



Call for Incentive Research Collaboration 2024

Project **FUTURESEC**

Speculative Futures: Examining Data-Driven Models
in European Security Policies

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PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project title:

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Project acronym: FUTURESEC

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OBJECTIVE

FUTURESEC focusses on data-driven prognostic models as a new form of knowledge at the centre of European security governance. Within this project we conduct exploratory research into three security domains, namely: (a) terrorism (b) migration and (c) armed conflict. Despite the novel EU AI Act, such practices remain largely opaque and uninterrogated. Using a triangulated **qualitative research approach**, the goal of this project is to scrutinise how these technologies impact the design of future security scenarios, to better understand how our policies are shaped by data-driven prognostic models and how to formulate critique against the lack of transparency.

ILLUSTRATION OF THE PROJECT



SOCIAL IMPACTS AND TARGETED SDG

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1. **Empirical insights** into how technologies are used to design future security scenarios.
2. A **qualitative analysis** of the impact that speculative future scenarios have on practices and decision making on high-level policy makers and frontline security actors.
3. A **conceptual contribution** to security studies by theorizing on the impact of technologies on future security scenarios.

AURORA ADDED VALUE

Research on new technologies and AI require a transdisciplinary approach and complementary thematic expertise. The Aurora collaborative research framework allows us to foster exactly the type of community building that is required for such research. It will strengthen the institutional ties between our universities and research institutes, with their respective expertise on the socio-legal (VU Amsterdam), societal and socio-political (UDE) and ethical (UIBK) dimensions of emerging technologies. **With its thematic focus, the project contributes to the AURORA 2020 hub on Digital Society & Global Citizenship.**