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POLICY

European Civil Protection Forum 2015

The 5th European Civil Protection Forum will take place in Brussels on 6th and 7th May 2015. The theme of this year's Conference will be "Partnership & Innovation". Discussions at the Forum will revolve around the topics of disaster prevention, preparedness and response.

Draft Programme of the European Civil Protection Forum 2015 is available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/civil_protection/civil/prote/pdfdocs/cpforum2015/cpforum2015_programme_en.pdf#view=fit

Stay up-to-date with the latest information on the European Civil Protection Forum 2015 here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/node/2841>

New ENISA Report on National Cyber Security Strategies

At the end of November, ENISA, the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security, published a new report that introduces an evaluation framework for national cyber security strategies (NCSS). The report is addressed to policy experts and government officials who design, implement and evaluate NCSS policies.

The full report is available here:

<http://bit.ly/1zkRH01>

The latest activities of the JRC

New Report from the JRC on "Science for Disaster Risk Reduction"

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) has published a new report entitled "Science for Disaster Risk Reduction". The objective of the report is to provide an overview of the research activities on disaster risk reduction and response that have been carried out by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre.

The full report is available here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/sites/default/files/jrc-science-for-disaster-risk-reduction-report.pdf>

New Index for Risk Management Developed by JRC

Another recent activity of the JRC is the development of INFORM (Index for Risk Management), the first global open-source risk assessment tool for humanitarian crises and disasters. INFORM has been designed to support decisions about prevention, preparedness and response, and to help humanitarian actors to tailor their actions in order to reduce crisis and disaster risk and build resilience.

The INFORM website is accessible here:

<http://www.inform-index.org/>

PSCE Activities



Study on Use of Commercial Mobile Networks for High-Speed Broadband Communications, PSCE's position highlighted

The European Commission has recently been working on the Study on the Use of Commercial Mobile Networks and Equipment for "Mission-Critical" High-Speed Broadband Communications in Specific Sectors.

In late December, Radio Resource Media Group published a rather extensive analysis of the study and included the PSCE position as well. PSCE has suggested that the wording of the key finding of the study should be changed to state that the "it is NOT possible to use commercial networks for mission-critical purposes, UNLESS five conditions are met", particularly given that the regulatory structure envisioned in the study is nearly impossible to create. Currently, the conclusion of the study claims that "it COULD be possible for commercial mobile broadband networks to be used for mission-critical purposes, but only IF five conditions are met".

The PSCE Position Paper is available here:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2014/PSCE-014-2014.pdf>

PSCE Project Corner

COSMIC



The COSMIC Final Conference took place on February 26, 2015, in Brussels, Belgium. The Conference was attended by more than 70 people and was a great success for the project.

The main conference themes were:

- Crisis & social media with concrete use cases
- Ethical, Legal and Social considerations
- Guidelines and good practices for new media



I. Kotsiopoulos (European Dynamics) closes the COSMIC Conference

COSMIC Guidelines are available here:

<http://www.cosmic-project.eu/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20for%20the%20use%20of%20new%20media%20in%20crisis%20situations.pdf>

Comments on the Guidelines can be submitted to secretariat@psc-europe.eu until 13th March 2015.

CRISMA



The CRISMA project hosted its third workshop on 12th

February 2015 in Levi, Finland. The workshop focused on promoting the CRISMA tool and its various uses, drawing upon interesting case studies as well.

The agenda is available here:

http://www.crismaproject.eu/docs/CRISMA_workshop_Levi.pdf

The CRISMA Final Conference and the CRISMA Business Day will be held on 4th June 2015 in Brussels. More information coming up soon. For regular updates, please visit:

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

SALUS



The First Conference of the SALUS project was held on 26th November in Paris, France, as part of the autumn conference of Public Safety Communications Europe (PSCE).

Entitled "End-User Needs Towards Future PPDR Systems", the SALUS Conference discussed in length the future communication demands from the public protection and disaster relief sector in order to achieve their missions. The Conference was attended by over 60 people.

The presentations delivered during the Conference are available on the SALUS website, www.sec-salus.eu.

COncORDE



The COncORDE project will develop a Decision Support System 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.

PSCE has recently prepared the first set of project brochures, posters, roll-ups as well as newsletter and business card templates. These promotional materials will be available soon on COncORDE website, www.concorde-project.eu.

Project partners have also finalised D2.1 Technical

specifications, which transforms the user requirements selected in WP1 into technical requirement specifications. WP1 has produced a study of the stakeholders' domain (Task 1.1), recorded the details of emergency response literature EU-wide, as well as in specific countries (Task 1.2), and listed the available technology and research trends (Task 1.3). Task 1.4 of WP1 codified the user requirements into specific use cases, by modelling the emergency response domain into 5 main phases (alerting, moving to the field, field work, transportation to hospitals, first receivers) that run in different geographical setups, some sequentially and others in parallel.

DRIVER



On 2-6 February 2015, DRIVER project held its consortium and working meetings in the JRC premises in Ispra, Italy. The objective was to review the work performed so far and agree on the next steps within individual DRIVER Sub Projects.

PSCE is currently finalising the first issue of the internal newsletter which serves to keep all project partners informed about the status of deliverables, tasks and work-packages. The first edition of the Public Newsletter was published in November.

The DRIVER Community web based tool is undergoing its final testing phase and interested stakeholders will be soon invited to sign up and start benefiting from its services.

More information about the project is available here:

<http://driver-project.eu/>

EPISECC



PSCE has recently finalized the Deliverable 8.2 that compiles all the project dissemination items including brochure, flyer, poster and standardized presentation.

The EPISECC poster is available here:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2014/Paris/episecc_poster_A2_press.pdf

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The EPISECC brochure is available here:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2014/Paris/episecc_brochure_A4_press.pdf

On 24th November 2014, PSCE facilitated a meeting with the representatives of other related projects, namely SECINCORE, SECTOR and REDIRNET in order to ensure close coordination between them.

The last week of January, EPISECC project partners met in Vienna to discuss the progress in respective work packages and agree on the next steps including the finalization of the questionnaires to understand end users' needs.

More information about the project is available here:

<https://www.episecc.eu/>

First Horizon 2020 project for PSCE

The European Commission has just announced the projects that have been successful and will be financed under the Horizon 2020. Among them is the EMYNOS (nExt generation eMergencY commuNicatiOnS) project (topic DRS-19-2014), which aims to design and implement a Next Generation platform for emergency calls.

PSCE is a partner in this project, together with two of its institutional end-user organisations that have responded positively to the invitation to join the project.

The EMYNOS project will officially launch later in 2015 and will run for 30 months, until early 2018.

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

PSCE Conferences

On 26th November 2014, PSCE organised one of its largest biannual conference addressing key topics within the domain of crisis communication. Co-organised and hosted by CISCO, the conference offered an interesting format, this time focused on public alert systems, critical infrastructures risk management, Internet of everything and future communication networks.

The conference material is now available for all participants

on a temporary platform. PSCE Institutional Members have the opportunity to download all presentations at any time from the restricted part of the PSCE website.

The full report from the conference in Paris is available here:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2014/Paris/PSCE_Conference_in_Paris_Report_1.0.pdf

The first 2015 PSCE conference will be held on 27th and 28th May in Graz, Austria. It will focus on these topics:

- 1) Emergency Management
- 2) Common Information Space
- 3) SATCOM Policy
- 4) Handling large-scale incidents

Conference agenda is coming soon.

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