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POLICY

President of the European Commission reveals his team

The new set-up of the European Commission was revealed on 10 September 2014.

The new Commission will be streamlined to focus on tackling the big political challenges Europe is facing today: creating jobs, attracting more investment, improving and helping the economy recover, creating a connected digital market, a credible foreign policy, as well as security in the energy sector.

Full press release on the new Commission is available here:

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-984_en.htm

White Paper on Standardisation of European Cyber Security from the CSCG

The Cyber Security Coordination Group (CSCG) has published a White Paper with recommendations on digital security. The CSCG's emphasizes the need to standardise cyber security in order to complete the European internal market, as well as to raise the level of cyber security in Europe in general.

The White Paper has been issued in response to the European Union's Cyber Security Strategy, which was issued jointly by the European Commission and the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy in early 2013.

More information is available for PSCE institutional members in the restricted area of PSCE website:

PSCE documents 2014/PSCE-10-2014.

New Proposal from the European Commission to help enhance disaster management

A proposal, presented by the European Commission at the end of June, aims to ensure better access to high resolution earth observation data (HRSD), an essential tool for environment monitoring, urban planning, agriculture, natural

resources management and disaster and emergency management, as well as for security and defence.

The official European Commission press release is available here:

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-688_en.htm

European Commission publishes guidelines on re-usable public sector information

The European Commission has published a set of guidelines to help Member States benefit from the revision of the Directive on the re-use of public sector information (PSI Directive). The guidelines aim to provide best practice examples in subject areas that are of particular relevance to the re-use of public sector information across Europe. The guidance document is targeted at the national administrations to guide them in the transposition of the PSI Directive.

Full European Commission press release on the guidelines is available here:

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-840_en.htm

PSCE Activities



Report from the PSCE-TCCA Workshop on the Future of Mobile Communications 2020+

On 26th June, PSCE and the TCCA hosted a workshop on the Future of Mobile Communications 2020+. The event was led by visionaries from leading information technology companies, futurologists, research institution and social commentators, who gave their views on how mission critical communications could develop in the future. Critical communications users from 17 countries then joined in an open debate on the future shape of the European mission critical communications market.

The Full Report from the PSCE-TCCA Workshop is available here:

<http://bit.ly/WME7qo>

Meeting of the CEN / CENELEC / ETSI Coordination Group on Defence Standardisation

On 8th October 2014, a meeting was held at the CEN/CENELEC meeting centre in Brussels to kick off the new 'CEN-CENELEC-ETSI: Defence Standardisation and Coordination Group (DSCG)'.

The meeting discussed and revised the terms of reference, and attempted to clarify the definition of civil, military and hybrid standards. Whilst the civil and military standards domains are clearly understood, hybrid standards are also considered where a standard may have a dual-use in both the civil and military domains. Such an example is where a civil standard is required that has a greater performance specification than a typical civil standard (perhaps originally consumer focused) but not so high performance as may be found in an equivalent defence standard. Avoiding duplication, it is expected that such hybrid standards may, for example, already be available in the defence community but may have a use in the 'higher performance' civil community. Likewise, military and civilian critical markets may inherit civil standards.

European Public Safety community gives cautious welcome to report on the future use of the UHF band in Europe

European Public Safety organisations have issued a joint response to the report by Pascal Lamy on the future use of the 700MHz band. The official response is followed by strong statements from the leaders of each organisation underlining the importance of sufficient harmonised spectrum for public protection and disaster relief (PPDR).

The official response of European Public Safety organisations is available here:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2014/Lamy_report_response.pdf

COSMIC updates



The 4th COSMIC Workshop was held on 4th September in Istanbul. Discussions focused largely on citizen reporting and opportunities to involve the public in emergency communications. A press release from the workshop will soon be available on www.cosmic-project.eu. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of *Interactions: Studies in Communication & Culture*.

In July, the COSMIC consortium published online the first draft of the 'Guidelines for the use of new media by the public in crisis situations'. These guidelines are one of the core products of the COSMIC project and aim to provide advice to citizens on how to optimally use social media during crisis situations. The aim of the guidelines is to improve social media usage during crisis situations in order to make citizens more self-reliant and consequently increase their safety and security. The guidelines can be viewed here:

<http://bit.ly/1ql6sqn>

More information on COSMIC and the COSMIC partners can be obtained via our website: <http://www.cosmic-project.eu>

CRISMA updates



The CRISMA project recently was subject to a second review, which it successfully passed.

At the moment, preparations are under way for a training day, as well as the CRISMA business day and CRISMA final event. The CRISMA First Training Project will take place in Coimbra, Portugal, on 15th November. During the workshop, three scenarios will be examined – earthquake followed by forest fire; flooding events; and management of medical emergency services during a crisis situation. More information on the workshop can be found here:

http://www.adai.pt/icffr/2014/event/content/index.php?target=showContent&m=Related%20Events%20%20%20&id_pagina=24&defLang=2&event=1

Project partners will meet in a plenary meeting on 20th – 21st October in Liege to discuss the progress within respective work packages and agree on the next steps.

More information about CRISMA is available here:

www.crismaproject.eu

SALUS updates



The first conference under the SALUS (Security and Interoperability in Next Generation PPDR Communication Infrastructures) will be held on 26 November in Paris. The Conference will present the vision of the industry and standards bodies regarding end-user needs of PPDR systems. It will also observe the roadmaps for LTE, TETRAPOL and TETRA technologies.

Conference details:

- Name: SALUS 1st Conference (co-located with the PSCE Conference);
- Date: 26th November (afternoon);
- Venue: Cisco, L'Atlantis, 11, Rue Camille Desmoulins, ISSY LES MOULINEAUX, ILE DE FRANCE, France;
- Cost: Free (please note, however, that participation on PSCE conference 25/26 (morning) is subject to a fee, see details on the registration form);
- Registration: available here:

<http://bit.ly/1Df0WTO>

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- Program: available here:

<http://bit.ly/1wbxcF3>

COncORDE updates



The first COncORDE Consortium meeting was held on 13-14 October 2014 in Limassol, Cyprus. 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.

The COncORDE project will develop a Decision Support System (DSS) to improve preparedness and interoperability of medical services during an emergency, which affects the health of the population at local, regional or cross-border level. The project will incorporate existing operational assets related to security, trust and infrastructure and leverage them within the DSS.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the 9th International Conference on Critical Information Infrastructures Security (CRITIS 2014).

More information about CRITIS is available here:

<http://www.kios.ucy.ac.cy/critis2014/>

The website for the COncORDE project was recently completed and launched. It is now accessible at <http://www.concorde-project.eu/>.

DRIVER updates



Recently, the partners to the DRIVER project met in a SP7 conceptualisation meeting to catch up on the progress achieved under the different work packages and to define steps forward.

It is now possible for any future DRIVER community members to register on the temporary community registration page:

<http://www.eurtd.com/driver/community/index.php>.

DRIVER will be represented at the European Conference *Standards: Your Innovation Bridge*, which will take place in Brussels on 30th October. It is organised by CEN / CENELEC, and supported by the European Commission and EFTA. More details about the Conference are available here:

<http://www.cenelec.eu/News/Events/Pages/EV-2014-02.aspx>

EPISECC updates

The dissemination plan for the EPISECC project has already been submitted. Posters and brochures for the project are currently in preparation, whereas the related PSCE flyers have already been completed. The SP7 conceptualisation meeting was held in early September to discuss the progress that has been made.

PSCE Conference in Paris

As highlighted in the previous newsletter, the previous PSCE Conference took place in May in Gothenburg. The second bi-annual PSCE Conference is scheduled to be held on 25 – 26 November in Paris. The Conference will revolve around four key themes:

- Public Alert Systems;
- Critical Infrastructures Risk Management;
- Internet of Everything;
- Future Communication Networks (SALUS Conference).

The SALUS Conference on Future Communication Networks will be held as part of the PSCE Conference. It will discuss the future communication demands for public protection and disaster relief, taking into account the current levels of use and proposing plausible scenarios for growth and adoption of new services over the coming 10 to 20 years.

More information about the PSCE Conference is available here:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=426>

Registration for the PSCE Conference is now available via this link:

<http://bit.ly/1Df0WTO>

Please send the completed form to adm@psce-europe.eu.

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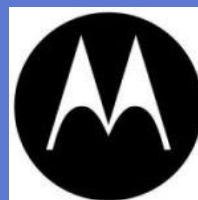
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