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**Conclusion report and feedback from the Joint
WP4/EXEC Workshop on Merging Views**

Deliverable D4.3

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Executive Summary

Deliverable D4.3 “Conclusion report and feedback from the joint WP4/EXEC Workshop on Merging Views - Meeting technical and legal community to cross-fertilize views” is drafted in conformity with the Grant Agreement of the ‘EVIDENCE2e-CODEX linking EVIDENCE into e-CODEX for EIO and MLA procedures in Europe’ (EVIDENCE2e-CODEX) project. The final WP4 event “Joint WP4/EXEC Workshop on Merging Views - Meeting technical and legal community to cross-fertilize views” was held on 25 and 26 September 2019 in Florence. The event was co-organized by CNR-IGSG (EVIDENCE2e-CODEX project coordinator) and LIBRe Foundation (LIBRe), partner responsible for dissemination and communication activities, and members of both the EVIDENCE2e-CODEX and EXEC projects. Also involved in the organization was the team of the e-Evidence Digital Exchange System (e-Evidence) initiative led by the European Commission. The joint WP4/EXEC workshop represents the culmination of WP4 stakeholder engagement efforts on EVIDENCE2e-CODEX project activities and results. This workshop was held in the framework of a series of three events dedicated to meeting representatives of the legal¹ then technical² communities. These were followed by a closing, merged event to cross-fertilize experts’ views on issues identified.

This deliverable details the event structure, where first day focused on presentations, use cases and demonstrations followed by a more practical and hands-on second day. The deliverable covers the identification process of attendees and their background. It continues with an outline of the workshop’s content, including the essence of discussions held following the presentations, demonstrations and practical labs. This event provided an opportunity for prospective end-users to test the latest version of the Reference Implementation Portal and to familiarize experts with the Evidence Exchange Standard Package (EESP) application, its functioning and interaction with the e-Evidence Digital Exchange System. The deliverable mentions the dissemination efforts undertaken prior to, during and following the event, such as presentation of the EESP web application at the 7th Europol-INTERPOL Cybercrime Conference. This report ends with some conclusions and observations shared by the stakeholder community

¹ ‘EVIDENCE2e-CODEX: Meeting the Legal Community’, 15 January 2019, Brussels, Belgium, <https://evidence2e-codex.eu/a/wp4-workshop-1>

² ‘Meeting the Technical Community: Validation of the Evidence Exchange Standard Package Application’, 26-27 March 2019, The Hague, the Netherlands, <https://evidence2e-codex.eu/a/wp4-workshop-2>



regarding the EESP tool and the broader EVIDENCE2e-CODEX goals of facilitating transnational judicial cooperation.

The workshop participants expressed enthusiasm and support with regards to the added-value of the EESP application in transferring digital evidence packages by enabling authorities to work with a standardised validation tool. They reiterated the importance of having a straightforward e-Evidence system architecture and an easy to use EESP application, to encourage their adoption by the end-user community. The participants acknowledged the particularities characterising the dynamic field of digital forensics and the consequences this has for the handling of electronic evidence.

The consortium collected the expert feedback for analysis in order to fine-tune the project and its results before its official completion. The input and recommendations contribute to shaping the EESP tool in a way that best meets stakeholder needs and responds to their requirements by providing them with a feasible solution. The final EVIDENCE2e-CODEX conference will be held in Brussels on 21 and 22 January 2020 jointly with the official release of the e-Evidence Digital Exchange System.

