The Lancashire Co-Design Workshop
3-4th May 2016
Lancaster University, UK

SecInCore Team Members engaged with an international group of disaster practioners and planners in a two-day workshop designed to delve into our concept and its design implications for the final year of the project. Participants included member of the Lancashire Local Resilience Forum LRF Pandemic Consequence Management Group, members of the Dortmund Fire Brigade civic protection and technology branches, a representative of the management team for the Bremerhaven Fire Brigade, an experienced Greek CBRNE Planner, and members of our Advisory Board. Based around the concrete case of pandemic planning, the discussions resonated with the participants current planning concerns and enabled them to bring specific situational and planning needs to the table with which to explore the SecInCoRe system.

The overall aims of the workshop was to understand how SecInCoRe's Inventory, CIS and Knowledge Base structure might add value to the design and review of emergency plans. We also were able to identify collaborative and interoperability issues that have emerged as the result of our design decisions. In doing so, we examined how the taxonomy that forms the basis for the knowledge base and the CIS could help support information networks that can lead to better pandemic plans, from encouraging more ELSI aware engagements with information to tools to support the evaluation of the relevance of a new contact or document source. In co-design form, working together enables new ways of envisioning next steps and solutions to problems we had already identified.

Most importantly, the workshop created a space in which participants could anticipate the ways in which SecInCoRe added value to user needs, including:

- The potential to find and share lessons learnt and debriefs with new partners
- The capability to mobilize information on things outside personal experience
- Support in refining searches based on a knowledge base of experiential and conceptual relationships
- The ability to generate relevance across borders and on a wider European level
- Provide a foundation from which to begin new interactions that are otherwise impeded by local differences
- The ability to have a live connection between people and information stored in the system