



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. EU Services Directive

On 15 November 2006, the European Parliament achieved a final agreement on the EU Services Directive. Once the Directive will be implemented, it will enforce free movement of services with common European rules.

Important is that services provided by private security companies are not covered by the Directive. But this exclusion is not final, it needs to be read together with article 38 related to a possible future harmonisation. One year after the transposition period (three years), the European Commission will take its decision concerning the need or not for a vertical harmonisation.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/comparl/imco/services_directive/default_en.htm

2. Professional Days of SNES (France).

For the first time the Professional Days of SNES (Syndicat National des Entreprises de Sécurité), the CoESS member in France, were held outside of France. This year they have been organized in Brussels on the 19 and 20 October 2006. CoESS in person of its President, Marc Pissens, has been invited to address the audience.

http://www.e-snes.org/i_zip/cr_jpsnes2006.pdf

3. Working conditions survey.

The first findings of the European Commission's Fourth European Working Conditions Survey were published on 7 November 2006. The report gives a snapshot of how workers perceive their working conditions in the 25 EU countries and in Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Turkey.

<http://www.eurofound.ie/ewco/surveys/EWCS2005/index.htm>

4. EU airlines safety rules kick-in.

New EU rules on airplane hand luggage security came into force on 6 November 2006. Passengers are limited to carry on board up to one litre of liquids in clear plastic containers. But duty free shopping, medicines and baby food are cleared for larger amounts on the basis of added checks.

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air_portal/security/rules_liquids/doc/2006_aviation_security_new_rules_poster_en.pdf

5. Success for Private Security Authority against unlicensed trader (Ireland).

Since April 1, 2006 all companies providing manned guarding services must be in possession of a licence. The first legal case against a security company trading without a licence in Ireland resulted in a success for the Private Security Authority.

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6. CoESS comments on consultation of European Social Partners on reconciliation of Professional, Private and Family life.

CoESS has been integrating the issue of reconciliation of professional, private and family life in the activities jointly undertaken with UNI-Europa in the framework of the social dialogue.

In 2000, the joint declaration on the modernisation of organisation of work in the private security sector already stated that while considering practical ways of adapting to the increasing demand of flexibility by clients.

CoESS considers that the issue of reconciliation between professional, private and family life, is an issue that should be constantly improved.

http://www.coess.org/documents/20061123_comments_consultation_reconciliation.pdf

7. Over 22 million European adults have fallen victim to card fraudsters.

A staggering 22.8 million adults, equivalent to the combined populations of Belgium and Sweden, have been victims of credit and debit card fraud, according to a new pan-European consumer survey. The findings come as the European Union is progressing with the Payment Services Directive, which aims to promote the use of electronic payments across Europe.

http://www.esta.biz/home/news_articles/list_documents.htm?fromDay=1&fromMonth=8&fromYear=2006&toDay=29&toMonth=11&toYear=2006&error=

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