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POLICY

Results of the study on wireless broadband spectrum

On September 3, 2013 the European Commission organised the workshop where the study team presented its report dealing with the “Impact of traffic off-loading and related technological trends on the demand for wireless broadband spectrum”. The main focus of the study was to analyse how traffic off-loading is evolving over time, both in terms of technical and of market developments, and how this evolution influences the need for spectrum.

The full report is available here

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/study-on-impact-of-traffic-off-loading-and-related-technological-trends-on-the-demand-for-wireless-broadband-spectrum-pbKK0113239/>

Conclusions of the 4th European Civil Protection Forum

On 15-16 May 2013, the European Commission’s DG ECHO (Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection) organised the 4th European Civil Protection Forum. The first one was held in 2002. The forum is a platform for civil protection professionals to discuss EU’s role in disaster management, prevention and mitigation, by exchanging on best practices and recent developments.

More information is available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/partners/civil_protection/forum2013_en.htm

First EU civil protection exercise in urban area in Lyon

In June, a large-scale EU-funded field exercise took place in Lyon, France. As one of the largest exercises in Europe, it brought together some 2 500 participants, including intervention teams from France, Spain, Italy, Germany and Belgium. For the very first time, a disaster has been simulated in a real urban environment in the middle of a busy working day.

More information is available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/2013/20130613_fr.htm

ENISA UPDATES

New regulation for ENISA, the EU cybersecurity agency

The Regulation reforming the ENISA came into force on 19 June. Its missions and competences are expanded, but with no indefinite mandate – it is only granted a seven years mandate.

The new Regulation enshrines ENISA’s achievements in areas such as Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) in Member States, and its world-class cybersecurity exercises, such as Cyber Europe 2012, with 600 participants from across Europe.

More information is available here:

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/media/press-releases/new-regulation-for-eu-cybersecurity-agency-enisa-with-new-duties>

2nd ENISA International Conference on Cyber Crisis Cooperation

ENISA will organise the 2nd international conference on cyber crisis cooperation on 23 and 24 September 2013 in Athens (Greece). Focus will be made on information gathering and common situation awareness, escalation processes and procedures, cyber crisis management in the general crisis management context, cross-country cyber exercises, means and tools of information and communication.

More information is available here:

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/activities/Resilience-and-CIIP/cyber-crisis-cooperation/conference/2nd-enisa-conference-on-ccc/2nd-enisa-international-conference-on-cyber-crisis-cooperation-and-exercises>

PSCE Activities



Personnel and functional changes within the PSCE Board

At the last PSCE Conference held on 28 and 29 May 2013 in Brussels, Belgium, the General Assembly (held on the second day of the conference) elected Mr David Lund (HW Communications Ltd, UK) as a new PSCE board member with the function of Relation and Communication Officer.

More information about the PSCE's internal structure is available here:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=327>

Spectrum Round Table Output Document

On 23 May 2013, senior management from public safety organisations, top management of European PPDR operators, top management of sector relevant associations and representatives from the spectrum regulatory administrations met at the TCCA Roundtable to discuss future spectrum needs.

Communiqué from Roundtable discussion is available here:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2013/PSCE-016-2013.pdf>

PSCE supports the NPSTC statement regarding the independent networks for mission critical voice communications

PSCE strongly supports its American partner, the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), on insisting on the necessity to rely on independent networks for mission critical voice communications, instead of using regular cell phones networks. NPSTC recently released an information brief on the issue.

NPSTC statement is available here:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/psc-e-library/01_working_documents/1_PSC_Documents_since_2010/2013/PSCE-013-2013.pdf

Three new institutional members join PSCE

PSCE is pleased to announce that the University of Oxford (UK), RINICOM (UK) and Center for Security Studies - KEMEA (GR) recently joined the forum as its institutional members.

More information about PSCE membership is available here:
<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=45>

COSMIC project successfully kicked-off

The kickoff meeting of the COSMIC (Contribution of social media in crisis management) project was held on May 22, 2013 in Athens.

In course of 24 months, the project will identify the most effective ways to utilise new information and communication technologies in crisis situations for the protection of ordinary citizens. It will ensure better linkages between prevention, detection, reporting and rescue in crisis situations as well as assist officials and first responders (i.e. police, law enforcement agencies, search and rescue and medical personnel) in using new ICTs and applications to be more effective and efficient during crises.

PSCE was responsible for the technical specifications and the content of the website which has been successfully launched under domain <http://www.cosmic-project.eu/>. Furthermore, the first press release was prepared and issued in English, Dutch and Greek language. PSCE also finalised the dissemination plan and contributed to the stakeholder's engagement strategy. The dedicated LinkedIn and Twitter accounts have been set up in order to build the network of professionals and interested parties.

Regular updates on the project are available through these channels:

https://twitter.com/COSMIC_FP7

<http://dub.linkedin.com/pub/cosmic-project/72/a72/b5>
www.cosmic-project-eu

Next PSCE Conference

The next PSCE Conference will be held on 29-30 October 2013 in Bucharest, Romania. The main conference themes are:

- 1) Shared Situation Awareness in Crisis & Disaster management
- 2) Interoperability between different TETRA networks
- 3) Airborne data acquisition and processing technologies for improved situational awareness

The Conference will take place at the JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, located in the city center, where prior bookings have been made for this special event.

- Single room 450 LEI (approx. 100 €)
- Double room 500 LEI (approx. 112 €)

Participants are advised to book individually and directly their hotel room at Marriott Hotel. The room booking deadline is 7 October 2013, further bookings will be possible upon availabilities.

Regular updates regarding the programme, registration, hotel reservation and other practical information is available here: <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=416>

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