



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. CoESS – Hungary: successful National Round Table on “Best Value – tendering for private security services”

Last 19 October, the conference on “ Selecting the best price-value ratio in the course of judging tenders on the field of public procurement for private security sector” took place in Budapest, Hungary. The conference was a joint CoESS and UNI- Europa initiative and has been co-financed by the European Commission.

CoESS and UNI-Europa have always stressed the importance of raising the professional standards in the industry. In this sense, it is essential that contracting clients select a provider to carry out guarding functions by combining quality with a favorable price instead of just selecting the lowest price bidder.

For this purpose CoESS and UNI-Europa elaborated a joint Manual a few years ago. The Handbook contains a checklist of criteria for assessing the quality of private security services, drawn jointly by the social partners, explaining the value to clients of taking these criteria into consideration.

The Round Table in Budapest on the 19th of October 2006 has focused on this manual and closely related issues. Relevant public and private speakers have been taking part in this event.

2. EU Services Directive: Internal Market Committee backs Council text

The European Parliament's final vote on the services directive will take place as expected in November. By approving the Council's second-reading text on 23 October 2006, the

European Parliament's Internal Market Committee paved the way for adoption of the text by the full Parliament. Apart from a few details, the Council text reflects the one adopted by Parliament at first reading.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/expert/infopress_page/056-11864-296-10-43-909-20061020IPR11863-23-10-2006-2006-false/default_en.htm

3. ESTA: Cash campaign

As part of a pan-European media campaign to defend the merits of cash, ESTA has just released several documents.

http://www.esta.biz/home/news_articles.htm

<http://www.coess.org/> (homepage)

4. The European Commission allocates 9 Million € enabling the pursuit of numerous actions initiated under the "Pilot Project Fight against Terrorism"

The Financial Decision, adopted on 26.10.2006 by the Commission, allocates € 9 Mio which will enable the pursuit of numerous actions which have been initiated under the "Pilot Project Fight against Terrorism", adopted in 2005

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/06/400&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

5. Airlines black list: European Commission adopts new measures

The safety of air transport has been a top priority for the European Community ever since the introduction of a common air transport policy. Regulation 2111/2005 EC, which entered into force in January 2006, is a further step towards enhancing European air safety and passenger protection by allowing the European Commission to ban or restrict the activities of unsafe airlines within the European Union.

The Commission has consequently established an initial list of airlines considered to be unsafe and therefore not permitted to fly passengers or cargo in the EU or operate within European airspace.

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air_portal/safety/black_list_en.htm

<http://air-ban.europa.eu/>

6. Conference on the future of Aviation Regulation in Europe

The presentations of the conference on the future of Aviation Regulation in Europe on 20 September 2006 in Brussels are available.

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air_portal/2006_09_20_conference_en.htm

7. Aviation security: the EU acts against new threats from liquid explosives

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/06/1313&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

8. EU: Consultation on Maritime Policy

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy_en.html

9. GovSec Europe

On the 6th and 7th of June 2007, Brussels Expo (Belgium) organises the first European edition of GovSec – Law Enforcement – Ready! Expo & Conference.

Providing a wide range of solutions to address safety and security challenges.

Offering an appealing and varied conference program in order to attract key players from across Europe.

Creating a business matchmaking summit where decision makers and exhibitors can organize face-to-face meetings.

<http://www.govseceurope.eu/>

10. EU: Reconciliation of working, private and family life

Reconciliation of professional, private and family life is designated as one of the European Commission's priority objectives in the roadmap for equality between women and men, which was adopted on 1 March 2006. On the 12th of October 2006, the European Commission decided to launch the first stage consultation with the social partners at Community level on this issue. This consultation constitutes the first phase of the consultation process provided for in Article 138(2) of the Treaty, which calls for the Commission to consult management and labour before submitting proposals in the social policy field. CoESS is preparing a position paper.

11. European Social Dialogue in Private Security

The next joint meeting of the Sectoral Dialogue Committee for Private Security will take place in Brussels, on 15 December 2006.

12. CoESS – Balkan

On 18 December 2006, CoESS will organise in Belgrade (Serbia) a conference on "Private security in the SEE-countries" with financial support by TAIEX (Technical Assistance Information Exchange Instrument).

From the start of the EU enlargement process, CoESS has supported all the efforts made to enlarge the European Union by including the SEE-countries.

With regard to the private security sector, CoESS believes that support to the new Member States and candidate Members States would make it possible to avoid certain economic, political and social risks which may arise when workers and businesses accustomed to very different social and regulatory circumstances are drawn into competition with other European Union countries.

The SEE-countries are in a transformation process towards liberalization and democratization. Due to their willingness to adopt European Union Law, regulations and scientific knowledge, this workshop provides the necessary input in a broader confrontation between the European Union views and the SEE-countries current situation.

The goal of this workshop is to:

- Enforce good relations between CoESS and the SEE-countries.
- Enforce academic knowledge and transfer.
- Enable the identification and assessment of the private security actors in the SEE-countries.
- Establish and/or improve the social dialogue between the SEE-countries.

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