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R²D² Project Advances Into Its Final Year with Key Discussions in Paris

Paris, France – November 20, 2024 – As the R²D² project enters its final year, consortium partners gathered in Paris on November 19–20 for a pivotal Plenary Meeting hosted by RTE. The meeting focused on reviewing project progress and refining implementation plans for the project's four pilot sites in Serbia, Greece, Spain, and Slovenia.

The discussions centered on critical project areas, including tool integration, deployment, solution validation, and dissemination strategies. Special attention was given to demonstration activities for key use cases, such as operational planning tools, crisis management for cascading events, wildfire impact simulations, and dynamic cybersecurity risk assessments. Partners shared updates on challenges, proposed solutions, and next steps to ensure successful execution across all sites.

Progress on Standardization and Compliance

R²D² has made significant strides in standardization, identifying relevant legislation and standards, as well as gaps and challenges for compliance. Proposed solutions aim to enhance legislation and interoperability, implement security-by-design measures, and align the project's outcomes with the Digitalising the Energy System – EU Action Plan, supporting a more secure and standardized energy ecosystem.

Spotlight on Cybersecurity

A dedicated session led by CyberNoesis highlighted the importance of cybersecurity in energy systems. Partners were introduced to the Self-Assessment Tool, part of the PRECOG product (Prevention Systems for Energy Infrastructures Security), which helps Electric Power and Energy Systems (EPES) operators evaluate and strengthen their supply chain security practices. The tool enables operators to identify security gaps, implement necessary controls, and adopt best practices in vendor management, including supplier qualification and auditing.

Fully deployed, the tool is now ready for practical testing. R²D² partners will assess its effectiveness in real-world scenarios and provide feedback to enhance its usability and impact. The session also outlined CyberNoesis's demonstration plan for engaging EPES stakeholders and showcasing the tool's capabilities. A recording of the session will be made available shortly.

Replay the recorded session: https://youtu.be/bbrzWATC2Fw?si=Yce2_Ddstn7hKy8q

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