

EU-CIP 2nd Annual Conference Concept Note

Introduction

The EU-CIP 2nd Annual Conference will take place on November 13, 2024, in Madrid, alongside CIPRE week. This event aims to unite stakeholders from various sectors to enhance the policy and innovation landscape for critical infrastructure protection.

This year's conference will focus on the future of critical infrastructure, integrating both policy and innovation discussions. Esteemed speakers from European institutions, businesses, academia, and industries will share their expertise on current and future policy developments, addressing the pressing need for innovations to secure critical infrastructure.

During this edition, EU-CIP will initiate focus group discussions on specific critical infrastructure sectors. Participants will be guided by experts to identify gaps and needs in current policies and explore how innovations can address these challenges. The conference will also discuss how industries and businesses can adapt to meet these challenges effectively.

Objectives

- **Policy Development:** To explore and talk on current policy changes regarding the resilience of vital entities.
- **Innovation:** To present cutting-edge ideas and talk about how infrastructure resilience is utilizing them.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** To disseminate research findings and useful applications in the area of protecting critical infrastructure.

Focus Areas

Policy development: Featuring roundtable talks and keynote addresses from influential officials and experts, the conference will debate recent developments in policy pertaining to the resilience of essential entities. The goal of these sessions is to give participants a thorough grasp of how current policies shape the critical infrastructures' resilience, by addressing its gaps.

Innovation: EU-CIP is centred on innovation. The session will address the useful applications of the ground-breaking ideas from the EU-CIP "Own Innovators' Pool" and highlight them. The most recent training, innovation management services, and survey findings on the EU innovation radar will all be covered in the presentations, providing insightful information about both present and emerging trends.

Collaboration and knowledge sharing: Interaction across many sectors will be facilitated via workshops and focus groups, matching innovations with the real-world requirements of operators of critical infrastructure as well as current policy trends and developments. The goal of these sessions is to help participants build lasting relationships and continuous cooperation.





Networking opportunities: There will be many of networking opportunities at the conference, including a reception, which will let participants meet, talk about possible joint ventures, and forge enduring professional bonds.

Importance of Participation: Participating in the EU-CIP Annual Conference will allow you to keep up with the most recent policy developments, look into creative ideas, and support the security of Europe's vital infrastructures. Participants will build strategic alliances, obtain insightful knowledge, and influence how critical infrastructure resilience develops in the future.

We look forward to your active participation in making this conference a successful and impactful event!



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