

Innovating the World of Education and Training

# About Compedia LTD

- Privately owned company, 100+ employees, Since 1988
- AR/VR and computer vision (patent pending) technologies & platforms
- VR and MR simulators; Virtual Humans
- Targeting corporate training/HLS, Health and educational markets
- Experienced management and top talent ("Talpiot")
- Deep understanding of learning and AR/VR/CV technologies

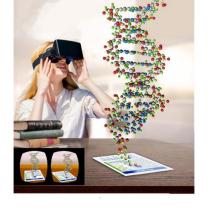




#### **COMPEDIA LAB**

- Main challenges addressed by Compedia LAB:
  - Effective VR and AR interfaces:
    - Overcome VR input devices limitations; e.g. typing text in VR; enhance AR experiences
  - AR/VR Simulators
  - Computer vision algorithms
  - Virtual Humans interactive highly realistic avatars
  - AR/VR platform for easy cross platform implementation
- Partners in several FP7 / H2020 projects







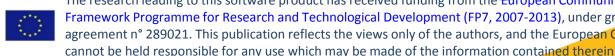
# About ASC-Inclusion / EmotiPlay



- FP7 project
- Emotion learning system for children with autism
- Emotion Expressions infer user emotions for training/biofeedback
- EmotiPlay: The derived product to help children within 2017
- A cross cultural trial has shown significant improvement in: Emotion recognition tasks, standard tools (Vineland social, SRS).

https://emotiplay.com/for-parents/

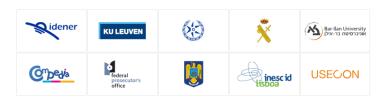




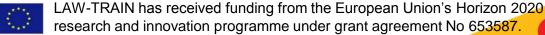
#### **LAW-TRAIN**



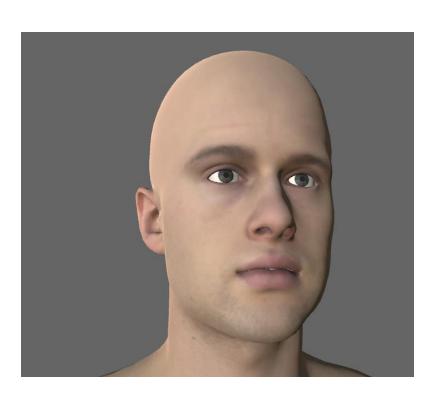
- Train EU law agencies in international crime interviews and investigations
- Challenges:
  - Multi-cultural interviewing different types of people
  - Collaboration it is cross borders, language issues, collaborative protocols,...
  - Should be realistic
- Platform -for collaborative International Virtual Investigative Interviewing (training, real)
- Covering European legal aspects of multinational collaborative investigative interviewing
- A Virtual Suspect that will play the role of the "suspect"
- Supervisor that easily generate new characters and scenarios
- An Intervention Agent will provide real time feedback to trainees







# Can generate any face







# Expressions



# LAW-TRAIN – Virtual Humans – ethical issues?

- Virtual humans become
  - Very similar to real humans
  - similar to a real human (image to avatar technology)
  - Al can learn your behaviors and mimic you
- VH can communicate between themselves
- What are the rights and obligations sub VH and their human equivalents have?



# Ethical Challenges – Research



- ✓ Activities in both projects required research with human participants.
- ✓ ASC INC: children (parents), Disabilities(sensitive), Clinical (Helsinki)
- ✓ Ethical guidelines were developed in accordance with the European Commission guidelines and legislation for ethical principles.

#### Measures taken

- ✓ Technology get only features from VIDEO and VOICE and send servers
- ✓ We respect the dignity of participants and their right to privacy.
- ✓ The data obtained from participants are anonymized No possible identification.
- ✓ Participation is voluntary.
- ✓ The participants are informed in advance regarding the study and their rights.
- ✓ Written informed consent is obtained from all participants (and parents)



### Ethical Challenges – LAW-TRAIN Content



- ✓ A special emphasis is placed on the management of ethical issues related to suspect interviewing, including questioning methods and the design of the virtual interview room.
- ✓ Our decisions should meet:
  - > Higher European standards for investigations and keeping the suspect's rights; scientific knowledge

#### Measures taken

- ✓ No ethnical characteristics Virtual Suspect, Virtual Lawyer.
- ✓ Keep the virtual suspect's rights as if it was a human suspect
- ✓ Apply information-gathering methods, reduce the likelihood of false confessions and wrong convictions.
- ✓ We apply only interviewing methods that were found to be valid in the scientific literature and are according to EU regulations
- ✓ Use the system to train for GOOD ETHICS as part of the training.
- ✓ Challenge as there are different laws (e.g. lawyer, emergency laws, ...)
- ✓ Protecting detectives identity (voice change, anonymous,..)



#### Ethical Validation in Practice



- √Thinking of the ethical issues in advance
- ✓In house Ethical Director Dr. Galit Nahari BIU.
- ✓ External Ethics Advisor Dr. Claire Nee Portsmouth University
- ✓ Adherence of all partners to the ethical guidelines
- ✓ Scrutiny of all deliverables by the Ethical Director
- ✓ Contiguous review of new ethical issues raised during the project
- ✓ Consultation with the Project Officer



LAW-TRAIN has recently passed the Ethical Review in H2020 by the European Commission with the best possible result "Good to excellent compliance with the H2020 ethical guidelines"!



# Thank you

