

THE DEVELOPMENT AND CHALLENGES OF EU SUNRISE PROJECT by Milan Tarman, Ph.D., Institute for Corporate Security Studies

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of organisational resilience and the ability to ensure the smooth operation of key business processes, even in the most demanding moments.

As a result, the need for better collaboration and a common spirit in finding solutions has never been more evident and urgent. However, due to a lack of resources, in the initial period of recent pandemics, instead of cooperation between different critical infrastructures (CI), sometimes there was an element of competition between them (and between countries, regions, and local communities). [The SUNRISE project](#) makes it possible to improve cooperation and enable the active participation of national and European CIs - in doing so, it helps them to be better prepared and equipped to properly assess and jointly manage future risks posed by pandemics.



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[The SUNRISE project](#) uses an interdisciplinary approach to ensure that long-term and short-term changes in companies during a pandemic are considered in a planned manner. The mission of the project is to strengthen the active cooperation of CIs in Europe to exchange best practices and join forces in pandemics, identify key pandemic-specific services and CIs, their interdependencies, risks, cascading effects, and effective measures to dealing with them at a national and European level. SUNRISE will also develop a strategy and tools that ensure the availability, reliability, and continuity of critical services specific to pandemic in Europe. During the 3-year project, ICS will work within an international consortium comprising 41 project partners from 13 countries (including 8 Slovenian partners) to improve the resilience of these critical infrastructures against the impact of pandemics and other major risks.