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POLICY

Priorities of the Italian EU Presidency

In less than a month, on 1 July, Italy will assume the Presidency of the European Union. Since the Italian Presidency will commence only weeks after the election of the new European Parliament, Italy has already highlighted the need to build good relations with the Parliament and define working priorities with the newly elected Members of the European Parliament as a key priority. In terms of policy, Italy has pledged to pursue the challenges related to immigration and unemployment, whilst aiming to accelerate growth and decrease EU energy dependency.

A key aspect of Italy's programme for its presidency is its desire to continue developing the digital sector. The annual report on Italy's participation in EU matters for 2014 explains that Italy assigns the highest priority to overcoming fragmentation of the European digital market. Contrary to many other Member States and key corporate players, Italy supports the proposal for a Single Telecoms Market and is ready to endorse the version that has already received approval in the Parliament.

presidency.

The annual report of Italy's participation in EU matters for 2014 (in Italian): http://www.politicheeuropa.it/file_download/2244

Press Release from the Italian Delegation to the European Council on the telecoms sector:

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/doc/srv?l=EN&f=ST%209994%202014%20INIT>

Cyber Europe 2014 has been launched

On 28 April, 29 European Union and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries joined to launch Cyber Europe 2014 (CE 2014) – a highly sophisticated cyber exercise, involving more than 600 security actors across Europe. The exercise is organised bi-annually by the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) in cooperation with all EU Member States and the EFTA. sector are asked to investigate and analyse several scenarios which could impact the confidentiality, integrity or availability of sensitive information or critical infrastructures.

The official press release from ENISA on the launch of the exercise is available here:

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/media/press-releases/biggest-eu-cyber-security-exercise-to-date-cyber-europe-2014-taking-place-today>

PSCE Activities



PSCE – TCCA Seminar on the Future of Communications

In the framework of Wireless Broadband Planning, PSCE and Tetra Critical Communications Association (TCCA) will organise the 1-Day-Seminar on the Future of Communications.

The objective of the seminar is to discuss the consequences of the changes in communications, society and work environment for Mission Critical Communications of Public Safety Organisations and Critical Infrastructure Operators.

The morning session will feature several presentations from visionary people who will present how the world will look like in the period of next 7-10 year time regarding information technology and human behaviour in this respect.

With this information gathered, the afternoon session will include discussion with the participants and the presenters from the morning session in order to 'translate' this 'global future picture into consequences for the professional end-users.

[Access limited exclusively to invited members of TCCA, PSCE, LEWP, PSRG, NATO IRCSG, EU-Project SALUS, EU-Project EPISECC \(max. 2 seats per entity, speakers excl.\)](#)

More information is available here:
<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=422>

Personnel and functional changes within the PSCE committees

At the last PSCE Conference held on 20 and 21 May 2014 in Gothenburg, Sweden, the PSCE committees (held on the first day of the conference) elected Mr. Harold Linke (HITEC, Luxembourg) as chair of the industry committee and Ms. Andrea Nowak (AIT, Austria) as chair of the research committee. Ms. Snjezana Knezic (University of Split, Croatia) was reelected as Vice Chair of the research committee.

More information about the PSCE's internal structure is available here:

<http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=327>

PSCE welcomes five new institutional members

PSCE is pleased to welcome the following five members which have recently joined the forum as their institutional members.

112 Georgia (user)

"112" Georgia Emergency and Operative Response Center was created in 2012 by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, as a Legal Entity of Public Law. It coordinates the operation of three different services: Patrol Police, Ambulance and Fire/Rescue brigades. The mission of 112 Georgia is to reduce time of emergency response in order to ensure effective service to the society.

More information about 112 Georgia is available here: www.112.ge

University of Split (research)

The focus of the research work carried out by the University is on scientific areas with reference to disciplines characterised by natural, biomedical, cultural, historical, social, economic and other features of the region as a part of the Croatian Adriatic and the Mediterranean as a whole. The University of Split was established in 1974 and has since been the predominant scientific and teaching public institution in the region.

More information about the University of Split is available here: www.unist.hr

Teamnet (industry)

Based in Romania, Teamnet has vast expertise related to ICT technologies across different action fields, such as security, transport, telecommunication, cloud computing, eHealth, environment, energy and smart industry. They have participated in the implementation of the 112 emergency call system in Romania and are partners in HeERO+ project.

More information about Teamnet is available here: www.teamnet.ro

Eutelsat (industry)

In a fast-changing communications environment, satellites are placed to provide a platform for delivering content direct to end users, connecting people even in the most isolated areas. Eutelsat's fleet of 36 satellites cover Europe, Africa, the Middle East and large parts of the Asian and American continents.

More information about Eutelsat is available here: www.eutelsat.com

Onstar (industry)

OnStar provides security & safety features, a turn by turn navigation system, hands free calling and other solutions.

More information is available here: www.onstar.com
For more information about PSCE membership, please contact secretariat@psc-europe.eu

COSMIC updates



Successful review meeting for COSMIC

COSMIC has successfully passed its first review meeting held on 7 May 2014 in Brussels. Project partners presented all the deliverables and plans ahead.

Third COSMIC workshop in Sweden

The third COSMIC workshop was organised in the framework of the PSCE Conference taking place on 20-21 May 2014 in Gothenburg(Sweden). The report from the event will be published soon at www.cosmic-project.eu.

Guidelines for the use of new media by the public in crisis situations

The COSMIC has recently published the first draft version of the 'Guidelines for the use of new media by the public in crisis situations' is published online.

The draft report provides guidelines that citizens may help in the optimal use of social media during crisis situations. Tips and tricks are formulated for the different roles that citizens can take during crises. 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. Guidelines specially aimed at governmental authorities and private organizations are in preparation.

The guidelines can be viewed here:

http://www.cosmic-project.eu/sites/default/files/custom_cosmic/Draft%20guidelines%20for%20citizens.pdf

The project would like to invite practitioners in the field of crisis and emergency management, social media experts, (social) scientists and social media users to provide feedback on the first version of the guidelines through its official LinkedIn page:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/COSMIC-Project-7493938?home=&gid=7493938>

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

CRISMA updates



The CRISMA end user workshop, which took place on 22 May 2014 in Gothenburg, Sweden, brought together an array of

stakeholders from the security domain.

Participants had an opportunity to learn more about assessing cascading events and time dependent vulnerability as well as about simulating resource management and logistics. Furthermore, presentations were given on the assessment of economic impacts and on the architecture for transferable applications.

The afternoon session presented demonstrations related to simulation of seismic events and resources management including testing its effectiveness for alternative deployment of means and personnel. Presentations were complemented by discussions and poster session providing participants also visual overview of CRISMA pilots.

More information about CRISMA is available here:

www.crismaproject.eu

PSCE kicked off three new projects

This spring, PSCE started working on three new EU funded projects.

DRIVER - Driving innovation in crisis management for European resilience

DRIVER starts from the experience that neither successful R&D nor strong end-user demand always lead to innovation in the Crisis Management (CM) domain. This is a problem since as societies become more complex increasing scope and unpredictability of potential crises and faster dynamics of major incidents put increasingly stringent demands on CM. European CM capabilities already constitute a mature System of Systems; hence wholesale redesign would often be too costly and might critically destabilise existing CM capabilities.

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

EPISECC - Establish pan-European information space to enhance security of citizens

In a disaster situation three things contribute to a success: having the right resource available in the shortest time, with the highest relevance and at the right location.

Access to necessary information, communication with other rescuers and stakeholders as well as the availability of resources are key factors in minimizing damage and loss of life. Large scale disasters and crisis situations increase the

requirements on man and material exponentially. Additional challenges, in particular in cross border events, include language barriers, knowhow and organizational barriers and technical barriers (communication and data exchange).

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CONCORDE - Development of Coordination Mechanisms During Different Kinds of Emergencies

The threat of mass casualty incidents or medical surges to healthcare systems has always been present. Preparing essential parts of the healthcare system such as hospitals and their partners to prevent, respond, and rapidly recover from these threats is critical for protecting and securing the entire health infrastructure. Large-scale disaster situations causing mass casualty incidents are characterised by large numbers of same-type injuries which require immediate and simultaneous medical intervention and means of support such as ambulances, surgeries, specialists, diagnostic equipment and others.

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PSCE Conference in Gothenburg

On 20-21 May 2014, PSCE organised another of its biannual conferences addressing the key topics within the domain of crisis communication. Co-organised by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), the conference offered an interesting format, this time focused on interoperability, satellite communications, traffic security as well as on the management of the data flow in the control room.



The Conference took place at the Lindholmen Science Park,

which is a national arena for research and development in civil security with the aim of developing new or improved capabilities within the Swedish crisis management system. The projects are conducted in broad collaboration between industry, university and public sector.

The event featured a diverse programme composed of interesting debates, roundtable discussions, collaborative session, brokerage event and networking possibilities. The event was organised in conjunction with COSMIC and CRISMA workshops.

The conference material is now available for all participants on temporary platform. PSCE Institutional Members have opportunity to download all presentations at any time from the restricted part of the PSCE website. The next PSCE biannual conference will be held on 25-26 November 2014 in Paris, France.

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