



PSCE CONFERENCE IN GRAZ

Excellent synergies between EU funded projects



On 27-28 May 2015 the Public Safety Communication Europe (PSCE) organised its biannual Conference in Graz, Austria. The overall purpose of the conference was to anticipate needs, determine latest trends and understand developments related to the future of public safety communications.



The management of disaster risks and crises of different kinds (unintentional or intentional man-made disasters, natural hazards) is ruled by a number of international, EU and national policies covering various sectors (e.g. civil protection, security, health) and operational features such as preparedness, prevention, detection, surveillance, response, and recovery. A range of research and technological developments, as well as capacity-building and training projects, are striving to support the implementation of these policies. However, the complexity of the policy framework and the wide variety of research, capacity-building and training initiatives often leads to a lack of awareness about policies and/or project outputs by the wide range of "users". The high level of fragmentation of information often leads to a poor awareness of policy requirements by research and industry communities and a poor transfer of research results to policy and stakeholders communities.

Against this background, the PSCE conference provided - also this time - a much-needed platform enabling better information exchanges with regular updates for all possibly interested organisations and effective interactions among projects and between different communities.

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 next PSCE conference will be held on 9-10 December 2015 in Oxford (UK).

Forum for Public Safety Communication Europe is to foster, by consensus building, excellence in the development and use of public safety communications and information management systems as well as to improve the provision of public safety services and the safety of the citizens of Europe and the rest of the world. The PSCE provides a common platform for researchers, industry and users to meet and network, learn about technologies used for public safety and influence policy makers at European level.