



An introduction to Unity

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Proposals in this area should focus on:-

- **indicating best practices** for co-operation between police and citizens.
- take into account the **virtual dimension** of “community policing”
- **analyse** its underlying social, cultural, legal and ethical dimensions.
- should aim to **develop a technology** to which facilitate, strengthen and accelerate the communication between groups making it possible for community representatives to identify the risk and immediately report it to the police.





Unity consortium

Law Enforcement Agency end-user partners

1. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire
2. Belgian Federal Police
3. Croatian Police College
4. Police University College of Finland
5. Estonian Police and Boarder Guard
6. European Institute, Bulgaria
7. FHVR Fachbereich Polizei, Germany

Private industry partners

1. RINICOM, UK
2. Treelogic, Spain
3. Serco Europe, Belgium



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Academic partners

1. Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
2. Sheffield Hallam University (Centre of Excellence in Terrorism, Resilience, Intelligence & Organised Crime Research (CENTRIC)), UK
3. University of Dundee (Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR)), UK
4. St. Kliment Ohridski University, Macedonia



Unity consortium purpose and values

Communities the world over, despite their varying social, cultural, geographic and ethnic differences, have common and shared values in their need for safety, security and wellbeing.

We live in an age of increasing technical connectivity but many citizens and their communities are disconnected from the police who serve to keep them safe.



Unity vision

In recognising these challenges the vision of Unity is to:

- create a new, community-centred approach to Community Policing;
- deliver a flexible and scalable citizen-focused Community Policing;
- develop new tools, procedures and technologies;
- put people at the heart of identifying policing priorities;
- ensure citizens are an integral part of informing sustainable solutions;

to strengthen the effective engagement and cooperation between police forces and the communities they serve to create safer societies for all



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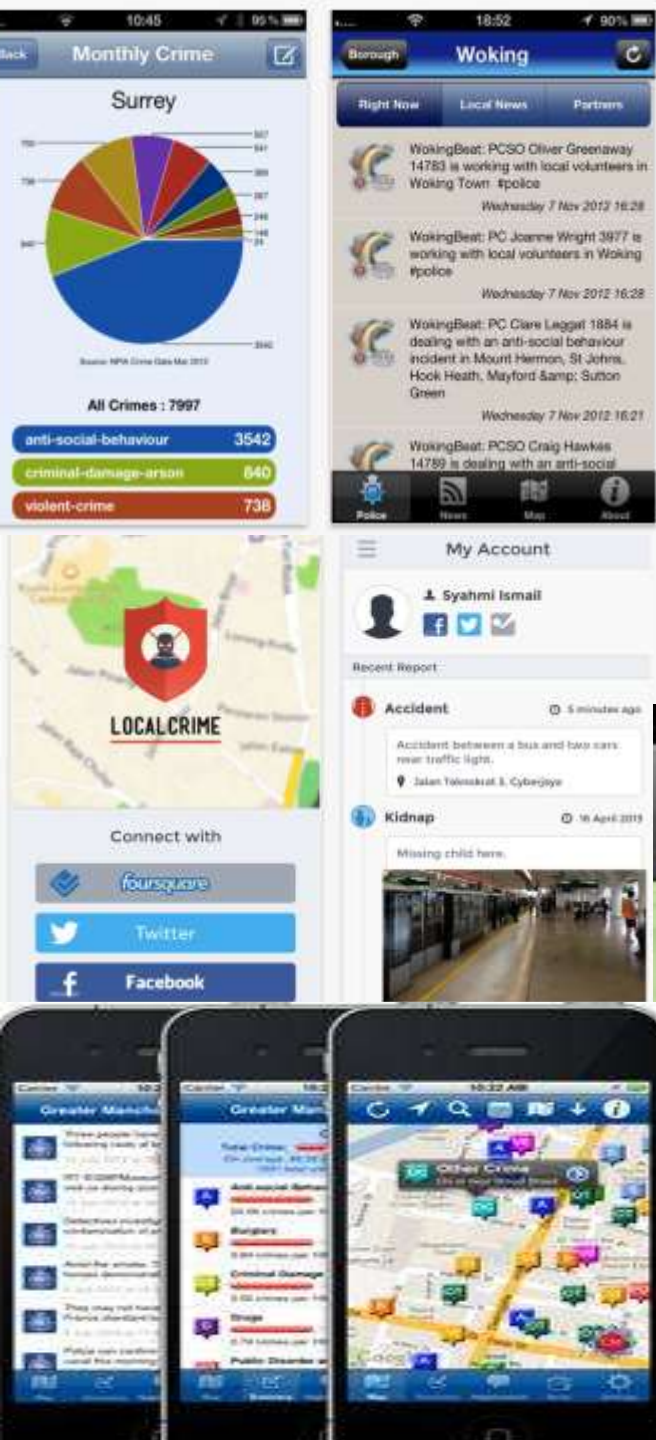
The vision of Unity shall be achieved through the delivery of three key strategic objectives:-

1. **Community Policing Best Practice** - *to capture best practices for cooperation between police and citizens.*
2. **Community Policing Communications Technology** - *to develop a communications technology to facilitate, strengthen and accelerate the communication between citizens and police.*
3. **Community Policing Training and Awareness** - *to design, develop and deliver training for Law Enforcement Agencies and awareness raising activities about Community Policing.*



Tools and Technologies

A variety of tools exist supporting and developing increased police communication, community policing and citizen participation to enhance community policing.





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