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POLICY

Setting up an EU rapid response capability

On 9 November 2010, the Committee on Development of the European Parliament adopted Ms Iva Zanicchi's *Draft Report with a proposal for a European Parliament recommendation to the Council on setting up an EU rapid response capability*.

The decision to draft this own-initiative report was originally triggered by the situation in Haiti. For this reason, its scope is limited to the external dimension of the EU disaster response capacity.

More information is available at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5860312>

EC Communication on an integrated industrial policy for the enhanced security

On 28 October 2010, the European Commission adopted the Communication on "An integrated industrial policy for the globalisation era." This policy document sets out a strategy that aims to boost EU economy while making important reference to EU security.

According to the Communication, the EU security industry faces a highly fragmented internal market and a weak industrial base. National regulatory frameworks differ widely and the market for security products is highly diversified, ranging from cameras to complex scanner systems.

More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/industrial-competitiveness/industrial-policy/files/communication_on_industrial_policy_en.pdf

European Commission adopts a Communication on European disaster response

On 26 October 2010, the European Commission adopted a Communication entitled "Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance".

More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/civil_protection/civil/prote/pdfdocs/COM_2010_600_European_disaster_response_en.pdf

European Commission introduces two new proposals on EU's defence against cyber-attacks

On 30 September 2010, the European Commission presented two new measures to ensure that EU can defend itself from attacks against its key information (IT) systems. A proposal for a Directive on attacks against information systems is complemented by a proposal for a Regulation to strengthen and modernise the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA).

Proposal for a Directive on attacks against information systems and repealing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/malmstrom/archive/directive_com2010_517.pdf

Proposal for a Regulation concerning the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/nis/docs/enisa/2_en_act_part1_v14.pdf

PSCE ACTIVITIES

PSCE's cooperation with the NATO's Industrial Resources and Communications Services Group

Following the PSCE Conference held in Vienna (Austria) in June 2010, Manfred BLAHA, PSCE Board Member, presented the latest updates on PSCE during the NATO "Partnership for Peace" meeting organised in October 2010.

The Industrial Resources and Communications Services Group (IRCSG) was introduced to the latest activities performed by the forum. It was highlighted that the interoperability issues and consolidation of European user requirements are among the top concerns of PSCE.

For more information, please contact secretariat@psc-europe.eu.

Next PSCE Conference

Next PSCE Forum Conference will be held on 30 Nov-1 Dec 2010 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. It will be hosted in CISCO Systems premises at Haarlerbergpark, Haarlerbergweg 13-19 / 1101 CH Amsterdam.

The main thematic highlights of the conference include the Critical Information Protection and Public Warning Policy.

PSCE Forum Conference will host for the first time also an external dissemination event on Common Operational Picture Exploitation (COPE) Project.

The objective of this EU funded project is to create technological solutions which enable improved emergency management by better command and control performance and reliability of technical support. Booth presenting the COPE technology developments will be available during the conference.

More information about the project is available at <http://cope.vtt.fi/>.

For any further information regarding the programme, accommodation and logistical support please consult <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=378#c885>.

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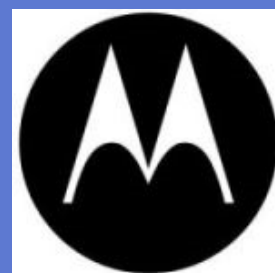
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