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Summary

This report provides a summary of the COPE project final dissemination event. The event was held on November 30, 2010, in conjunction with the biannual Public Safety Communication Europe Conference held in Amsterdam. Seventy six (76) people participated in the event, including the COPE presentation team (which consisted of 10 representatives). In addition to the event itself, communications about the event and access to the COPE project presentations were made available to a far wider audience through the PCSE electronic distribution list. The COPE team had several opportunities to present information about the project. On Nov 30, from 1400-1500 Jari Hamalainen and Aapo Immonen presented an overview of the COPE project. Following the overview presentations, Johan Forsling and the technical team presented for 30 minutes to the Industry Committee Meeting, while Leena Norros and Reinhard Hutter presented for 30 minutes to the Users Committee Meeting. In addition, throughout the conference, the COPE project had an exhibition booth to demonstrate the technologies developed during the project and to discuss poster presentations that had been prepared.

The feedback from the conference participants and the COPE team indicated that the dissemination event had been a success. Materials from the presentations are appended to this deliverable, including the list of attendees and the conference schedule.



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1 Introduction

The purpose of this deliverable is to ensure that the COPE project findings were not produced in a vacuum. That is, the findings from the COPE project should be widely available to the research, industry and end user communities. Efforts throughout the project to engage other researchers, end users, and industry have been captured in D1.2 Dissemination Route Map (Hutton, et al., 2010). The purpose of Work Package 1.3 was to organise an event at which the findings from the COPE project overall and specifically the final evaluation event held in Kuopio in September 2010, could be presented to a broad audience.

2 Goal

The purpose of this exercise was to communicate the various aspects of the COPE project to a broad audience and make the products of the project accessible to a broader European crisis management and public safety community.

3 Description

3.1 Public Safety Communication Europe Conference

In order to maximise the cost effectiveness of organising such an event to reach a broad audience we enlisted the help of the Public Safety Communication Europe organisation (www.psc-europe.eu).

PSCE hold a biannual meeting at various locations around Europe. They have an established network of researchers, end user organisations, and industry with whom they communicate frequently. We approached them to support our final dissemination event in August 2010, following their Vienna conference. The purpose of PSCE is:

"The Forum for Public Safety Communication Europe is to foster, by consensus building, excellence in the development and use of public safety communications and information management systems as well as to improve the provision of public safety services and the safety of the citizens of Europe and the rest of the world.

The PSCE provides a common platform for researchers, industry and users to meet and network, learn about technologies used for public safety and influence policy makers at European level."

Taken from the PSCE website Forum Mission Statement

PSCE formally has about 170 people affiliated to the organisation (institutional or individual members). In addition, they have a list of contacts that were previously registered to the PSCE Forum when the Forum was not yet an autonomous organisation but the deliverable of an EU funded project. That list contains around 600 contacts who receive regular information on PSCE activities and news. Therefore, by disseminating the invitation to the COPE event and the COPE flyer to PSCE's network, our project was exposed to over 760 people.



We provided PCSE with a list of presenters and arranged the schedule so that the COPE project could be presented from several perspectives, including the technologies that were developed, the human factors-driven user-centred design approach, and the overall evaluation approach taken for the final evaluation held in Kuopio in September 2010.

In addition, we forwarded the PSCE conference invitation to our own end user, researcher and industry networks in order to provide feedback about the project to the many people with whom we have worked over the duration of the project, and to provide them with an opportunity to see the results of their inputs.

3.2 Conference Dissemination Materials

Materials from the final event can be found in the Appendices. These include:

- 1) The <u>COPE flyer</u> which was disseminated during the final evaluation and the dissemination event. This two page document provides an overview of the COPE project, the system components, development approach, and description of the partner organisations.
- 2) The <u>PSCE Conference Amsterdam Programme</u>. This document provides a list of the conference speakers and topics which broadly covered the areas of critical information protection and public warning policy. In addition there were three sub-committee meetings for industry, end users, and researchers respectively.
- 3) The <u>presentation materials</u> for the event:
 - a. General Presentation Jari Hamalainen
 - b. General Presentation Aapo Immonen
 - c. Industrial Committee Johan Forsling
 - d. Users Committee Leena Norros
 - e. Users Committee Reinhard Hutter
- 4) The <u>PSCE Attendance List.</u> 70 people participated in the conference, from over 15 different countries in the EC, and a representative from Saudi Arabia. Participants represented industry, end user communities and researchers in both industry and academia.
- 5) A <u>PSCE Press Release</u> describing the success of the Amsterdam conference from the PSCE perspective.

4 Conclusions

The feedback from the event organiser, Marie-Christine Bonnamour, and from the COPE team presenters and participants, was that the event was a success, with a broad audience of attendees and invitees becoming familiar with the work accomplished during the COPE project.

References

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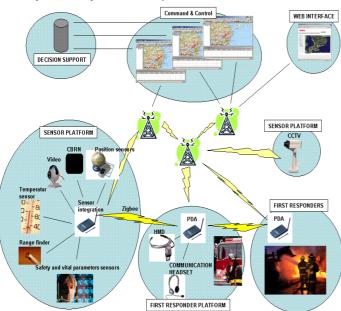


Seventh EU Framework Programme, Theme 10: SECURITY

The COPE Project: Common Operational Picture Exploitation

The objective of the COPE project is to create technological solutions which enable improved emergency management by better command and control performance, reliability of technical support at reduced overall costs. The aim is to create technological solutions that increase situational awareness among agencies and enhance both horizontal and vertical information flow to and from first responders.

The project started in February 2008 and ends in February 2011. It is performed by a consortium of 9 partners from industry, research and consultancy. (Please find team details on the back page). The project developed a novel system of systems for improved situation awareness and decision making in disaster management.



The COPE system comprises interconnected technologies to be worn by first responders, like head-up display, wrist mounted display, thermal and video camera, and a set of chemical, meteorological and geo-reference sensors. Command and Control (C2) functions are supported with ruggedized PCs in the field and the COPE-C2 with advanced software solutions for tasking, situation drawing and map and graphical representation of the Common Operational Picture. C2 is further supported by a decision support system for risk assessment and estimation of hazardous materials. The innovation of COPE lies in the enhancement of legacy components, the development of new software components, and above all, in the integration of many heterogeneous components into one system, based on modern radio systems and WLAN internet access.

The COPE system and its technologies have been tested and their functionalities verified in a series of laboratory and field experiments. In a final trial on the Emergency Training Centre in Kuopio, Finland, the whole system is exposed to a real "live" scenario, consisting of the explosion of a chemical factory, the subsequent fire in an adjacent brewery followed by the explosion of an ammonium tank setting free a toxic cloud. Primary effects in the area are roads blocked by debris and destroyed cars, fatalities and numerous injuries of different grades. The exercise demonstrates how the quality of emergency management improves by the use of the COPE system and its applications. Further functionalities: the coordination between different organizations like Fire fighters, police and ambulance and medical services and the additional complexity of the Common Operational Picture are supported by a simulated so called tabletop exercise.

Typical emergency management tasks will be the clearing of roads, the rescue of injured, the alerting and evacuation of the population, and the containment and extinction of the hazards. These all coordinated and supported by the COPE technologies. The exercise is monitored and supervised with the aim of a thorough evaluation of the COPE effort and its results. An in-depth analysis of the human factors involved will be based on intensive user feedback resulting in evaluating the acceptance and applicability of COPE devices by the end-users, and it will show how these devices will contribute to the improvement of the First Responders' actions and to the reduction of their risks. An overall evaluation will assess the improvement of C2 functions, and the overall success of the project and of the trial. It will also give an indication of the innovative character of the project and recommend further developments for a successful marketing of the COPE products and of the knowledge gained.













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The Aerospace Psychology research Group (APRG) of University of Ireland, Trinity college participates in COPE project. APRG hosts active collaboration between academic researchers and aviation practitioners in order to foster and develop research and good practice in relation to the human aspects of the aviation system.

www.tcd.ie

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UTI Group, Romania

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www.uti.ro

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CESS, Centre for European Security Strategies, Germany

CESS is an SME with a core team of security experts and a network of consultants. It provides contributions to a wide range of security and risk related problem areas. The Centre has been created with the objective to provide strategic, operational and technical security, and risk management expertise.

www.cess-net.eu

IGSU, General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, Romania

General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (GIES) is a department of Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform. GIES is part of the national emergency management system which sets up, organises, and directs the prevention and management of the emergency situations, the assurance and coordination of human, material and financial resources.

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ESC, Emergency Services College, Finland

ESC provides training in rescue services including emergency response centre dispatchers. The ESC R&D Unit is in charge of the coordination of the research activities within the Rescue Services in Finland. Its expertise areas are telecommunications within emergency services, hazmat, and dealing with trans-boundary incidents. **www.pelastusopisto.fi**

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Meeting Focus

The focus of the meeting is two-fold

- Critical Information Protection
- Public Warning Policy



MEETING PROGRAMME

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	30 November 2010	1 December 2010		
	 O8.30 – 09.00 – Registration Opens O9.00 – 09.10 – Opening O9.10 – 09.40 Presentation of the Dutch Civil Protection and Communication Solutions - Dick SCHOOF, Director General Public Safety, Ministry of Interior, The Netherlands O9.40 – 10.10 – Civil under normal circumstances - Government under crisis circumstances - George PETERSEN, Radio Communications Agency, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, The Netherlands 10.10 – 10.40 Presentation of a topic by the Research Committee - Snjezana KNEZIC, University of Split, Croatia Trends in Research for Public Safety Communications - Helmut SCHWABACH, Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT) 10.40 – 11.10 - Coffee Break 	 □ 08.30 – 09.00 – Registration Opens □ 09.00 – 10.30 – General Assembly Report from the President & the Secretary General Report from the Treasurer: information on 2010 Budget, vote for 2011 Budget - Report from the Advisory Board and from working groups: • Overview and Conclusions of the Consultation Paper "Enterprise Architecture as the foundation for agile Public Safety & Security" - OSSAF authoring team • Spectrum Harmonisation Initiative – Steffen RING, Motorola □ 10.30 – 11.00 - Coffee Break □ 11.00 – 11.30 – German initiative on user requirements and their spectrum consequences – Wolfgang NOWACK, Federal Agency for Digital Radio of Security Authorities and Organizations (BDBOS) □ 11.30 – 12.00 – The Belgian experience: the consultative committee of users Claude JACQUARD, Director of the Police Emergency Centre Province Hainaut, Belgium 		
	 CRITICAL INFORMATION PROTECTION (11.10-12.40) 11.10 – 11.40 Critical Information Infrastructure Protection and its Consequence for Public Safety Communication: the EU perspective – Joern-Uwe HEYDER, European Commission, DG INFSO 11.40 – 12.10 National case study: Luxembourg - Carlo SIMON, Government 	 12.00 − 12.30 − Hybrid cognitive radio networks for command & control in public safety - Frank BROUWER, Institute for Wireless and Mobile Communications (WMC), The Netherlands 12.30 − 13.30 - Networking Lunch		
	Communication Centre, Luxembourg 12.10 – 12.40 Cyber Security: Challenges & Solutions - Paul KING, Senior Security Advisor, CISCO 12.40 – 14.00 - Networking Lunch 14.00 – 15.00 Presentation of the COPE project - Jari HAMALAINEN, VTT, Finland	 14.00 − 14.30 − International development of Cell broadcast - Bruno WALTER, CellCast Technologies, Austria 14.30 − 15.00 − Presentation of IDAC (Integrated Alert Distribution Center) IADC in frame of the Israeli Home Front Command Warning Concept- Guy WEISS, eVigilo & Lt. Col. Levi YITAKH, The Israeli Home Front Command 15.00 − 15.30 − Using nP2M: Realistic Approach for Alerting of Population in Europe - Dietmar GOLLNICK, e*Message 		
PSCEurope Publicialin, Communication Guippe	and Hannu RANTANEN, Emergency Services College, Finland 15.00 – 15.20 - Coffee Break 15.20 – 17.30 PSCE Committee Meetings Industry, User, Research 19.30 – 22.30 – Dinner at De Kroon Restaurant offered by CISCO Systems	 15.30 – 16.00 – Potential of Crowd Sourcing in Situational Awareness Improvement during Emergency Situations - Bram van den Ende , TNO, The Netherlands 16.00 – 16.30 – Alert For All Project: a European wide approach for alerting the population in crisis - Cristina PARRAGA, DLR, Germany 16.30 – Closing of the meeting 		



Industry Committee Meeting Agenda

15.20 - 17.30

- COPE project presentation Improving information flow to/from first responders and incident command, Johan FORSLING, BAE Systems C-ITS, Sweden
- 2. OSSAF proposal review and discussion -
- 3. Spectrum activity update-
- 4. Discussions / Other topics -



Research Committee Meeting Agenda

15.20 - 17.30

- 1. Research to support science-based policy making, opportunities and limits in the context of PSCE.
- 2. How to make the best use of the PSCE "social network" to promote our research topics and to participate to EU calls
- 3. Renewal of the research Committee call for candidates
- 4. Any Other Business





Users Committee Meeting Agenda

15.20 - 17.30

- 1. Update on PSCE business as seen from the users side
- 2. COPE User Centered Design and Evaluation, Leena NORROS, VTT, Finland and Reinhard HUTTER, CESS GmbH Centre for European Security Strategies
- 3. Ian Readhead, ACPO/ BAPCO: What are the implications of the financial cutbacks on the development work within public safety, as seen from a users perspective?
- 4. Mats Persson, Swedish police: Users experiences on implementing a digital radio system in a border area
- 5. Any other business







Dissemination event on Common Operational Picture Exploitation (COPE) Project

- The objective of the COPE project, funded by the Seventh EU Framework Programme, is to create technological solutions which enable improved emergency management by better command and control performance, reliability of technical support at reduced overall costs. The aim is to create technological solutions that increase situational awareness among agencies and enhance both horizontal and vertical information flow to and from first responders.
- The project started in February 2008 and ends in February 2011. It is performed by a consortium of 9 partners from industry, research and consultancy. The project developed a novel system of systems for improved situation awareness and decision making in disaster management.
- More information is available at http://cope.vtt.fi/







Programme of the dissemination event on Common Operational Picture Exploitation (COPE) Project

30 November 2010

- □ 14.00 − 15.00 COPE Overview- Jari HAMALAINEN, VTT, Finland and Hannu RANTANEN, Emergency Services College, Finland
- Industrials Committee (30 min)
 COPE Technology Improving information flow to/from first responders and incident command, Johan FORSLING,
 BAE Systems C-ITS, Sweden
- Users Committee (30 min)
 COPE User Centered Design and Evaluation, Leena NORROS, VTT, Finland and Reinhard HUTTER, CESS GmbH
 Centre for European Security Strategies
- Booth presenting the COPE technology developments will be available





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 From RHO Hotel & INNTEL Hotel to CISCO premises

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COPE - Common Operational Picture Exploitation

Dr. Jari Hämäläinen, VTT Coordinator of the COPE project



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IGSU, General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (Romania)
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Objective of COPE Project

- The overall objective was to improve emergency management by better command and control performance.
- The aim was to create technological solutions that increase situational awareness among the stakeholders involved and enhance both horizontal and vertical information flow to and from a first responder.
- Various human factors methods ranging from functional task modelling to end user simulations were applied in an usage-centred technology development process.
- The project started in February 2008 and ends in January 2011.



COPE – Objectives for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Periods

- The objectives for the 1st period included one milestone "M1 Use case descriptions (D2.1)". Generally the objective was a thorough understanding of the first responder work and the issues essential for COP, and a review of the appropriate technologies.
- The objectives for the 2nd period included two milestones "M2 Human Operator Support requirements (D3.2)" and "M3 Scenario descriptions from a user perspective (D4.4)". Generally the objective was to map the user requirements to the technological possibilities, design and develop the technological solutions, and also to design the trials and scenarios for testing the technologies.
- The objectives for the 3rd period included the testing and validation of the COPE Concept and technologies in a full scale trial in Kuopio. Professional users executing the scenario were observed and interviewed in order to evaluate the new concept and technologies.



Common Operational Picture (COP)

Emergency responders' on-line conception of the emergency situation which is as coherent as is possible.

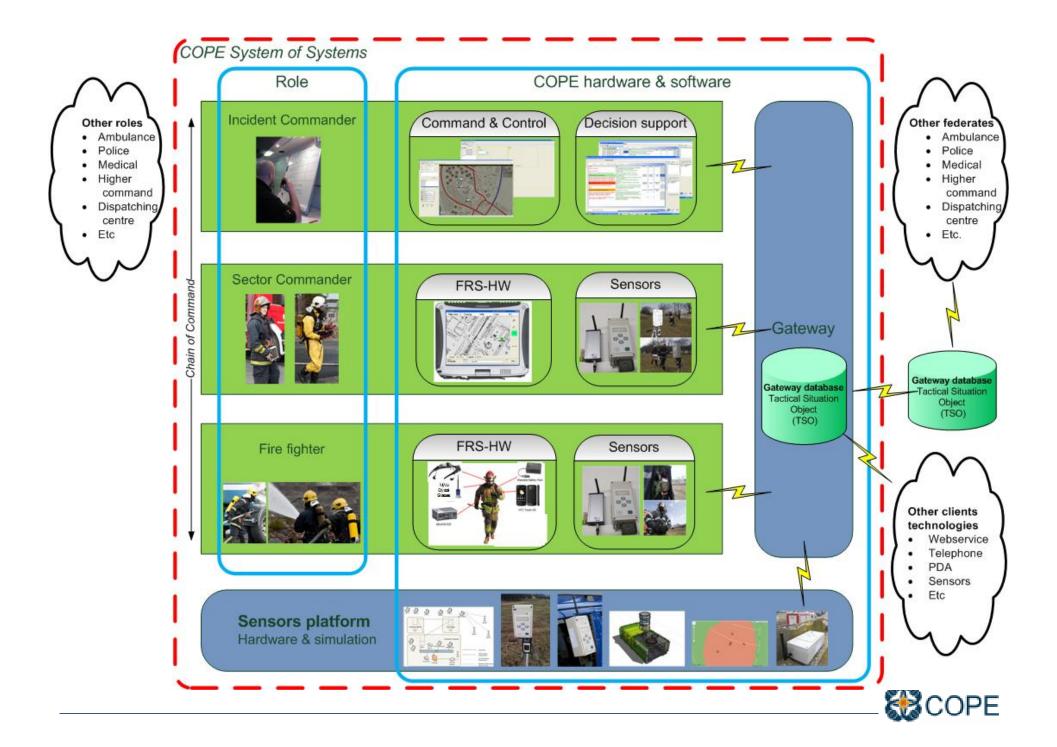
The formation, sharing and presentation of the COP is supported by information and communication technological (ICT) tools.

COPE Concept - Requirements

On the basis of initial user interviews and existing literature three high level requirements were identified for ICT tools:

- 1. Forming a model of the situation
- **2. Presenting** the model of the situation
- 3. Sharing the model of the situation





COPE Concept Solutions

Concept requirements

Forming a model of the situation

Presenting the model of the situation

Sharing the model

Concept solutions

Actor's
Terminals
for
Participation

Sensors for Extending Human Senses

Semantic Structuring for Relevance of Information

Gateway on WLAN for Availability of Information

Concept applications

Managing tasks

Visual presentation (

MapVideo

Enhancing visual perception Camera, infrared camera

Observing environment

- Detecting hazardous materials (NH3)
 - Weather

Locating objects

• personnel (GPS, inertia)

• resources, hazmat

Control of information load

Alarming smoke diving duration new tasks Delivering of in time information

- Map
- Tasks

Retrieval of stored information (video)

Ad hoc communication network



Actors' terminals for participation



Command & Control system (C2)

Sector commanders' system





Fire fighters' systems

Sensors Extending Human Senses



GPS positioning, inertia for indoor, sensor platform (temperature, gas etc)



- Helmet mounted thermal and video camera — Local weather conditions observation

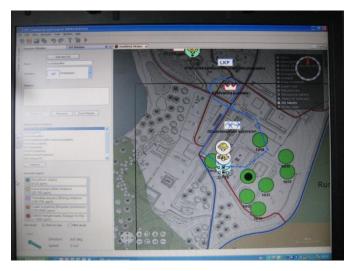


Deployable sensors for HazMat



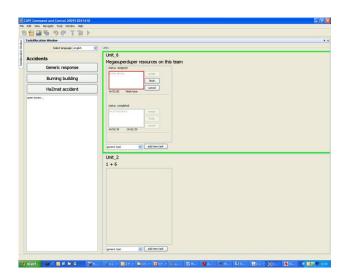
Semantic Information System

All systems "speak the same language"

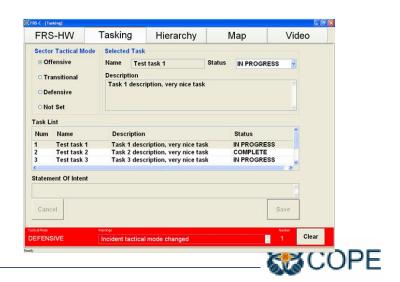


Information in C2

- measurements from sensors
- location of firemen
- regions and objects of interest
- explanations attached to the objects



Task information in C2 and SC's terminal

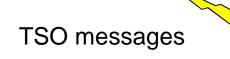


Availability of information: COPE Gateway on a WLAN

COPE Gateway









TSO messages



COPE Concept Development

- The COPE concept was developed, tested and evaluated through extensive design experiments:
 - Two technology integration tests
 - Three end user exercises in realistic situations (extending in size)
- A large amount of data was collected of technology performance, end user performance, and experience
- Applicability of the COPE Concept was analysed with a Usability
 Case method
 ... more in user group ...

Demonstration of COPE solutions for ...

Forming a model of the situation

Presenting a model of the situation

Sharing the model



Sensemaking, Coordination, Maintaining common ground Intrinsic cognitive demands COP of ER work Concept requirements **Presenting** a Forming a model **Sharing** model of the of the situation the model situation Concept solutions Gateway and Semantic Structuring Actor's Sensors for WI AN for of Information **Terminals for Extending Availability** of All for Abstraction of **Human Senses Participation Relevant** Information Information Delivering of Enhancing visual Managing tasks Control of in time information perception (C2, SC) information load • Map (C2, SC) • Camera, infrared camera • Tasks (C2, SC) Observing environment Visual presentation Alarming Retrieval of •Hazardous materials (NH₃) • Map (C2, SC) • smoke diving duration stored information (video) Weather • Video (SC, visor) new tasks Locating objects Ad hoc • personnel (GPS, inertia) **Functional solutions** communication network • resources, hazmat

COPE Concept - User Experience Results

User experience data was collected after the final trial from all the end users

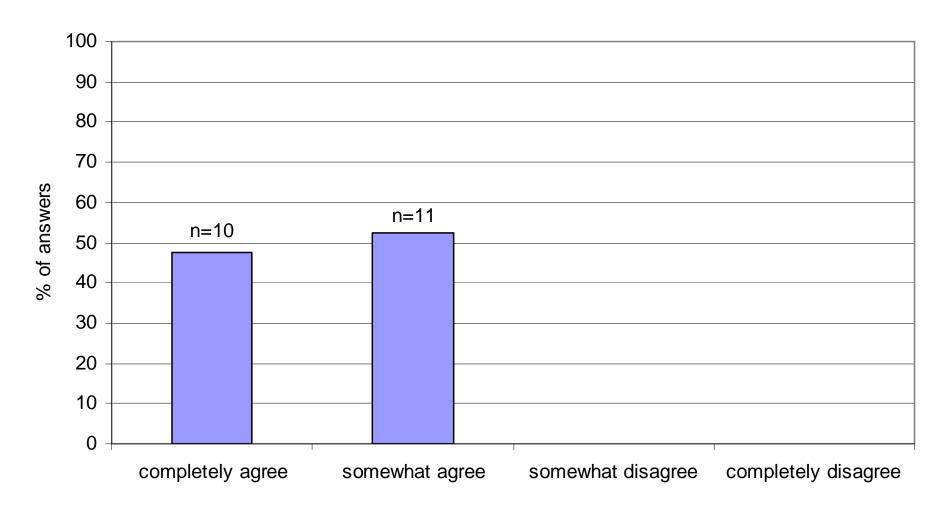
who had tested the COPE system

Concept - if fully developed - enhances COP ?

Could it be applied in <u>professional use</u>?

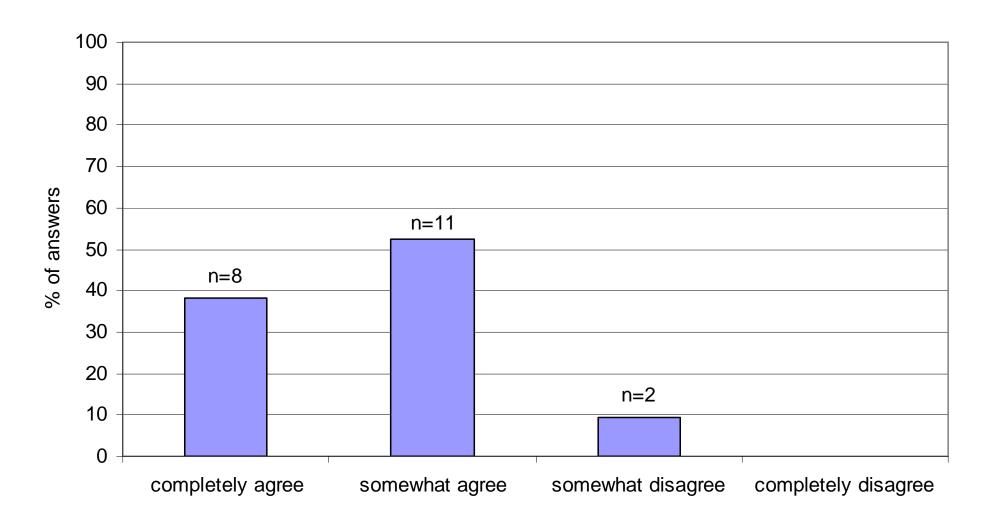


'Common operational picture would be enhanced if this kind of (but fully developed) new technology was used in emergency response.'





'When fully developed, the system could fit well in the professional use in the future'





COPE – Conclusions

Usage-centred design applied included a thorough analysis of user activity and co-design with technology development

All the developed technologies worked well when tested separately

COPE concept supports the functions needed for enhancing COP

- ✓ Forming a model of the situation
 - ✓ Presenting the model
 - ✓ Sharing the model





Thank You!



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COPE- PROJECT - END USER EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS LEARNED -

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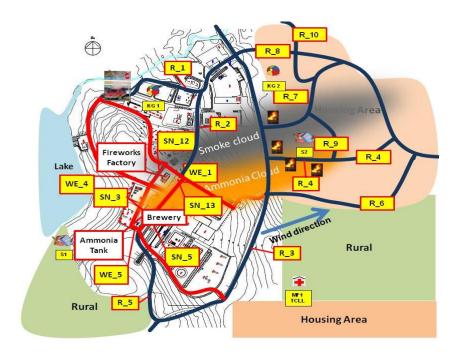
THE SITE OF COPE TRIAL



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THE FINAL TRIAL





.. AND HOW TO GET THERE

- Several iterative cycles took place
- Focus on details in the process e.g. validation of research methods or the recruitment motivation process of the end-users and / or some bits and pieces of technology.
- Abandon the ideas that don't work, take the ideas that work and move on to the next round.
- Expand the demo / trial and test the next idea. Again, abandon
 the ideas that don't work, take the ideas that work and move on
 to the next round.
- At the end you should have technology, methods and needs useful for the final trial
- IMPROTANT: Structured validation methods!
- There is a need for a' Guide of best practices'



UNITS INVOLVED IN THE FINAL TRIAL

- 6 IC (3 operative) all using the system
- 9 SC 3 using the system
- 21 Fire- Fighters , 4 using the system
- Emergency Response Centre Operator
- 2 police units
- Table top
- + supporting staff (instructors security, admin, tech. support etc.)
- Approximately 60 person all together consisting ESC staff, local fulltime fire brigade personnel and police as well as ESC officer students



SOME PRACTICAL ISSUES

- End user involvement and motivation is essential
- There is a difference what would be nice to demonstrate and what are the needs
- Evaluate the usability of the test site, is it possible to record the trial(s), duplicate it, interview the end-users etc.
- How to get all stakeholder groups involved
- Language barrier



OBJECTIVES FROM THE END-USER PERSPECTIVE

- Most ICT related development projects have concentrated explicitly on technical issues, this is insufficient from the Emergency Management perspective
- The focus of the work lays more in the questions:
 - ✓ How can the Emergency Management process change once utilizing ICT?
 - ✓ Is the environment mature to engage the change of process stemming from the possibilities provided by ICT?
 - ✓ Is the technology acceptable in order to take full advantage of ICT?
 - ✓ What should be done in order to change the operational environment more compliant towards the change in the processes?
 - ✓ What are the technical possibilities and limitations of ICT once improving efficiency of the Emergency Management process?



CONCLUSIONS

- The domain has the tendency of relying on tacit knowledge, the SECI model does not seem to work. ICT has a major role here
- There is room and needs for evidence based research
- The environment assumes that ICT plays an essential part in Emergency Services, is there evidence of more efficiency after ICT implementation?
- There are a lot promises, but not all of the promises of ICT have been able to fulfilled
- Is the technological approach valid?
- End user viewpoint essential, interviews are a good tools
- Focus in the change in the process with the assistance of technology
- Maturity of the environment and the end users once changing the process with ICT
- Would we do it again? Definitely!



Questions, Comments





COPE Project

Dissemination Industrial Committee

Johan Forsling, BAE Systems C-ITS, 2010-11-30



Agenda

Part 1

- Introduction to the COPE project
- Overview of each technical component

Part 2

Questions & answers



Project goals and strategies

Goals

- Improve the Common Operation Picture (situational awareness)
- Use COTS solutions and novel technologies

Strategies

- User driven development
- Reuse of previous and ongoing EU projects
- Trial to demonstrate proof of concept



Development fundamentals

TSO

- Tactical Situation
 Object
- http://www.tacticalsituat
 ionobject.org/
- Developed by the EU project OASIS
- Tactical Situation Object
 - A view of the situation stored in XML
 - A structured data set representing the major information of the event

Data Dictionary

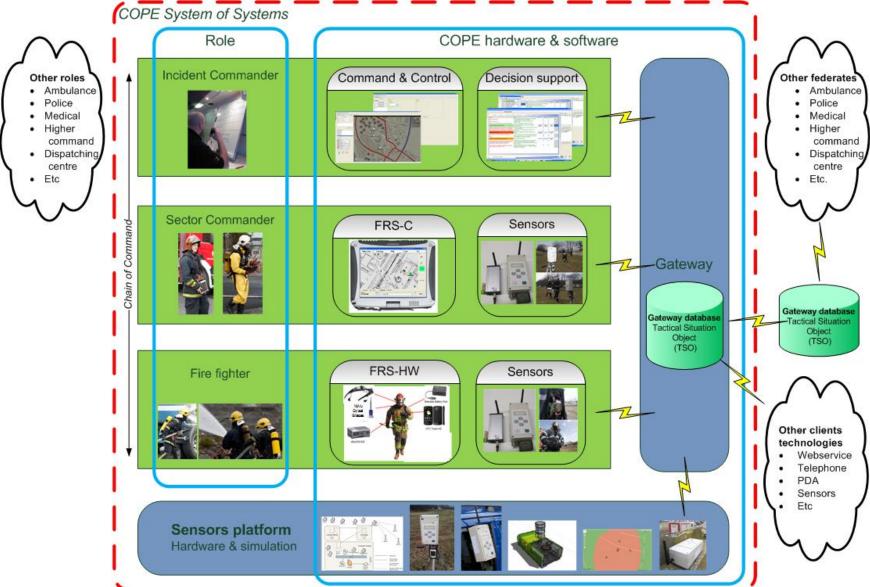
- The valid values from the TSO model used in COPE
- Additions to TSO
- The process supports integration

COPE Gateway

- Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)
- Is a web service
- Possibility to use a network of gateways
- Network of gateways enables communication between units and redundancy
- Data storage



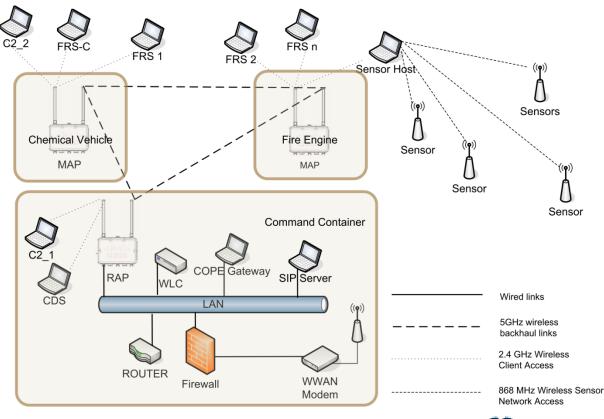
COPE System Overveiw





Communication system

- Stand-alone system
- Wireless local area adhoc mesh network
 - WLAN 5GHz Wifi 500 m LoS mesh network
 - WLAN 2.4 GHz 100 m LoS client communication
- Sensors are integrated on the network
 - WSN 868 MHz
- Voice comm not included in COPE
 - TETRA system



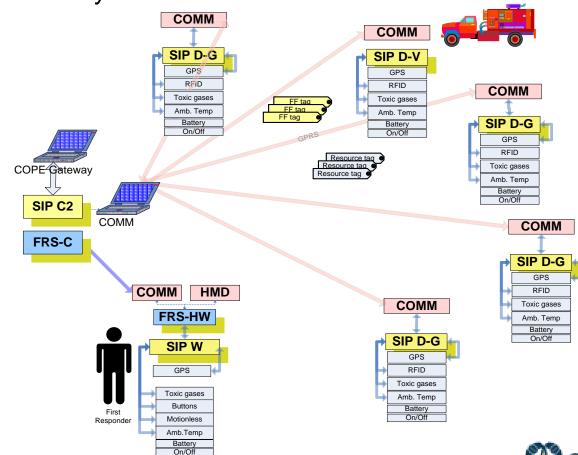


COPE Sensors overview

Sensor network

Plug-and-play connectivity

Connection to the Gateway via the SIP C2 software



COPE Sensors types

- Deployable
 - Tripod
 - Vehicle
- Wearable
 - Standard
 - Indoor navigation based on dead reckoning
- Common functionality
 - Environmental safety (toxic gases, temperature)
 - Localization (GPS)
 - Resource identification (RFID)



Wearable



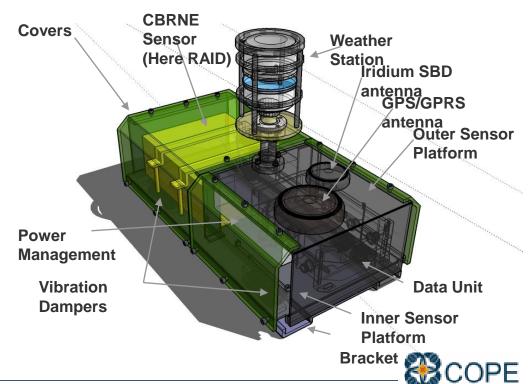
Deployable



Sensor: EMAS

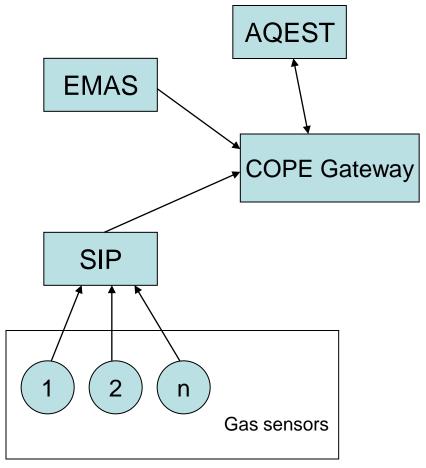
- EMAS Environmental Monitoring and Analysis System
- Main features
 - Rugged housing
 - Types of sensors are configurable
 - Genere purpose data unit
 - Multiple communication options
- COPE adoptations
 - COPE Gateway connection
 - TSO messages





AQEST

- Air Quality Estimator
- Gas cloud estimation algorithm
- Input
 - Sensor values (simulated or real)
 - Weather information
- Output
 - Gas cloud described as a number of polygons
- Results are sent to the COPE Gateway





First Responder System – Human Wearable





First Responder System - Control



- Tablet PC
- Shoulder worn
- Wireless
- Map, tasking and streaming video

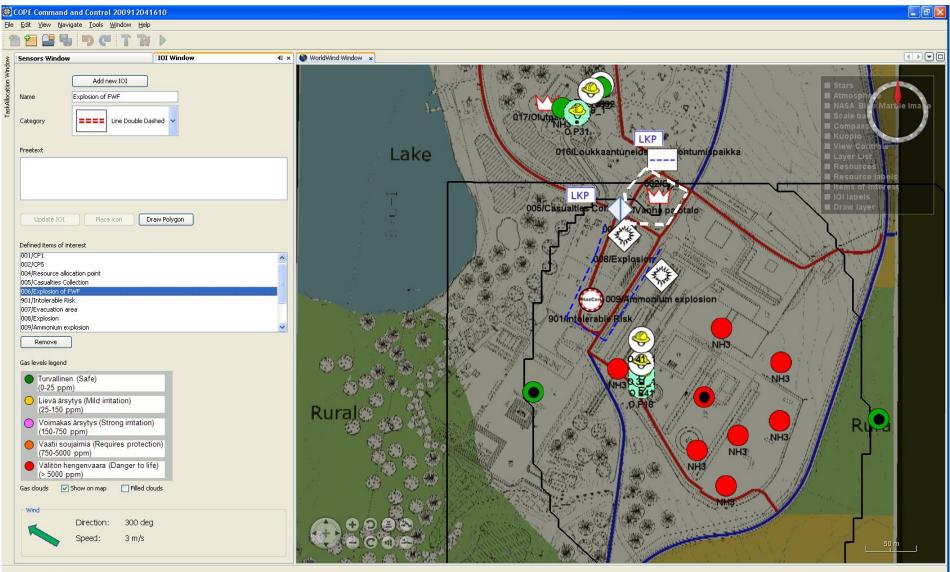


COPE Command and Control (C2)

- Command and control functionality used by the Incident Commander
- Possibility to connect multiple number of C2 clients
- Two main windows
 - Map
 - Tasking
- Major functionality
 - Items of interest (victims, medical points, vehicles, rinsing spots etc)
 - Visual planning tools (functional and geographical sectorization, cordoning off)
 - Map support (zoom, pan, layers etc)
 - Tasking (assign goals including handshake)

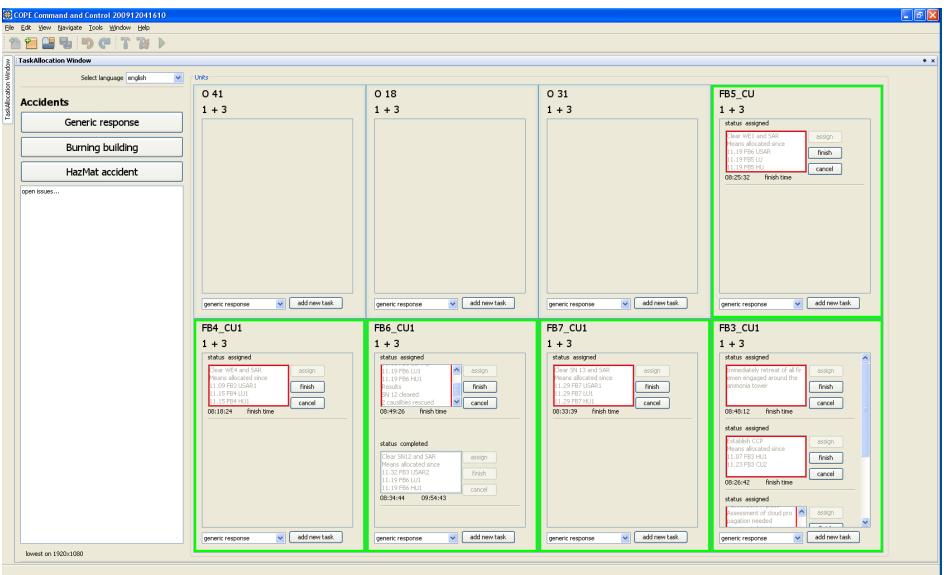


C2 Map window





C2 Tasking window





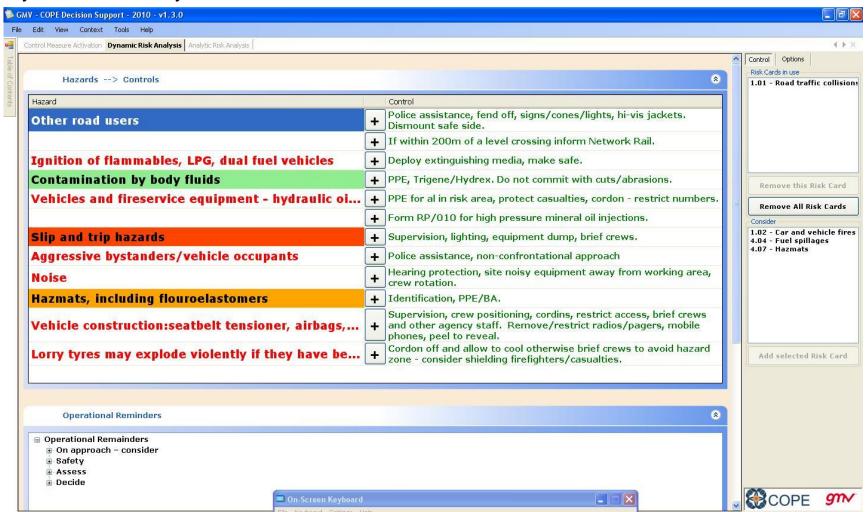
COPE Decision Support

- Risk analyser
 - 1. Dynamic risk analysis
 - 2. Analytic risk analysis
- Site map
 - Display of Common Operational Picture
 - Insertion/Removal of HazCons resulting from the Risk Analysis in the COP
- Gateway communication
 - TSO messages



COPE Decision Support

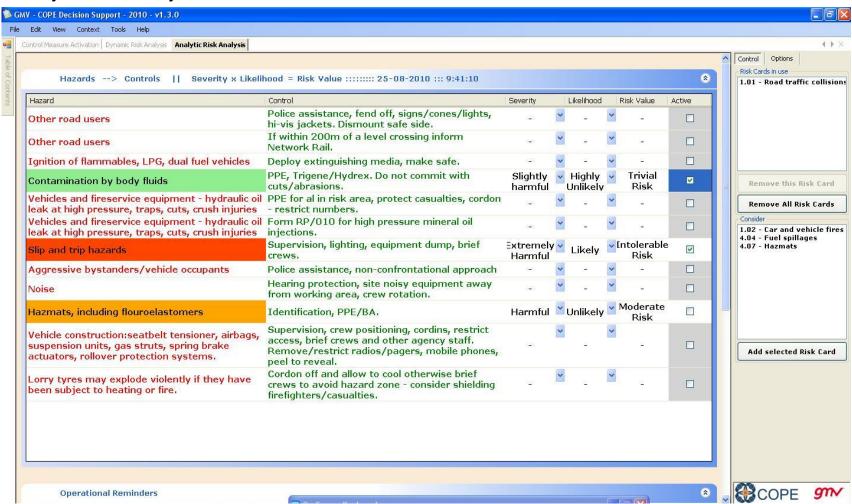
Dynamic risk analysis





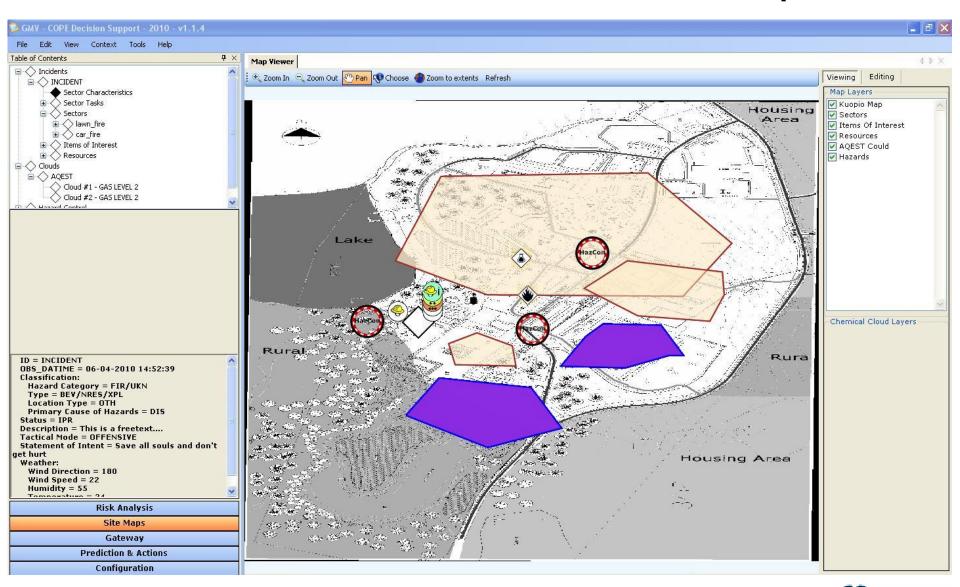
COPE Decision Support

Analytic risk analysis





CDS S/W Features – Site Map





Questions & answers

Partner	Area	Present
VTT	Communication	Yes
UTI	Sensors	Yes
BAE UK	First responder equipment	Yes
GMV	Decision support	No
Bofors	Sensors	No
C-ITS	Command & Control	Yes





The COPE Trial setup and Evaluation

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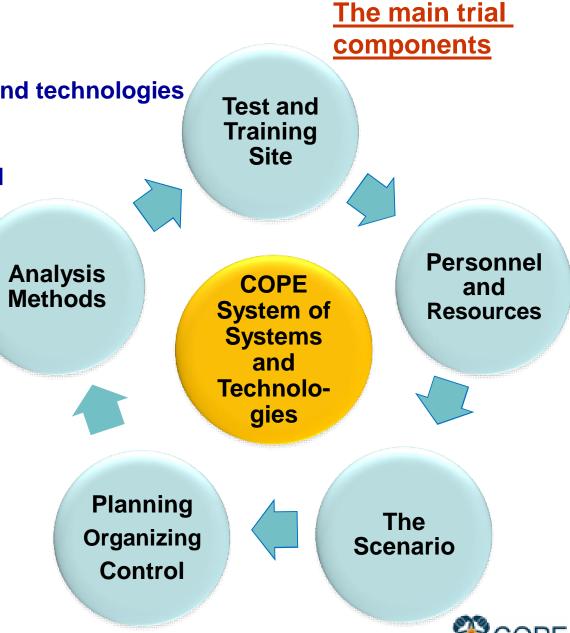


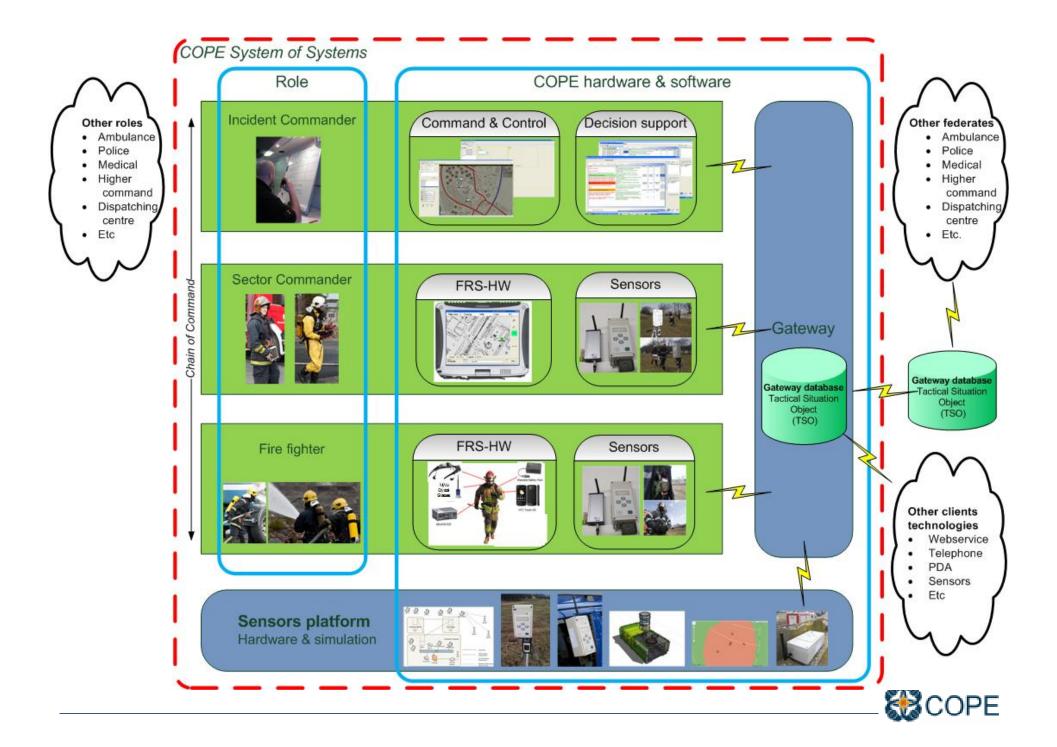
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The trial main objectives

Expose the COPE system and technologies to a realistic scenario

- **❖** Measure performance
- Measure their usability and acceptance (HF)
- Generate measurable information
- Perform detailed and final overall assessment
- Draw conclusions for the future

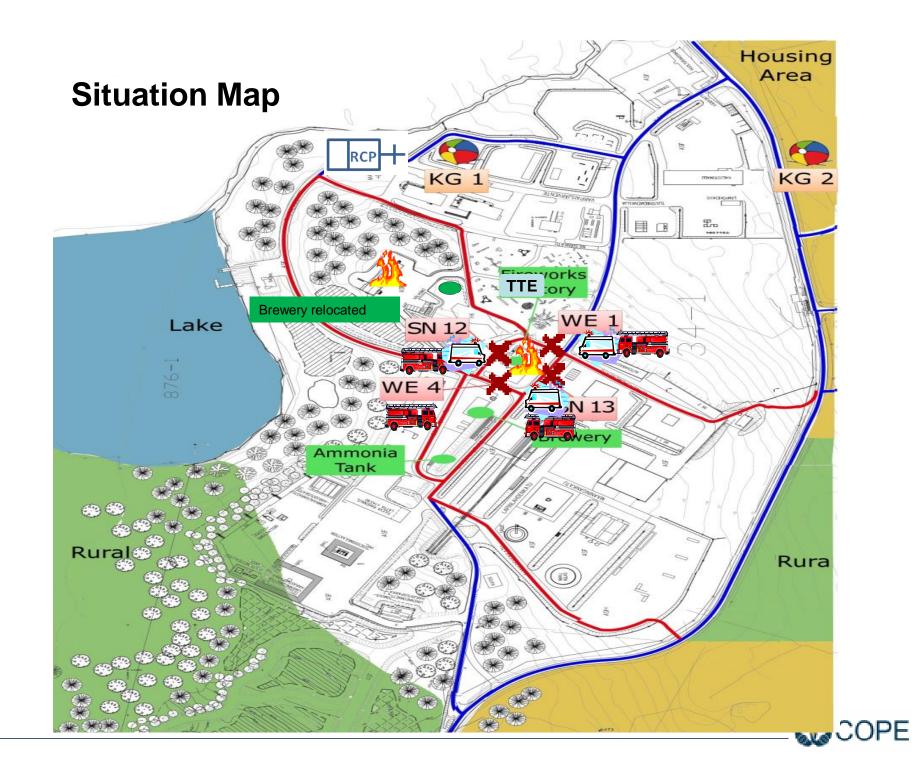




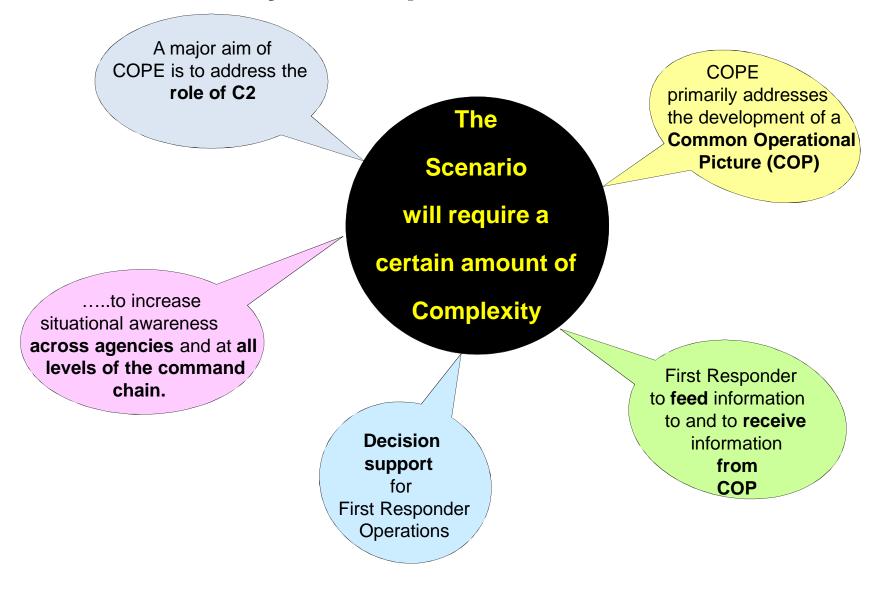


The Exercise Framework

- > A real emergency exercising training range
- ➤ 3 preceding test exercises
- > > 4 months planning lead time
- > A very complex scenario close to real
- ➤ More than 80 participants
 - First responders 38
 - Visitors/ players 14
 - Team members 19
 - Supporting staff 15
- ➤ About 40 major technical components installed
- ➤ 3 days duration: 22/23/24 Sept. 2010
 - Instructions, briefings, rehearsal
 - The exercise scenario: ~3 hours real time
 - Debriefings, feedback and wrap up
- ➤ Multi-step evaluation



Why a complex Scenario?





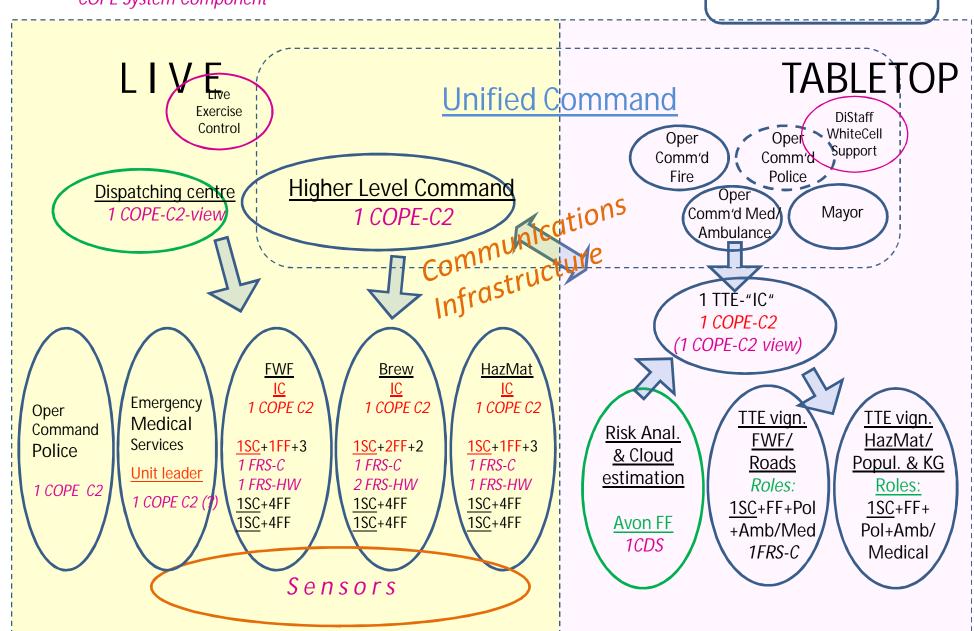


Legend:
Trial Elements & units
Unit/Person equipped with
COPE System Component

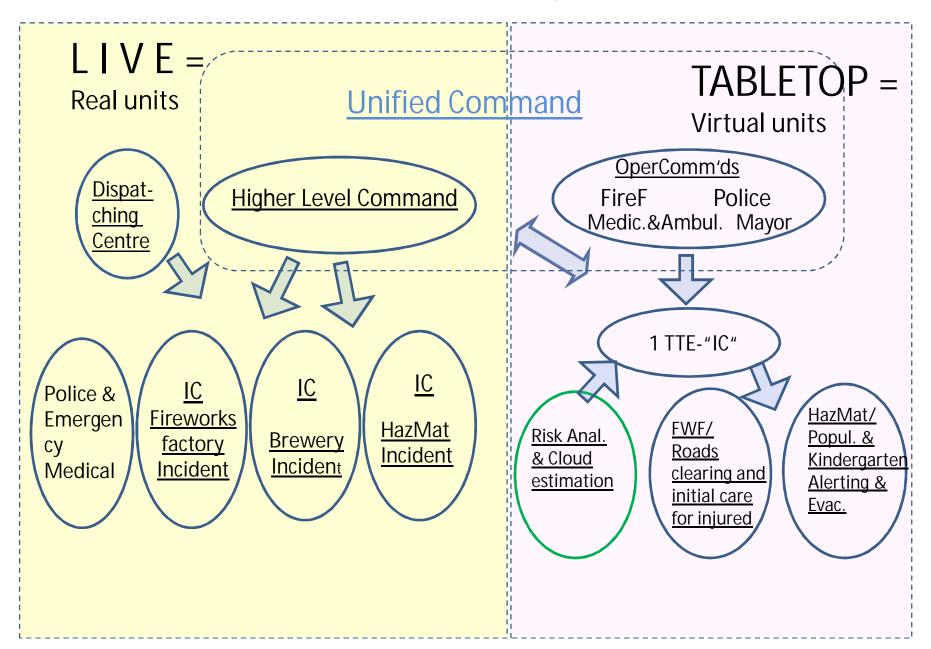
Trial Setup Details

Visitors/Observers

1 COPE C2 view



COPE Trial Setup





Exercise Roles

- ➤ Dispatching centre
- ➤ Unified Command (virtual)
- ➤ Incident Commands
- ➤ C2/CDS support: CSO&RA
- ➤ Sector Commanders
- ➤ Fire Fighter Command
- >Ambulance Command
- ➤ Police Command
- ➤ Regional Politician / Mayor

The Disaster Scenario

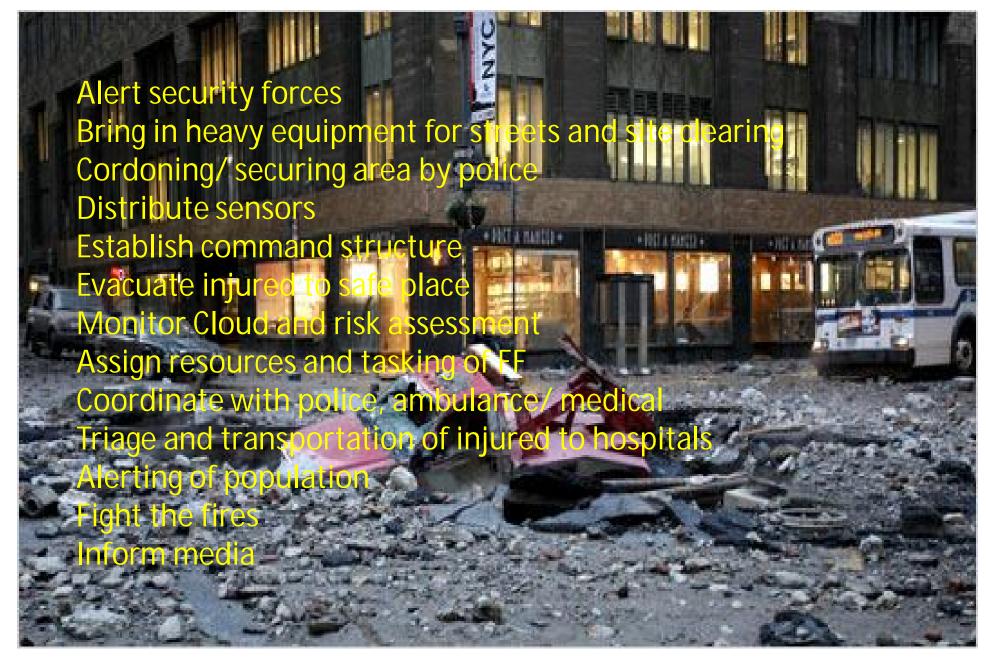


06:00 a.m.: The early shift of 59 workers present in the Fireworks Factory. 06:10: The bombs in the chemical warehouse exploded...... and immediately ignited the stored chemicals. Containers explode 6:13 a.m. Fire Brigade alerted through the emergency number 6:11a.m. Burning parts penetrate into nearby Brewery A fourth container explodes 6:45 a.m Half of the Brewery in Flames 7:01 a.m. Ammonia tower explodes Detailed ; FF; evac. etc. >7:00 operation **Consequences:** •Tiles from roofs; debris in streets: Access blocked Cars trapped, burning, destroyed Brewery heavily affected Many injured and dead Heavy fires and smoke Release of a large toxic cloud



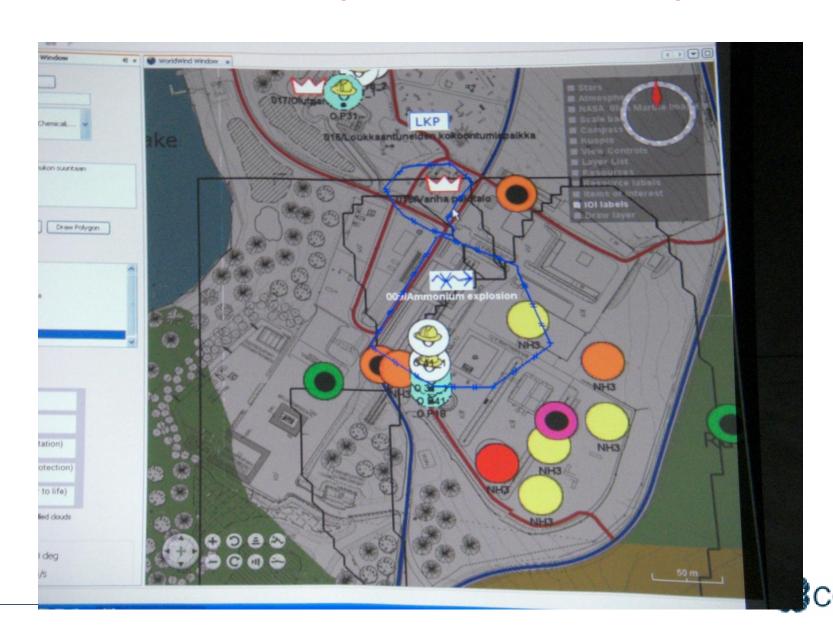
Main Course of Actions







The Common Operational Picture builds up



Prognosis: Cloud Propagation T+17 250<x g/m₃ 100<x<250 g/m₃ sing Area 0<x<100 g/m₃ **Fireworks** Factory Lake R_4 WE_4 SN_3 SN_13 Brewery Ammonia R_3 SN_5 Rural Tank WE_5 MF1 TCLL Rural **Housing Area**



The Evaluation of Components and of the whole System

- 1. Did it work?
- 2. How did it support the tasks?
- 3. How was it accepted & evaluated by the user?
- 4. Could results be measured?
- 5. How was the quality enhanced of the COP, the Common Operational Picture
- 6. Were the project goals achieved?
 - Scientifically
 - Technically
 - Operationally
 - Budgetary

The overall results of the trial











Object	Performance	Limitations
The overall COPE System	Performance hardly measurable; all components contributed to the COP as planned	Would need repeated training and exercising; Some local/temporary failures did not jeopardize overall success
The COPE Command & Control	Worked as planned; TSO & GIS very helpful	Overall integration performance to be better emphasized
The COPE Decision Support	Worked with FR familiar with procedures	should become an integrated function also for higher level C2
The First Responder System-Control	Worked correctly and to requirements	Some partial outage
The Human Wearables	Worked and sometimes disturbed;	To be integrated in human Wear
The Sensors/ SIPs	Worked to design	Customer adaptation if required
The Communication	Worked as designed	Had some minor interference and overload problems

The main conclusions



- ➤ The system is a technology demonstrator, not a turnkey operational product
- ➤ All components worked but all showed some limitations too
- ➤ The overall goal of the project was achieved
- >The technical integration effort was underestimated
- >The operational integration and training requirements, too
- Language and procedures of the host organization are different from those of other partners
- The size and complexity of the system and of the trial were at the edge of feasibility
- >FRs were confronted with a huge amount of new technologies ...



Thank you!

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Human Factors in the COPE project

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COPE-project followed a usage-centred design approach

User studies

Concept of operations

Technology mapping

Solution design

Final evaluation

Analysis of end-user activity with current technology

User requirement description



Design-oriented experiments with *end-users* - current and COPE tech.

Task-Technology mapping in four WG's

Concept of operations descriptions.

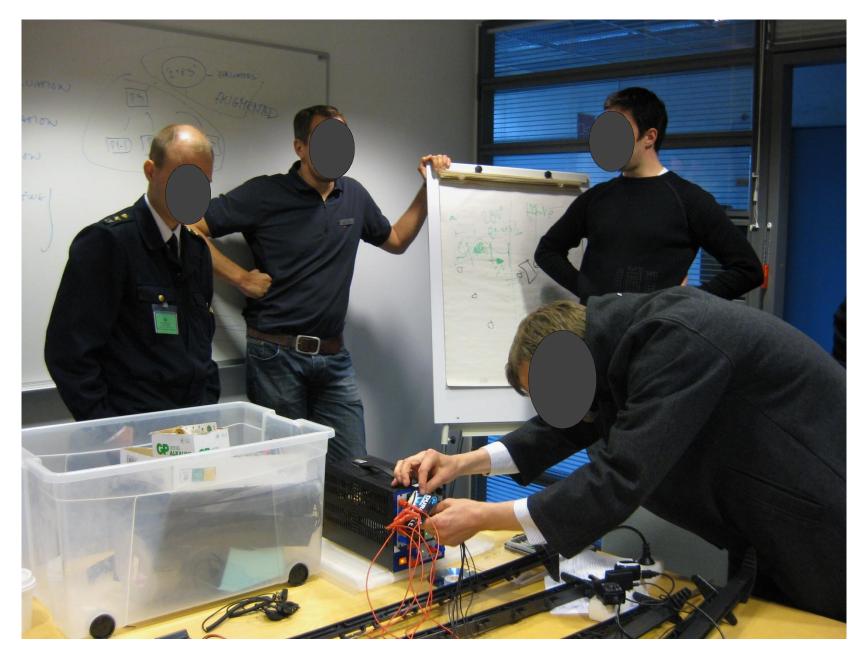
Architecture of technology solutions

Task-based KPIs

Integrated evaluation metrics for COPEtech

Analysis of end-user activities of COPE tech in a large-scale scenario. Final design input

Analysis of end-user activities and synthetic evaluation of COPEtech in the final trial



COPE technology developers, end users and HF experts constructing the first version of the WSN

Human Factors (HF) data collection in the real-life trials

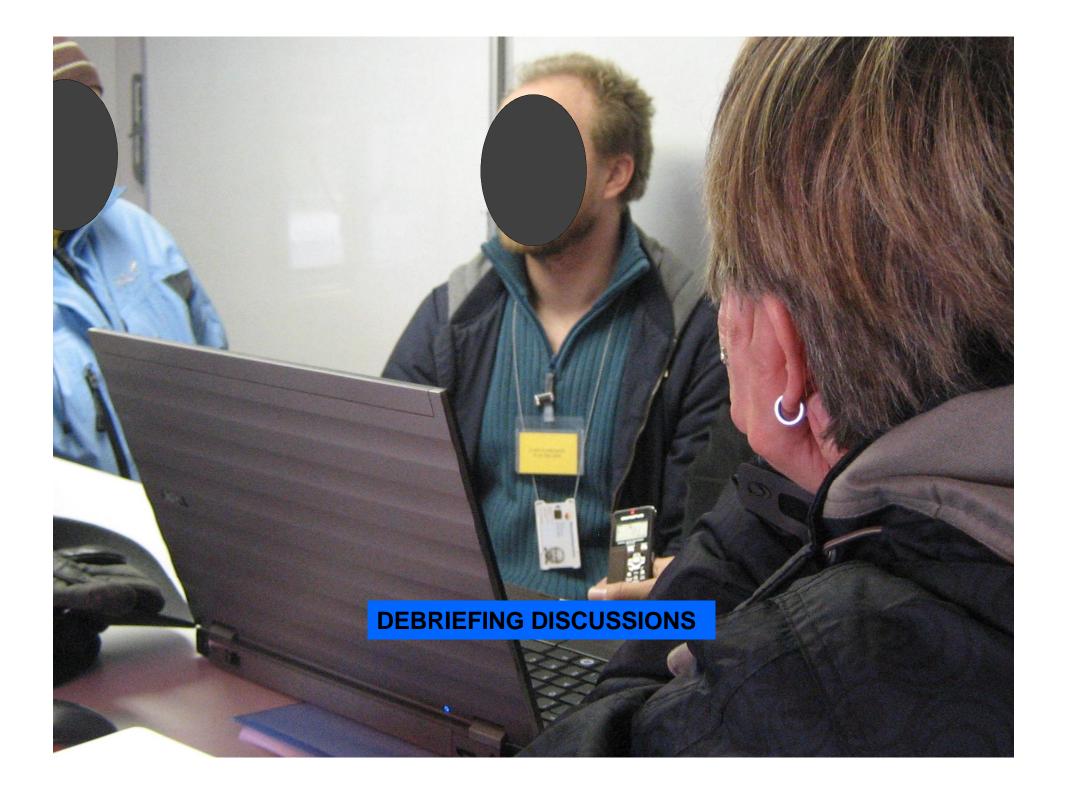












HF analysis of ER activity and of the forming of Common Operational Picture (COP)

- Forming of COP is one of the cognitive demands ER work. It takes
 place in the context of accomplishing well rehearsed tasks.
- COP is the emergency responders' on-line conception of the emergency situation which is as coherent as possible, and is supported by artefacts.
- ER activity and forming of COP was studied in realistic exercises by
 - describing the course of actions and decision making
 - defining successfulness of task performance
 - analysing communication processes during the activity
 - inquiring user experience concerning used technologies



HF evaluation of the COPE technology concept

Verification

- Focus on the functionality and usability of singular technologies in different tasks against the requirements
- Task completion and user experience (UX)

Validation

- Focus on the potential of the COPE concept in supporting COP
- Usability Case method:
 - Claims concerning the innovative elements of COPE concept and their support for COP
 - Evidence of different exercises to test the fulfilment of the claims
 - Provides a possibility to synthesize data, and derive general results from successive design studies



Sensemaking, Coordination, and Maintaining common ground in action Intrinsic cognitive demands COP of ER work Concept requirements **Presenting** a Forming a model **Sharing** model of the of the situation the model situation Concept solutions Gateway and Semantic structuring **Sensors for** Actor's WI AN for of information terminals for **Extending** availability of all for abstraction of participation human senses **relevant** information information Delivering of Enhancing visual Managing tasks Control of in time information perception (C2, SC) information load • Map (C2, SC) • Camera, infrared camera • Tasks (C2, SC) Observing environment Visual presentation Alarming Retrieval of •Hazardous materials (NH₃) • Map (C2, SC) smoke diving duration stored information (video) Weather • Video (SC, visor) new tasks Locating objects Ad hoc • personnel (GPS, inertia) **Functional solutions** communication network • resources, hazmat

Conclusions

- Potential of the COPE concept was shown in the project via a systematic evaluation process
- Gaining actual added value from COPE technologies in the future requires still more HF effort on
 - semantic structuring of information; forming of efficient ontologies
 - design of integrated human-technology communication systems
- Technology changes demands of work
 - ICT enables new concepts of operations in emergency response
 - new competencies need to be learned





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PSCE Press Release





On 30 November and 1 December 2010, **PSCE** successfully organised another of its high-level biannual conferences traditionally covering the latest issues encompassing the world of public safety communications.

Held in CISCO Systems premises in Amsterdam (the Netherlands), the conference brought together over 80 participants including top-level policymakers, academic researchers, industrial experts and other interested stakeholders who discussed the new developments in this domain. In particular, they had an opportunity to learn about various aspects of Critical Information Protection and Public Warning Policy and broadened their knowledge of existing projects in public safety communications. A special attention was also paid to the allocation of radio spectrum for the civil protection authorities.

In addition to the outstanding presentations given by the key-note speakers, the conference served as a working platform enabling the whole **PSCE** structure to report on and pursue with its respective work. The programme of the conference therefore comprised also the Industry, Research and Users Committee meetings as well as the Board and General Assembly meetings. The establishment of the OSSAF (Open Safety & Security Architecture Framework) Working Group was unanimously approved along with the White Paper entitled "Enterprise Architecture as the Foundation for Agile Public Safety & Security."

For the first time, the **PSCE** Forum Conference successfully hosted also an external dissemination event on Common Operational Picture Exploitation (COPE) Project. The objective of this EU funded project is to create technological solutions which enable improved emergency management by better command and control performance and reliability of technical support. Booth presenting the COPE technology developments was available during the conference. More information about the project is available at http://cope.vtt.fi/.

Throughout the conference, unique and innovative ideas were generated and new contacts were established. The overall results of the event lay down promising basis for future discussions.

A number of conference materials including the programme, list of participants and all the presentations (including General Assembly documents) will be made available soon to all the participants. For more information, please contact **PSCE** Secretariat at secretariat@psc-europe.eu.

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