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MultiRATE Project Showcased at LAGO Workshop: Advancing Security Research Evaluation in the EU



Brussels, February 25, 2025 – The MultiRATE project took center stage at the LAGO Workshop in Brussels, that brought together policymakers, researchers, and security practitioners to discuss critical challenges in security research and data management. The event reinforced the importance of structured and transparent methodologies for evaluating research maturity across various domains.

During the workshop, MultiRATE's representative of the project coordinator, Dimitris Kavallieros, introduced the project's methodology, which offers a holistic and standardized approach to assessing the maturity of security research and technological innovation. A key highlight was the unveiling of the MultiRATE web calculator, a practical tool designed to facilitate structured and reliable maturity evaluations across various domains. In collaboration with our partner VICOMTECH, represented by Luis Unzueta, the MultiRATE web calculator was demonstrated, showcasing its capabilities in supporting comprehensive and consistent maturity assessments.

MultiRATE's framework integrates multiple Readiness Levels (RLs), covering Technology, Societal, Security, Legal, Privacy and Ethics, Commercialisation, and Manufacturing. By unifying these dimensions into a single evaluation methodology, MultiRATE enhances the assessment of research and innovation in security-related solutions. This approach directly supports the evolution of the LAGO Research Data Ecosystem, fostering improved data-sharing practices and informed decision-making within the FCT research community.

The workshop facilitated discussions on the future of security research evaluation, with experts emphasizing the need for harmonized assessment frameworks that bridge the gap between research development, policy implementation, and practical application. The discussions highlighted how MultiRATE's structured evaluation approach can enhance transparency and credibility in security research.

As the project progresses, MultiRATE remains committed to fostering collaboration and strengthening the EU security research landscape. The LAGO workshop served as a milestone in this journey, reinforcing the project's contributions to shaping the future of security innovation. By continuously refining its methodology through testing and stakeholder engagement, MultiRATE aims to create a lasting impact on security research and innovation.

Looking ahead, MultiRATE will continue expanding its network and refining its methodologies to meet evolving security challenges. The project welcomes collaboration with policymakers, researchers, and industry experts to advance security research evaluation and ensure the seamless integration of innovative technologies into the EU's security framework.

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