



During the Secretary Generals' Meeting of 14 September 2006 in Stockholm, the Newsflash as a communication tool was discussed. It was decided to issue the Newsflash from now on monthly, containing only headlines with relevant references for more in-depth information. In case of very important news in the time in between two Newsflashes, a short item will be sent electronically.

We kindly ask you to provide us with input from your federation or country for inclusion in the Newsflashes. If you have any other news, do not hesitate to send it to us.

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1. Bulgaria and Romania to join the EU on 1 January 2007

Bulgaria and Romania will join the EU on time on January 1 2007 but face post-entry penalties unless the pace of political and administrative reforms continues.

For Bulgaria, concern centres on six areas that must be addressed by March 31 2007:

- Adopt constitutional amendments to ensure the accountability of its judicial system.
- Ensure a more transparent judicial process by implementing a new judicial system act and a new civil code.
- The judiciary must be made more "professional, accountable and effective" if safeguards are to be avoided.
- The fight against high-level corruption has to step up a gear.
- Prevent and fight corruption, particularly at the country's borders and within local government.
- A new strategy to fight organised crime is needed – focusing on money laundering and confiscating criminal assets.

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/key_documents/reports_sept_2006_en.htm

(Source: *Eupolitix.com*)

2. Conference 'Private Security and Public Safety', 2 – 3 October 2006 Bucharest, Romania

On 2 and 3 October 2006, the Romanian Security Industry Association (RSIA) in cooperation with the International Institute of Security (IISec), (UK) organises the International Corporate Security Conference "Private Security and Public Safety".

Conference details can be found at the RSIA website (www.arisonline.ro).

(Source: *RSIA - Romania*)

3. Conference 'Raising Skills for Safer Communities', 9 November 2006, Birmingham, UK

The conference will be held at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham.

More information can be found on the website of Skills for Security (www.skillsforsecurity.org.uk).

(Source: *Skills for Security - UK*)

4. Conference 'Licensing Scotland – the impact on training and skills development', 30 November 2006, Glasgow, UK

The Saint Andrews Day Conference will be held at the Barony Hall in Glasgow.

More information can be found on the website of Skills for Security (www.skillsforsecurity.org.uk).

(Source: *Skills for Security - UK*)

5. Services directive: timetable

The European Parliament confirmed the following timetable regarding second reading for the proposal of services in the internal market.

- 13 September 2006: presentation of draft report by Mrs Gebhardt and first debate on her text
- 23 October 2006: vote on draft report at extraordinary meeting of Internal Market Committee in Strasbourg
- November plenary (13-16 November 2006): plenary vote

(Source: *Interel Public Relations & Public Affairs*)

6. European Year of Workers' Mobility: Conference "Workers' Mobility – what role for the social partners?", 14 September 2006, Brussels, Belgium

On 14 September 2006, the European Commission organised a one-day conference with employers' organisations and Trade Unions.

More information about the presentations can be found on the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/workersmobility_2006/index.cfm?id_page=292

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