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## POLICY

### Adoption of the First Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP)

On the 15th of February the European Parliament and the Council adopted the First Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP) that will facilitate shared use of radio spectrum for new applications and technologies. This is the final text of the proposal that will be implemented by the Commission and the Member States.

One of the actions to be undertaken by the European Commission and the Member States will be to make spectrum available for the development of the internal market for wireless safety services and civil protection and foster different modes of spectrum sharing in Europe.

The full report is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/policy/ecomm/radio\\_spectrum/eu\\_policy/rspp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomm/radio_spectrum/eu_policy/rspp/index_en.htm)

### European Parliament calls for more secure and resilient ICT in Europe

On the 7th of February MEP Ivailo Kalfin (Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats) presented a draft report on critical information infrastructure protection and global cyber-security in the European Parliament's Committee for Industry, Research and Energy. He proposed to include the ICT sector in the European critical infrastructure. A growing number of cyber incidents and attacks against critical infrastructures has demonstrated the need to establish a robust, innovative and effective system of critical information infrastructure protection.

The full text of the draft report is available at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=COMPARL&reference=PE-474.017&format=PDF&language=EN&secondRef=01>

### World Radiocommunication Conference to update global framework for radio spectrum use

An agreement has been reached during the 12<sup>th</sup> World Radiocommunication Conference on coordination of the Digital Dividend band (790-862 MHz) between countries wishing to use it for mobile services and those having deployed an aeronautical radionavigation system. This

agreement is believed to have lifted the last significant barrier to implementing the digital dividend in several Eastern European countries.

For more information on the results of the conference, please visit this website:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/index.asp?category=conferences&rlink=wrc-12&lang=en>

### Results of the first EU-US cyber security exercise now available

The European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) has published an evaluation report on the first joint cyber security exercise between the EU and US Department of Homeland Security that took place in November 2011 in Brussels.

The Cyber Atlantic 2011 simulated cyber crisis scenarios to explore EU-US cooperation in the event of cyber attacks on their critical infrastructures.

The full text of the report is available here

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/activities/res/ca2011/ca2011-report>

### Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes the member of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has become the 32st member of the Europe-wide disaster management network. The main role of the Community Mechanism for Civil Protection is to facilitate co-operation in civil protection assistance interventions in the event of major emergencies which may require urgent response actions.

The Mechanism currently comprises 32 countries (EU-27, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway).

For more information please visit the European Commission's website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/echo/policies/disaster\\_response/mechanism\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/policies/disaster_response/mechanism_en.htm)

## PSCE ACTIVITIES



### PSCE to issue Position Paper on Union Civil Protection Mechanism

PSCE has issued its Position Paper reflecting on the Proposal for a Decision on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism adopted by the European Commission in December 2011. Endorsed by the PSCE Board on the 17th of February, 2012, the Position Paper welcomes the proposal submitted. However, PSCE would like to propose some amendments to the articles directly linked to its expertise.

The full text of the Position Paper can be found on the PSCE's website:

[http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2012/PSCE\\_position\\_paper\\_on\\_Civil\\_Protection\\_Mechanism\\_-\\_Final.pdf](http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2012/PSCE_position_paper_on_Civil_Protection_Mechanism_-_Final.pdf)

### PSCE and TETRA to set up cooperation on critical communication on LTE

on March 13, 2012 PSCE President Manfred Blaha and Harold Linke participated in an inaugural meeting of the TCCA Critical Communications Group. The group's objective is to stimulate the development of right solutions for those needing Mission Critical Mobile Broadband. It has been agreed that this group will be working in close cooperation with PSCE's Broadband Working Group.

PSCE will be represented in CCG by Manfred Blaha (User/Operator requirements and Roadmap/ Business Case) and Harold Linke (Architecture).

To avoid any double work (several PSCE members are also members of the CCG) the PSCE Broadband Communication Working Group will focus on:

- short term solutions that are not necessarily linked to Tetra applications and procedures for public safety users
- providing professional input for CCG
- informing PSCE members about the CCG activities and consult members if needed

### ACRIMAS Pilot Workshop and Final Event

The ACRIMAS Pilot workshop on Mobile Interoperability for International Field Deployment took place at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre in Ispra, Italy, on March 12 and 13.

The ACRIMAS consortium is already planning its Final Event: it will take place on the 19th of April, 2012 in Hotel Mercure Brussels Center Louise, Brussels.

The aim of the Final Event is to present the results of the ACRIMAS project to the crisis management community in Europe and listen to the recommendations on the design and implementation of the upcoming demonstration project on crisis management (Phase II). The target audience comprises of all stakeholder groups, i.e. civil protection authorities and personnel, policymakers, lawyers, crisis managers, first responders and the army. Representatives from NGOs and academia are welcomed as well.

More information can be found on the PSCE website: <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=395>

### CRISMA project to take off

The CRISMA project which was launched in March 2012 will focus on large scale crisis scenarios with immediate human, societal and economic consequences, often irreversible. It will develop a simulation-based decision support system (Integrated Crisis Management System – ICMS), for modelling crisis management, improved action and preparedness. PSCE is a dissemination partner in this project.

For more information please visit

[http://cordis.europa.eu/search/index.cfm?fuseaction=proj.document&PJ\\_LAN\\_G=EN&PJ\\_RCN=12636673&pid=5](http://cordis.europa.eu/search/index.cfm?fuseaction=proj.document&PJ_LAN_G=EN&PJ_RCN=12636673&pid=5)

### Next PSCE Conference

The PSCE next conference will be held on the 30th and 31st May 2012 in Helsinki, Finland.

The conference will be hosted by the Laurea University of Applied Sciences which is also involved in the preparation for the event. This time the conference will focus on the following issues:

- Authorities' field command models

- Convergence of critical governmental networks
- User requirements for broadband
- Social media and the adaptation of PPDR procedures

The conference will feature presentations made by the Finnish national authorities. A large group of the Finish government's representatives as well as from end-users is expected. A preliminary agenda will be available soon.

PSCE conferences traditionally feature presentations of top-level policymakers, academics, industry experts and other stakeholders interested in new developments in the area of public safety communications. A collaborative session between three PSCE committees as well as elections for these three committees and the General Assembly will be organised as well.

The registration form is available [here](#).

Participants are invited to book their rooms individually. We advise you to book a room at Hotel Sokos (EUR 137 - Single / EUR 157 - Double) where prior arrangements have been made for the conference's guests. The reservation form is available [here](#). The deadline for room reservation is April 2, 2012, after which the hotel will release the pre-booked rooms and further reservation will be subject to availability.

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