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POLICY

New EC Communication on Critical Information Infrastructure Protection

On 1 April 2011, the European Commission adopted a Communication on Critical Information Infrastructure Protection entitled "*Achievements and next steps: towards global cyber-security*".

More information is available at:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/395&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

The Commission launches a public consultation in the field of security industry

In order to promote Europe's security industry, on 14 March 2011 the European Commission launched a public consultation with the aim of inviting all stakeholders to share their views on the best policy measures to be taken so that Europe becomes a world leader in this industry.

More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/security/industrial-policy/public-consultation/index_en.htm

ENISA publishes study on botnet threats

On 8 March 2011, the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) published a comprehensive study on the botnet threat and how to address it.

recommendations cover legal, policy and technical aspects of the fight against botnets and give targeted recommendations for different groups involved. A third report focusing on legal issues in the fight against botnets will follow in the second quarter of this year.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/media/press-releases/facing-the-cyber-zombies-2013-eu-agency-gets-tough-on-botnets>

Spectrum policy: ITRE amendments to the European Commission's proposal

On 12 April 2011, the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) adopted a compromised amendment concerning the allocation of spectrum for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR).

More information is available at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/en/pressroom/content/20110411IPR17410/html/Radio-spectrum-more-frequencies-for-mobile-internet-users>

PSCE ACTIVITIES

Active participation of PSCE at two key RSPP events

The EU workshop on "*The future of PPDR services in Europe*", which took place on 30 March 2011 in Brussels, jointly organised by DG INSFO, DG HOME, DG ENTERPRISE and DG ECHO featured the presentation of one PSCE Board Member and Chair of the User Committee.

Furthermore, another event dedicated to RSPP was consequently organised on the same day by the Kangaroo Working Group of the European Parliament.

PSCE meets DG HOME

On 31 March 2011, following the PSCE Board meeting, PSCE Board members together with the Secretary General met Mr. Olivier LUYCKX (Head of Unit of Crisis management and fight against terrorism, DG HOME, European Commission) with the purpose to discuss topics of mutual interest and explore the potential possibilities for future cooperation.

PSCE joins the EP3R discussions

On 16 and 17 March 2011, PSCE participated to the first working group meetings of the European Public-Private Partnership for Resilience (EP3R) which aim is to prepare the background for the envisaged revision of Directive 2008/114/EC.

All document of the meeting are available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/nis/strategy/activities/ciip/impl_activities/ep3r_17_11_2010/index_en.htm

PSCE publishes the Position Paper on disaster response

On 25 March 2011, PSCE published the Position Paper on the Communication entitled *“Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance”*, adopted by the European Commission on 26 November 2010.

The full version of the Position Paper is available at:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/psc-e-library/01_working_documents/1_PSC Documents since 2010/2011/PSCE-004-2011.pdf

A draft report on *“Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance”* is available at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+COMPARL+PE-462.621+01+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

PSCE Annual Report 2010

PSCE Board has recently approved the PSCE Annual Report 2010.

The full version of the Report is available at:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/psc-e-library/02_Public_documents/Forum_Documents/Annual_Reports/PSCE-003-2011.pdf

PSCE welcomes 2 new institutional members

During past few months, *National Police Computing and Material Service* (Norway) and *Belgian Tetra Users Committee* joined PSCE. PSCE membership currently consists of 52 institutional members which are classified in three groups:

1. Users - Persons who are responsible for the management, specification, design, installation, maintenance, operation and use of public safety communications systems and information management systems, are eligible for this category of Membership.
2. Industrials - Persons who are working in business, industry and organisations, who receive compensation in any form for services rendered or products sold, are eligible for this

category of Membership.

3. Researchers - Persons who are involved with a recognised research authority such as an academic establishment or research consultancy and regularly conduct research into the development and use of public safety communications and information management systems, are eligible for this category of Membership.

The category of membership decides which Committee the different member belongs to.

More information concerning the PSCE Membership is available at:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=45>

ACRIMAS validation workshop

On 10 June 2011, the ACRIMAS (Aftermath Crisis Management System-of-systems Demonstration Validation) Workshop will take place in Brussels.

More information is available at: <http://www.acrimas.eu/>

PSCE – related EU funded projects

In the PSCE's efforts to achieve consensus on key public safety communication and information management systems issues, it is important to be aware of and recognize other projects, initiatives, platforms and/or networks within this field. For this reason, PSCE is regularly taking stock of relevant EU funded projects, for which short presentations are available on PSCE website.

Next PSCE conference

The next PSCE Forum Conference will be held on 7 & 8 June 2011 in Brussels, Belgium.

The event will take place at MAI premises, located in the avenue Louise area, the heart of the uptown centre of Brussels at 40, rue Washington, - 1050 Brussels.

This time, PSCE event will focus on:

- Internal Security Strategy and synergies between defence and PPDR
- Critical Infrastructure Information Protection
- Radio spectrum needs and future implementation
- Urban security and use of video surveillance.

The topics will be addressed by high level speakers among which the following:

- Pierce O'DONNOHUE, DG INFSO - Directorate B - Electronic Communications Policy , Radio spectrum policy
- Jaak RAES, Director of the Civil Protection, Belgium
- Gerard LAPIERRE, European Defence Agency
- Ligia FERREIRA, Co-Chair of NATO IRCSG (Industrial Resources and Communications Services Group) in Communications constellation
- Speaker from DG HOME, Crisis management and fight against terrorism

Preliminary agenda is available at:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2011/Brussels/PSCE_012-2011_PSCE_Conference_Draft_Agenda-7-8_June_2011.pdf

The participation should be confirmed by filling out the registration form available at:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=392#c993>

As for accommodation, participants are advised to book individually and directly their hotel room at one of the following hotels in the meeting area vicinity where prior bookings have been made for this special event.

- [Mercure Brussels Center Louise](#), a 4 star hotel (EUR 135,- Single / EUR 150,- Double)
- [NH Brussels City Centre](#), a 4 star hotel (EUR 135,- Single / EUR 155,- Double)
- [Hotel Capital Brussels](#), a 3 star hotel (EUR 95,- Single / EUR 105,- Double)

The reservation forms for room bookings are available at:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=392#c993>

The deadline for room reservation for all the above mentioned hotels is 6 May 2011. After this date, hotels will release the rooms and further bookings will be possible upon availabilities.

Any further enquiries regarding this event could be addressed at secretariat@psc-europe.eu

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