

BorderSens consortium meets again

First face-to-face meeting since the KO meeting was held in Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

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After two and a half years, and following all the measures established by the competent authorities for the prevention of COVID-19, the BorderSens “Border detection of illicit drugs and precursors by highly accurate electrosensors” project consortium met again in person in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, from 7 to 9 February 2022.

This plenary meeting, which coincided with the 30th month of project implementation, was kindly hosted by the “Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy (UMF) and was attended by representatives of the consortium, which currently comprises 16 partners (universities, border authorities, police services in ports and airports, public organisations, and companies) from 8 EU member states, coordinated by the University of Antwerp (UA).



During the meeting, the status of the work packages of the project was discussed, last outcomes obtained were shown, and next steps for the following months were established. The quality of the presentations given by some of the young researchers from UA, UMF, the University of Leicester (ULEIC) and the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) involved in the project is noteworthy, which once again demonstrates the scientific quality of the BorderSens team.

Moreover, a workshop with partners representing end-users from different countries took place to ensure that their requirements and needs are met and validate and demonstrate in lab setting the sub-units of the prototype systems already developed: electrochemistry, array, cartridge and nanoMIPs. This workshop was a success as it proved that the BorderSens device is able to detect drugs even in coloured samples, which are difficult to detect with the means available today.



Next meeting will take place in the Netherlands in September 2022, hosted by the Dutch Customs Laboratory.

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