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POLICY

ENISA report highlights a need for further cyber security cooperation

ENISA published its 2013 paper *“Cybersecurity cooperation: defending the digital frontline”*, which examines the current operational context for network and information security and looks at the latest trends affecting the cyber threat landscape. It specifically presents the recent developments in EU policy and the regulatory framework on cyber security policies. These are considered along with ENISA’s mandate, which was renewed this year, and ENISA’s defined role in assisting Member States in attaining increasingly higher levels of cybersecurity preparedness.

More information is available here:

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/media/key-documents/cybersecurity-cooperation-defending-the-digital-frontline>

EC kicks off the next Security Research programme

On 19-20 November, the European Commission officially kicked off its goals for the next seven-year Security Research (SR) programme. They were presented at the 2013 MILIPOL internal State security exhibition near Paris, France. Dual-use technologies will figure prominently among the capability goals of the forthcoming SR programme, as part of the EU’s next 2014-2020 “Horizon 2020” (H2020) research budget.

More information is available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=7119&lang=en&tpa_id=168&title=EC-kicks-off-the-next-Security-Research-programme

European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) becomes operational

EUROSUR will make an important contribution to saving lives of those who put themselves in danger to reach Europe’s shores. It will also equip the EU and its Member States with better tools to prevent cross-border crimes, such as trafficking in human beings or trafficking in drugs, while at

the same time detect and provide assistance to small migrant boats in distress.

EUROSUR will be operational in 30 countries in total. In this first phase, it will become operational in 19 countries, the 18 EU Member States at the southern and eastern external borders and the Schengen associated country Norway. As of 1 December 2014, the remaining 8 EU Member States and 3 Schengen associated countries will join EUROSUR. Ireland and the United Kingdom do not take part in the Schengen cooperation and therefore also not in EUROSUR.

More information is available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2013/20131129_01_en.htm

PSCE Activities



COSMIC updates

General Assembly Meeting

The First COSMIC General Assembly meeting was held on 14 November 2013 at PSCE HQ in Brussels. The aim of the meeting was for all project partners to assess and evaluate what has been done so far and discuss future priorities and how to best structure and co-ordinate the forthcoming tasks. COSMIC Advisory Board has been successfully set up.

Full members:

- Mr Czech, Austrian Red Cross (Austria)
- Mr de Vries, TNO (NL)
- Mr Lund, HW Communication (UK)

Alternates:

- Mr Marsella, Fire Corps (Italy)
- Mr Huber, AIT (Austria)
- Mr Drogkaris, Kemea (Greece)

First draft reports published

COSMIC project has recently published draft deliverables including:

1. Report on security crises with high societal impact
2. Baseline analysis of communication technologies and their applications

The purpose of the first report is to provide a preliminary understanding of the types of crises that European Member States are exposed to and how it impacts the security of citizens. The second report provides a baseline analysis of communication technologies and their applications to be used in crisis management activities. The two deliverables and press releases are available here: <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=406>

Report on the role of main stakeholders in crisis situations

Project partners have finalised also "Report on the role of main stakeholders in crisis situations". Lead by PSCE, the purpose of this deliverable was to examine the role of the different emergency response agencies before and during crisis situations, and to focus on the communication challenges they face during those situations.

COSMIC workshops

The forthcoming regional workshops are to be held in the Netherlands and in Greece in spring 2014 in order to obtain feedback from the stakeholders residing in these countries. The exact dates will be confirmed in due time

More information about COSMIC is available here: <http://www.cosmic-project.eu>

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

CRISMA updates

Following the first review meeting held in November, the CRISMA project has also released its first public deliverables. In accordance with the workflow schedule, reports will be published for downloading on the project's web page. At this moment, the following reports are publically available:

- D61.1 Detailed Dissemination Plan
- D63.1 Report on Market analysis
- D62.2 Report on CRISMA workshops
- D31.2 Technology, Concepts & Technical Requirements Report V2

Furthermore, PSCE will organise the Second End-Users Workshop which will take place on 22 May 2014 in Stockholm, Sweden, right after the end of the PSCE biannual conference. More information will be available soon.

All relevant stakeholders are invited to visit the project's website for regular updates:

<http://www.crismaproject.eu/deliverables.htm>

SALUS project successfully kicked-off

The kickoff meeting of the SALUS (Security and interoperability in next generation PPDR communication infrastructures) project was held on September 19-20, 2013 in Aveiro, Portugal.

More information is available here: <http://www.sec-salus.eu/>

Security Mandate M/487 to Establish Security Standards accepts PSCE comments

The European Commission Mandate M/487 was approved by the European Standardization Organizations CEN, CENELEC and ETSI and has been successfully submitted to the European Commission DG Enterprise and Industry. The mandate sought to analyze the existing security standardization landscape, select priority sectors and develop standardization roadmaps for three selected security sectors to support EU policy on security. The three sectors included: border security; crisis management and civil protection; and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE).

More information is available here:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/psc-e-library/01_working_documents/1_PSC_Documents_since_2010/2013/PSCE-024-2013.pdf

PSCE meets the Chiefs of Cabinet of EU Commissioners Georgieva and Kroes

PSCE is very active in lobbying for spectrum for PPDR's (Public Protection and Disaster Relief) future wireless broadband applications. PSCE's president Manfred Blaha met the Head of Commissioner Georgieva's Cabinet (DG ECHO) and the leadership of their Unit "Emergency Response" in a joint approach with TCCA, FEU and EENA, to discuss the requirements of interoperability of First Responders in case of disaster and humanitarian actions. It was agreed, that standardisation and harmonisation in communications equipment and frequency spectrum is key for successful cooperation of PPDR, not only within Europe, but globally.

Disasters like the floods in Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary as well as the incidents in Haiti, Pakistan, Turkey, Philippines and many more show that PPDR organisations are working together on a regular basis – the effective tools for joint communications are urgently needed.

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

PSCE to submit its position on RSPG work programme

The Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) is preparing an update of its Work Programme ("WP 2014 and beyond"). In this context, the RSPG is seeking input and views from stakeholders on the content of the draft work programme which is available here:

<http://rspg-spectrum.eu/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/RSPG13-543-Annex1-RSPG-Draft-WorkProgramme-public-consultation.pdf>

All the contributions should be sent to secretariat@psc-europe.eu before 13 December 2013.

PSCE participated to the High-level Conference on Managing Complex International Crises

On December 3-4, PSCE attended the "*High-level Conference on Managing Complex International Crises*", organised by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the European Commission. The event sought to create a global inventory of 24h situation centres or *crisis rooms* operating within states, which are the EU's strategic partners, or within international organisations that are becoming increasingly relevant as stabilizing forces on a global scale.

More information is available here:

<http://crisisroomsconference.eu/pro/fiche/quest.jsp?sessionId=t6mhzn3WnGZmJrluHGyyIfQv.q13?pg=presentation>

PSCE to attend the ENISA high level event

PSCE will participate to the ENISA high level event which will take place the 11th of December in Brussels. This year's topic is "Securing the cyber-future: risks, threats, challenges and opportunities for coordinating Europe's cyber security".

More information is available here:

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/events/enisa-events/enisa-high-level-event-2013>

Next PSCE Conference

The next PSCE Conference will be held on 20-21 May 2014 in Stockholm (Sweden) and it will be organised with the support of Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB). CRISMA end-user workshop will follow on the next day.

The registration process and practical details on venue and accommodation will be released soon and will include further information on the four preliminary conference themes which are currently being considered:

- Traffic security/ traffic management
- Transport of dangerous goods
- Interdependencies of critical infrastructures
- Social Media

For the latest updates on the conference, please visit regularly:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=421>



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