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### **EDA CONFERENCE BRIDGING EFFORTS: Connecting civilian security and military capability development**

The European Defence Agency's Annual Conference 2010 "Bridging efforts" explored how connections between civilian security and defence could be maximised in the future.

PSCE is particularly interested in this hot-button issue, as this connection will have to be integrated in its future work.

Conference participants pinpointed some thematic areas concerning civil-military cooperation, in most cases already included in the Capability Development Plan and highlighted by the Council in November 2009 as areas for strengthened synergies.

### **Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters**

Even if the European Union has already developed a set of instruments to address various aspects of disaster preparedness, response and recovery, a strategic approach for disaster prevention at the EU level is still missing.

On 4 May 2010, the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) adopted the Mr. FERREIRA's report which is now going to be the subject of the plenary vote most likely taking place on 5 July 2010.

### **Commissioner KROES unveils the ambitious Digital Agenda for Europe**

On May 19 European Commissioner Neelie KROES presented her ambitious Digital Agenda for Europe.

The Agenda identifies seven priority areas for action: creating a digital Single Market, greater interoperability, boosting internet trust and security, much faster internet access, more investment in research and development, enhancing digital literacy skills and inclusion, and applying information and communication technologies to address challenges facing society.

## **PSCE Policy**

### **RSPG public consultation: PSCE insists on the role of spectrum availability for safety reasons**

On 30 April 2010, PSCE took the opportunity offered by the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) and contributed to its public consultation on the proposed draft RSPG Opinions.

The public consultation, launched on 31 March 2010, is seen in the context of preparation for the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP) where the RSPG was asked to provide its own Opinion

to the Commission. For that purpose, The RSPG searched for the input and views from stakeholders on the specific contents of its draft opinion.

## **PSCE Agenda**

### **10 May 2010: PSCE meeting with DG Civil Protection - Prevention and Preparedness**

On 10 May 2010, at the occasion of a Board meeting, PSCE Board members together with the Secretary General met Mr. Ian CLARK, Head of Unit Civil Protection - Prevention and Preparedness of the European Commission, with the purpose to discuss topics of mutual interest and explore the potential possibilities for future cooperation.

### **16-17 June 2010: PSCE Conference in Vienna: Registration is still opened**

The upcoming PSCE Forum Conference will be held on 16-17 June 2010 in Vienna, Austria. The draft program of the meetings is available at:

[http://www.psceurope.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2010/PSCE\\_Conference\\_Vienna\\_Draft\\_Program\\_01-03-2010.pdf](http://www.psceurope.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2010/PSCE_Conference_Vienna_Draft_Program_01-03-2010.pdf)

The meetings are organised in collaboration with the Austrian Ministry of Interior at the following address: Minoritenplatz 9 - 1010 Vienna, Austria.

The conference will be opened by Hermann FEINER, Head of Division Services and Control of the Ministry of the Interior (Austria).

The focus of the meeting is twofold:

- **Civil Protection structures** (especially information and communications solutions). One of the key speakers is *Dr. Doris ITA*, Head of Department of Civil Protection of Ministry of Interior (Austria).
- **The New EU legal and organisational environment for Civil Protection.** Among others, Mr *Roberto SCHILIRO* from DG ECHO (European Commission) will present the Civil Protection Mechanisms.

#### **Conference package**

The Conference Package includes: meeting participation, lunch, 2 coffee breaks and cocktail. The rates are as follows:

- PSCE Institutional members: 85 Euros / meeting day
- PSCE Individual members: 125 Euros / meeting day
- Non PSCE members: 145 Euros / meeting day

To register please fill out the Registration Form available at: <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=320>

Participants are kindly asked to book individually their hotel room at one of the following hotels in Vienna where prior bookings have been made for this special event:

- HOTEL GRABEN (EUR 99,- Single/EUR 109,- Double) Reservation Form

- HOTEL ROYAL (EUR 99,- Single/EUR 109,- Double) Reservation Form
- HOTEL ASTORIA (EUR 130,- Single/EUR 160,- Double) Reservation Form

These hotels are located in the city center, in the pedestrian zone, close to St. Stephen's Cathedral, walking distance to the Austrian Ministry of the Interior (AT\_MOI), the PSCE meetings venue.

More information about this event is available at: <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=320>

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