

## Press Release

### 2<sup>nd</sup> EU-CIP Annual Conference promotes “Reinventing Resilience: Innovating Critical Infrastructure for Tomorrow” for European Critical Infrastructures

**Madrid, 13/11/2024.** On 13 November 2024, the EU-CIP consortium successfully hosted its 2nd Annual Conference on Critical Infrastructure Resilience under the theme "Resilience Reimagined."



Building on the success of its inaugural conference in 2023, this gathering brought together a diverse audience of over 80 participants, including policymakers, industry experts, researchers, and critical infrastructure operators. Held as a part of CIPRE Week, the event provided a dynamic platform for exchanging innovative ideas, showcasing cutting-edge solutions, and addressing pressing challenges in the evolving critical infrastructure protection (CIP) landscape.

## Key Highlights and Takeaways

**Inspiring Keynotes:** The conference featured keynote speeches from high-profile experts, including Mr. Sebastian Serwiak and Mr. Giannis Skiadaresis of the European Commission, who emphasized the importance of aligning research and innovation with EU regulatory frameworks like the CER and NIS2 Directives.

**Interactive Panels:** A roundtable moderated by Mr. Paolo Venturoni (EOS) engaged key stakeholders in exploring innovative policies and solutions for resilient infrastructures. The topics covered ranged from geopolitical risks to advancements in cybersecurity and quantum technologies.

**Innovative Solutions:** The “EU-CIP Own Innovators’ Pool” moderated by Marianna Charalambous (Innov-Acts) showcased groundbreaking innovations from the project’s open-call winners, including AI-based platforms, resilience-enhancing technologies, and tools for critical infrastructure operators. Prof. Aleksandar Jovanovic provided and moderated innovative discussions on the results of the survey and analysis on the EU Innovation radar.

**Focus Group Discussions:** Six focus groups tackled sector-specific challenges in transport, energy, health technologies, ICT, finance, and overall resilience and safety, where they identified actionable strategies and fostered cross-sector collaboration.

## Looking Forward



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The event not only reinforced EU-CIP's role as a cornerstone initiative for the CIP/CIR community but it also set the stage for its final conference in 2025. Participants expressed their interest in exploring emerging threats, real-world case studies, cross-border collaboration, and updates on the implementation of EU regulations like the CER and NIS2 Directives.

As part of its mission, EU-CIP continues to develop its Knowledge Hub, a central repository of success stories and solutions for critical infrastructure resilience.

For more information about EU-CIP and future events, please visit our website at [www.eucip.eu](http://www.eucip.eu).

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