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PSCE position on the Non-Paper on European Public - Private Partnership for Resilience (EP3R)

Finding its origins in the project supported by the European Commission (DG INFSO) in 2006, the **Public Safety Communication Europe Forum (PSCE)** is a permanent autonomous organisation aiming at improving provision of public safety services and the safety of the citizens during crisis and emergency situations.

PSCE provides a unique common platform for researchers, industry and users enabling regular exchange of ideas, information, experiences and best practices.

Following the detailed analyses of the Non-Paper on European Public - Private Partnership for Resilience (EP3R), published on 23 June 2010 by the Directorate General Information Society and Media of the European Commission, **PSCE** welcomes the initiative to set-up a European governance framework for Critical Information Infrastructure Protection.

PSCE would like to take this opportunity to comment on specific strategic issues having a direct link to the scope of its activities and expertise and therefore constructively contribute to the ongoing dialogue in this matter.

Point 9.1 of the Non-Paper states that:

"The following types of organisations are expected to participate in EP3R:

- *National PPPs of relevance for the security and resilience of CIIs;*
- *Relevant public authorities / competent bodies from EU and EFTA Member States dealing with security and resilience in the context of CIIP and, in particular, public authorities leading relevant national PPPs;*
- *Operators of electronic communications networks, services and nodes (subject to their size and cross-boarder relevance for Europe);*
- *European (industry) associations representing providers of electronic communications networks and services and Internet infrastructural resources.*

Additionally and depending on the topics discussed, the following types of organisations would be expected to contribute to EP3R:

- *Manufacturers of the electronic communications sector and the European Industry associations representing them;*
- *Network and Information Security industry and the associations representing them."*

While agreeing with the statement to involve the above-mentioned organisations, **PSCE** is of the view that this network should not be limited only to relevant manufacturers and industrial partners, but should be opened to any other relevant stakeholder who could bring an added-value. **PSCE** would like to therefore

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insist on the need to further involve other associations, especially those carrying out a constant dialogue between manufacturers and end-users (national administrations, public entities, etc.).

However, it should be highlighted that public safety area is specific in the sense that secured voice and data communication cannot be currently guaranteed by commercial networks. This aspect should be taken into account and form an integral part of the EP3R agenda.

This being said, and taking fully into consideration the profile of representatives described in point 9.2 of the Non-Paper, **PSCE** would herby like to express its interest in nominating one representative to take an active part in the constituency of High-level steering group (layer 1). Such **PSCE** representative would offer expertise in the following areas of actions defined by the point 10 of the Non-Paper:

- *"Risk management: Baseline requirements for security and resilience of electronic communications to provide a level playing field while ensuring an appropriate level of preparedness and prevention;*

- *Preparedness: Coordination and cooperation needs and mechanisms to prepare for and respond to large scale disruptions affecting electronic communication"*

PSCE believes that the Non-Paper on the EP3R is the right step forward to setting-up a European governance framework for Critical Information Infrastructure Protection. **PSCE** herby encourages all the interested stakeholders to support this initiative and calls for a high commitment which would lead towards successful governance model.