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***“Video Evidence: Principles for Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice”
Wednesday, 22 May 2024, 5:00 PM Embassy of Italy in Vienna (Austria)***

Introduction

Pursuing a crime is not straightforward. There are many different types of evidence sources to identify a perpetrator and many elements to be considered during an investigation and a trial. DNA and fingerprints are all types of data that immediately evoke scientific rigor, meticulous procedures, and standards to comply with. This opposes other forms of evidence, such as images and videos. Despite being present in almost any investigation and constituting very powerful sources of evidence, they are too often taken for granted, perhaps because of the immediacy with which they are viewed, the lack of culture surrounding the subject, or how the community perceives them. The consequences can be serious: the wrong person could be charged, or evidence could be declared invalid. It is important to be aware of the challenges of what lies behind a photo or a video, operating with the correct technical approach.

To support decision-makers, institutions, law enforcement organizations, and all the stakeholders of the criminal justice system, on May 22nd, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Embassy of Italy in Vienna (Austria), Martino Jerian, CEO and Founder of Amped Software - a software house that develops tools for the analysis and enhancement of images and videos for forensic, investigative, and security applications used by law enforcement and government agencies in more than 100 countries - will present the document “*Essential Concepts and Principles for the Use of Video Evidence for Public Safety and Criminal Justice*” built upon the best practices of the international scientific community, to provide a solid reference base for the interested stakeholders. It is a concise document divided into two sections: one for policymakers and the other for technical experts in the field. The project was realized following high-level meetings in Brussels at the European Parliament headquarters in 2022 and 2023, where stakeholders joined and highlighted the need for clear, science-based protocols when processing, analyzing, and presenting video evidence.

Program

5:00 PM

Institutional Panel

Giovanni Pugliese, Italian Ambassador in Vienna

Debora Lepre, Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna

Lukas Mandl, Member of the European Parliament, Vice Chair of the Security and Defense Special Committee (SEDE),
Member of the Home Affairs Committee (LIBE)

Technical Panel (Presentation of the Document “Essential Concepts and Principles for the Use of Video Evidence for Public Safety and Criminal Justice” and further discussion)

Martino Jerian, CEO and Founder at Amped Software

Giovanni Gallo, Chief, Conference Support Section, Organized Crime Branch, UNODC

Scientific Panel

Fabrizio Rovatti, Area Science Park di Trieste

Andrea Matiz, Director at Amped Software