



# Private Security Summit

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## CoESS Fact Sheet

CoESS, the Confederation of European Security Services was founded in 1989. CoESS is the European umbrella organisation for some 30 national private security companies' associations. It is the only representative European employers' organisation defending the interests of the private security industry and is recognised by the European Commission as a European sectoral social partner in accordance with the European Treaties.

CoESS represents some 37,000 private security companies employing a total of approximately 1.4 million private security guards.

CoESS' member associations include: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Norway, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey and United Kingdom.

National member organisations of CoESS include major multinationals such as Group 4 Securicor, Securitas, Prosegur, Brink's, and a large number of national players of different sizes, contributing to the total of 37,000 private security companies CoESS represents.

Furthermore, CoESS has two corresponding members, i.e. ESTA, the European Security Transport Association ([www.esta.biz](http://www.esta.biz)), and EASA, the European Aviation Security Association ([www.easa-security.org](http://www.easa-security.org)).

ESTA represents the cash industry logistics businesses throughout Europe and 90% of the European cash-in-transit (CIT) industry. EASA represents the most important European security companies active in providing civil aviation security services throughout Europe.

CoESS members cover a wide range of private security services including cash-in-transit (CIT), cash processing, security training, bodyguarding, beat patrol, commercial manned guarding, in-house manned security, event security (crowd control), door supervising, alarm monitoring, CCTV monitoring and mobile alarm response.

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CoESS is currently the sole European organisation acting on behalf of the industry in the European Member States and in the New and Candidate Member States, and this for all branches of the private security industry.

Given the increasing attention over the last years, paid by the EU and its Institutions to the role and the importance of our industry, CoESS is also the main partner for all European Institutions dealing with security.

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