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**Conclusion report and feedback from the Joint
WP3/WP4 Technical Workshop validating the
Evidence Exchange Standard Package Application
Deliverable D4.2**

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Executive Summary

Deliverable D4.2 “Conclusion report and feedback from the Joint WP3/WP4 Technical Workshop validating the Evidence Exchange Standard Package Application” is drafted in conformity with the Grant Agreement of the “Linking EVIDENCE into e-CODEX for EIO and MLA procedures in Europe” (EVIDENCE2e-CODEX) project. The Joint WP3/WP4 workshop held in The Hague on 26 and 27 March 2019, was co-organised by INTERPOL (leader of WP4) together with CNR-ITTIG (project coordinator), CETIC and LIBRe (partner responsible for dissemination and communication activities). The workshop was hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security.

The report starts with a general presentation of the event objectives, structure and participants. The joint WP3/WP4 workshop “Meeting the technical community to validate the Evidence Exchange Standard Package Application” aimed to engage the technical community with the EVIDENCE2e-CODEX achievements and goals, by informing technicians that serve the legal community about available instruments and back office needs for enabling evidence exchange via e-CODEX. The report details the event structure facilitating the attainment of set objectives. The deliverable describes the background of event attendees as a key element in fulfilling the project aim to engage relevant stakeholders. The report continues with an outline of the workshop’s content, covering the essence of the discussions held during the panel sessions preceded by thorough explanations of the EESP tool, its functionalities, uses and scenarios. The event provided the opportunity to demonstrate the EESP application and to discuss its content in detail with technical experts in the area, representing both prospective end-users of the tool, as well as digital forensic tool developers. The deliverable mentions the dissemination efforts undertaken prior to, during and following the event.

The report ends with conclusions and observations shared by the stakeholder community regarding the EESP tool and the broader EVIDENCE2e-CODEX goals. The workshop participants were unanimous about the potential benefit of the EESP in facilitating the transnational exchange of evidence packages by enabling authorities to work with a standardised validation tool. The choice of the CASE standard was supported and it was agreed that the tool should integrate all of the MS evidence admissibility requirements in order to present a strong and viable solution. The experts highlighted the importance of a user-friendly EESP application to ensure its uptake as a voluntary instrument by end-users.



The consortium collected and analysed the expert feedback for integration into the project's future development. This valuable input and suggestions for improving the application contribute to ensuring that the developed EESP tool offers a feasible solution that is compliant with stakeholder needs and requirements. The feedback was also incorporated into deliverable D3.3 "Final workshop with digital forensic and legal experts on the formal language for the evidence exchange representation". A final WP4 workshop will be held in September 2019 bringing together technical and legal communities to cross-fertilize their views on challenges and issues identified within the EVIDENCE2e-CODEX project.

