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POLICY

The Hungarian EU Council Presidency presents its agenda

The Presidency of the European Union Council is held by a different Member State every six months. On 1 January 2010, Hungary officially took over the presidency of the European Union (EU) from Belgium. At this occasion, Hungary published its work programme showing in detail which questions will be on the Council's agenda in the first half of 2011 and which of them will be priorities for the Hungarian Presidency. Substantial attention is paid to a fight against the natural and man-made disasters, Digital Agenda and the European Radio Spectrum Policy.

More information is available at:

http://www.eu2011.hu/files/bveu/documents/HU_PRES_STRONG_EUROPE_EN.pdf

“Towards a stronger European disaster response”: Follow-up

The European Commission published a Communication on 26 October 2010 entitled *“Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance”*. The General Affairs Council adopted Conclusions prepared on the basis of that Communication on 14 December 2010.

The Communication *“Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance”* is available at:

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

The full version of the Council Conclusions adopted on 14 December 2010 is available at:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/118460.pdf

“Setting up an EU rapid response capability”: Follow-up

The previous issue of the PSCE Newsletter (n°5/2010) reported on the Draft Report with a proposal for a European Parliament recommendation to the Council on *“Setting up an EU rapid response capability.”* Being at first successfully

adopted by the Committee on Development of the European Parliament on 9 November 2010, the document was consequently adopted by 557 votes to 32, with 72 abstentions also in the plenary session on 14 December 2010.

The full version of the EP recommendation to the Council on *“Setting up an EU rapid response capability”* is available at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&language=EN&reference=P7-TA-2010-0465>

EU safety legislation for oil platforms

On 12 October 2010, the European Commission published its Communication entitled *“Facing the challenge of the safety of offshore oil and gas activities.”*

The full version of the Communication entitled *“Facing the challenge of the safety of offshore oil and gas activities”* is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/oil/offshore/doc/com\(2010\)560_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/oil/offshore/doc/com(2010)560_en.pdf)

“Council conclusions on safety of offshore oil and gas activities” are available at:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/trans/118189.pdf

PSCE ACTIVITIES

PSCE and the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme

On 12 January 2011, PSCE representatives participated to the event organized by the European People's Party (EPP) of the European Parliament focusing on radio spectrum policy issues. The hearing officially launched the parliamentary discussions on this subject. The meeting was chaired by Mr Hokmark, the rapporteur on the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP) and member of the EPP group.

Being on the top of its agenda, PSCE has been actively involved in the development of the RSPP since the initial stages. PSCE contributed to the discussions at various occasions. The complete overview of all PSCE position papers is available at <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=370>.

PSCE Action Plan

With the aim to emphasise the need for spectrum for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR), the Forum initiated a campaign targeting both the European Parliament and the Council. PSCE identified the key events and personnel towards which the lobbying efforts will be oriented.

Next steps

The draft report will be discussed in the ITRE at the end of February. Following the presentations of amendments which are scheduled for March, the ITRE Committee will vote on the report on 12 April 2011. The expected date for the vote in the plenary is 11 May 2011.

More information is available at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/FindByProcnum.do?lang=2&procnum=COD/2010/0252>

PSCE welcomes 5 new institutional members

During past few months, the *Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief (Slovenia)*, the *Austrian Institute of Technology*, TNO (the Netherlands), the *Maxtech* (Israel) and *Inmarsat* (UK) joined PSCE as its institutional members. PSCE membership currently consists of 12 User, 27 Industrial and 12 Research entities bringing the total number of Institutional Members to 50.

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

Personnel changes within the PSCE Researchers Committee

At the last PSCE Conference held on 30 November and 1 December 2010 in Amsterdam (the Netherlands), the Research Committee decided to appoint two persons who would temporarily replace the Vice-President (Martin von Bergh) and the Secretary (Catherine Bodeau Pean) until the next PSCE General Assembly (GA) to be held in June 2011. The two positions were respectively taken by Helmut Schwabach (AIT Austrian Institute of Technology) and Snjezana Knezic (University of Split).

More information about the PSCE's internal structure is available at: <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=327>.

PSCE new working group

Following the last PSCE Conference held on 30 November and 1 December in Amsterdam (the Netherlands), the PSCE General Assembly approved the proposal for the creation of a new working group called "Open Safety & Security Architecture Framework" (OSSAF).

AGENDA: PSCE future events

On 24 January 2011, the PSCE Board of Directors formally adopted decision concerning the location and dates of the next PSCE conferences.

PSCE members and stakeholders are offered the opportunity to meet at regular intervals twice a year. PSCE conferences address a large audience with a wide ranging programme proposing important issues at stake. EU representatives, delegates from national authorities and international organisations, industrial partners, civil society and academic researchers come from more than 20 countries to learn about the latest developments encompassing the public safety communications. PSCE conferences also offer possibility to host external dissemination events of EU funded projects.

The official PSCE conference calendar for the 2011 and 2012 is as follows:

Event	Date	City	Country
First PSCE 2011 Conference	7-8 June 2011	Brussels	Belgium
Second PSCE 2011 Conference	Mid November 2011	Poznan	Poland
First PSCE 2012 Conference	Mid June 2012	Naples	Italy
Second PSCE 2012 Conference	Mid November 2012	Copenhagen	Denmark

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Future Networks 2011 Concertation meeting for FP7 projects

The Concertation meeting will take place during the 10th and the 11th February 2011 in Brussels and is organised by the Future Networks Unit of the European Commission's Directorate General for Information Society and Media (DG INFSO).

More information is available at:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=374>

EU Emergency Services Workshop 2011

The European Emergency Number Association (EENA) organises the EU Emergency Services Workshop 2011 in Budapest from 13th to 15th April. This 3-day event aims at fostering sharing of best practices between the relevant stakeholders. This year, the event will also host the ESW 8 (Emergency Services Workshop) that looks at Next Generation, IP-based emergency calling, with a focus on coordination between different specific efforts and standards development organisations (SDOs).

More information is available at:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=374>

TETRA World Congress 2011

The 13th annual TETRA World Congress will take place from 24th – 27th May 2011 at the Hungexpo in Budapest. The event is the meeting place of the international TETRA community and offers a unique opportunity to meet with TETRA users, manufacturers, network operators, application developers and system integrators from around the world.

More information is available at:

<http://www.tetraworldcongress.com/>

Workshop TIEMS

On 22 and 23 June 2011, the International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS) will hold its workshop dedicated to the management of risk. Taking place in Ales – Nîmes (France), the event will be focused on issues of knowledge of hazards as well as modelling and management of the consequences of crises. Attendees and participants will have the opportunity to share relevant issues of emergency management with international colleagues, experts, industrialists and other stakeholders.

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