member states, coordinated by the University of Antwerp. The consortium comprises universities, border authorities, police services in ports and airports, public organisations, and companies.

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