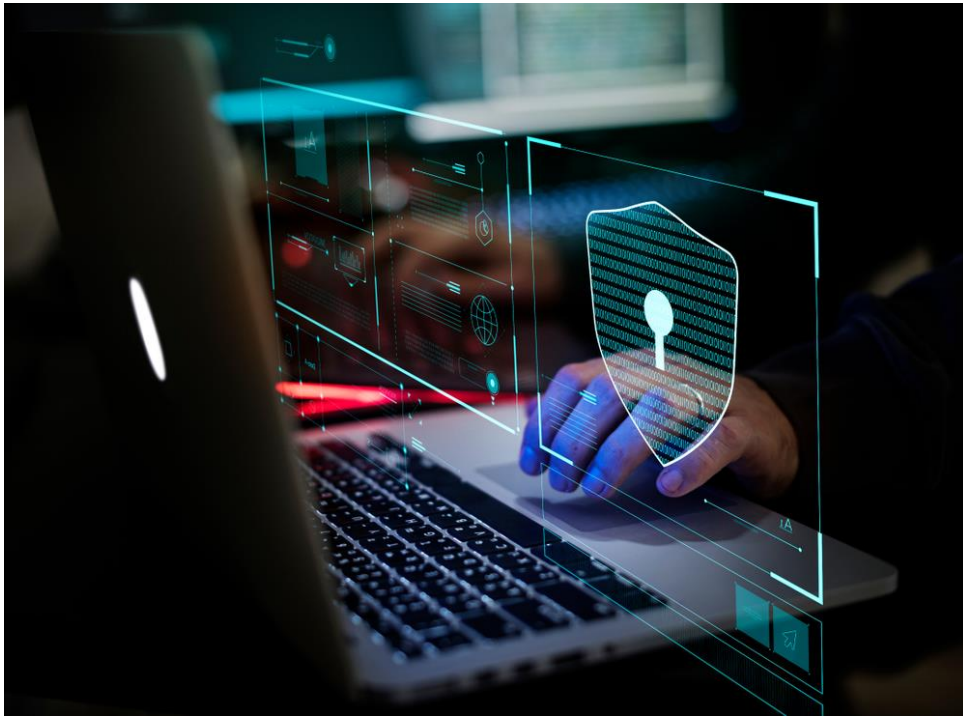


**Press release****UNCOVER announces partnership with Local Police Rupel**

UNCOVER an EU-funded project under the Horizon 2020 program, announced a new partnership with Local Police Rupel (LPR). LPR is a Belgian law enforcement agency, located in the province of Antwerp. It is one of 184 local police forces in Belgium and provides basic police care to over 63,000 citizens in the municipalities of Boom, Hemiksem, Niel, Rumst, and Schelle.

LPR's concern is to reconcile limited resources with growing challenges, and as innovation is crucial, they participate in several European projects. With a staff of 138 employees, including 112 sworn officers, they focus on keeping communities safe and secure, tackling crime and police events.

LPR, along with all UNCOVER partners, will work together to combat cybercrime and strengthen law enforcement, data protection, and information security.

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UNCOVER is a project funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program in partnership with 22 forensic institutes and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). The aim is to verify the use of steganographic methods in typical areas such as cybercrime and malware attacks and campaigns to develop a tailored toolkit for LEAs and judicial partners.

The significant increase in the criminal use of information concealment techniques (i.e. steganography) in digital media such as images, video, audio, and text files has prompted UNCOVER partners to conduct a detailed analysis of the various aspects of the needs and requirements of LEAs to detect and investigate steganography.

UNCOVER members are committed to filling existing gaps in the ability of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) to detect the presence of hidden information and thereby increasing the technological autonomy of LEAs in the field of digital media steganalysis.

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