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NAFTSO Information Session - May 4, 2010 (Sofia, Bulgaria)



On May 4, 2010 NAFTSO, the Bulgarian National Association of Industrial Security Companies, active member of CoESS, organised an Information Session regarding the 'Harmonisation of Private Security Services in Europe in light of the Implementation of Directive 2006/123/EC (EU Directive on Services in the internal market)' in Sofia, Bulgaria. The Information Session welcomed a great number of both private and public delegates keen to discuss the topic in detail. Among the invitees present were: members of NAFTSO and managers of Bulgarian private security companies, members of CoESS and its Working Committee Guarding, representatives of the Bulgarian Parliament, Government and other public institutions, representatives of national employers' organisations, non-governmental organisations, universities and vocational training centres. Hilde De Clerck, Secretary-General of CoESS, delivered a presentation detailing the

- ➔ The minutes of the CoESS Working Committee Guarding of May 4, 2010 are available on the CoESS intranet site: <http://coess.org/intranet/login.php>. Please note that you will have to login to be able to consult this document. In case you experience any difficulties logging in, please contact the CoESS General Secretariat.

CoESS Working Committee Electronic Surveillance - May 11, 2010 (Birmingham, United Kingdom)

On May 11, 2010 the Working Committee Electronic Surveillance met in Birmingham, United Kingdom, in the framework of the IFSEC 2010 Exhibition (courtesy of BSIA, the UK private security association, member of CoESS). IFSEC is the world's leading global annual security event, uniting over 25,000 security professionals with more than 600 world leading companies, spread over seven product areas (for further information, please consult the IFSEC website: www.ifsec.co.uk). The following agenda items were discussed: positioning of an ARC in the European private security landscape (EU Directive on Services and White Paper on ARCs), White Paper promoting the use of ARCs in case of fire incidents, installation standards for CCTV in Europe, follow-up of CENELEC Workgroup 14 (ARC specifications), International Electrotechnical Committee (IEC/TC79), state of play European Commission eCall project and cooperation with Euralarm.

- ➔ The minutes of the CoESS Working Committee Electronic Surveillance of May 11, 2010 are available on the CoESS intranet site: <http://coess.org/intranet/login.php>. Please note that you will have to login to be able to consult this document. In case you experience any difficulties logging in, please contact the CoESS General Secretariat.

CoESS Working Committee Maritime Security - May 20-21, 2010 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

On May 20-21, 2010 the Working Committee Maritime Security members met in Gothenburg, Sweden (courtesy of the Swedish Maritime Security members). The following topics were tabled: state of play of the Leonardo da Vinci project the Working Committee Maritime Security introduced with the European Commission (Maritime Training Programme - ISPS Code), potential additional tasks for port security personnel, survey regarding security staff within ISPS-compliant areas, ASIS International European Award, SAGMaS latest developments and debrief of the European Cargo & Border Security Summit 2011.

- ➔ The minutes of the CoESS Working Committee Maritime Security of May 20-21, 2010 are available on the CoESS intranet site: <http://coess.org/intranet/login.php>. Please note that you will have to login to be able to consult this document. In case you experience any difficulties logging in, please contact the CoESS General Secretariat.

CoESS Working Committee Cohesion - May 26, 2010 (Zagreb, Croatia)

On May 26, 2010 the Working Committee Cohesion met in Zagreb, Croatia (courtesy of ZRSZV, the Slovenian private security association, member of CoESS). The Working Committee meeting was organised the day before ZRSZV's two-day Social Dialogue Project Conference on Croatia and Slovenia, which took place in Zagreb, Croatia. The Working Committee Cohesion discussed the following items: Slovenian member federation's project: 'European Social Dialogue and Current National Development in the New Member and Candidate Countries' Private Security Industry', Vienna Roadmap - Chapter II Project (White Paper), objectives of the Vienna Roadmap - Chapter II and targets for the next Working Committee meeting and presentation of country reports (harmonisation of legislation, progress on Social Dialogue, market developments, competitiveness report and update of statistical data).

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News from ASSA-I (Aviation Security Services Association International)

EUROCONTROL: Business Aviation recovering faster than other sectors



Business aviation fell by 14% in 2009, but has bounced back and grew by 11% in March 2010 according to new figures issued by EUROCONTROL on May 3, 2010. In its new report on business aviation in 2009, EUROCONTROL charts the decline of business aviation from its 2007 peak, and the rapid recovery that now seems to be underway for the sector. In 2009, the number of business flights in Europe fell by 14% compared to 2008. However, business aviation took off again in 2010, with a growth of 11% in March 2010 compared to March 2009. This is in strong contrast to flights as a whole across Europe in the same month, which indeed grew after 17 consecutive months of decline, but only by 1.6%. The strong growth of the business aviation sector is underlined by the fact that it was hit less than other air transport during the recent volcanic ash cloud crisis. During the crisis, the number of business aviation flights fell by 35% compared to 55% for all air traffic.

- ➔ Source: EUROCONTROL | May 3, 2010
- ➔ To review the EUROCONTROL report on business aviation in 2009, please consult the EUROCONTROL website: http://www.eurocontrol.int/statfor/gallery/content/public/analysis/TAT6_BusinessAviaton2009_200410%20high.pdf.

Extraordinary Transport Council: Response to volcanic ash cloud crisis

European Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas, responsible for Transport, presented on May 4, 2010 to an Extraordinary Transport Ministers meeting in Brussels, a range of possible short-term actions and structural measures to respond to the repercussions of the volcanic ash crisis. The proposed measures aim in the first place to help passengers and the air transport industry overcome this difficult period - an unprecedented crisis which resulted in the cancellation of over 100,000 flights and left more than 10 million passengers unable to fly. Secondly, the package proposes structural changes to ensure people do not face this situation again. These include proposals for: coordinated European action to review safety assessment for volcanic activity at EU level and to revise the ICAO guidelines (International Civil Aviation Organisation) by September 2010; fast tracking critical elements of the Single European Sky II package; and proposals to put in place pan-European mobility planning - so different transport modes can substitute for each other in a crisis situation. The package of measures was proposed in association with Vice-President Almunia (Competition and State Aid) and Commissioner Rehn (Economic and Monetary Affairs) and endorsed by the College of Commissioners on April 27, 2010.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | May 4, 2010
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/kallas/headlines/news/2010/04/doc/information_note_volcano_crisis.pdf.

The Court confirms that the liability of air carriers for loss of baggage is limited to €1134.71

Under European Union law, the liability of a Community air carrier in respect of passengers and their baggage is governed by the Montreal Convention. Thus, that convention provides that the liability of a carrier in the case of destruction, loss, damage or delay of baggage is limited to the sum of 1000 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) for each passenger (a sum equivalent to approximately €1134.71), unless a passenger has made, at the time when the checked baggage was handed over to the carrier, a special declaration of interest in delivery at destination and has paid a supplementary sum if the case so requires. In that case, as a rule, a carrier is liable to pay a sum not exceeding the declared sum. In today's judgement, the Court finds, first of all, that the Montreal Convention does not contain any definition of the term 'damage'. Nevertheless, since the convention aims to unify the rules for international carriage by air, the Court considers that that term must be given a uniform and autonomous interpretation, notwithstanding the different meanings given to that concept in the domestic laws of the States Parties to that convention. Consequently, the Court then interprets the concept of damage at issue, basing its interpretation, first, on the ordinary meaning to be given to that concept under general international law. Next, the Court analyses the objectives which governed the adoption of the Montreal Convention. The Court thus finds that the Montreal Convention establishes a system of strict liability for air carriers. With regard specifically to damage sustained in case of destruction or loss of, or damage to, checked baggage, a carrier is presumed liable for that damage, provided that 'the event which caused the destruction, loss or damage took place on board the aircraft or during any period within which the checked baggage was in the charge of the carrier'.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | May 6, 2010

- For further information, please consult the European Commission website:
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=CJE/10/43&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
and <http://curia.europa.eu/jurisp/cgi-bin/form.pl?lang=EN&Submit=rechercher&numaff=C-63/09>.

European passenger traffic up 5.2% during first three months of 2010

The accumulated figure for passenger traffic at European airports during January to March 2010 increased by +5.2% compared with the corresponding period 2009. The accumulated figure for freight traffic during January to March 2010 increased by +22.6% and movements decreased by -1.1% during the corresponding period when compared with 2009. Olivier Jankovec, Director-General ACI Europe (Airports Council International) commented: "The recovery in air traffic has gained ground in the first three months of the year, especially for cargo - now very close to 2008 levels. Passenger traffic still lags behind 2008 by about -7%, but it is encouraging to see that more than 80% of Europe's airports have seen growth during this period."

- Source: ACI Europe (Airports Council International) | May 12, 2010
→ For further information, please consult the ACI Europe website: http://www.aci-europe.org/upload/10_05_12%20European%20passenger%20traffic%20up%20in%20Q1%202010%20PRESS%20RELEASE.pdf.

European measures to minimise disruption caused by volcanic ash

Guidelines issued on May 21, 2010 will help to minimise airspace closures in the event of volcanic ash reaching Europe without compromising safety standards. This is the result of the European Commission, EUROCONTROL and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) working closely together with airlines, regulators, and aircraft and engine manufacturers over the past month. The improved approach will offer Member States greater flexibility in deciding how to manage their airspace, allowing for less flight disruption while still ensuring the highest level of safety. In addition the Commission and EUROCONTROL have decided to create a European Aviation Crisis Coordination Cell (EACCC) to ensure a timely response to any future pan-European crisis severely affecting aviation.

- Source: European Commission | May 21, 2010
→ For further information, please consult the European Commission website:
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/601&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

Vice-President Kallas leads high-level delegation to the EU-Latin America civil aviation summit

The EU-Latin America civil aviation summit took place in Rio de Janeiro on May 25-26, 2010. The event was jointly organised by the European Commission, the National Civil Aviation Agency of Brazil and the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission. It aimed to enhance political, technical and industrial cooperation between Latin America and the EU in the aviation sector. Latin America is one of the world's fastest growing aviation markets and of strategic importance to the EU and its industry. Vice-President Siim Kallas, responsible for transport, signed on May 25, 2010 two "joint declarations" with Latin American aviation leaders that will lay the foundation for closer cooperation in civil aviation between the EU and Latin America.

- Source: European Commission and EUR-Lex | May 21, 2010 and May 25, 2010
→ For further information, please consult the European Commission website:
http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air/events/eu_latinamerica_aviation_summit_en.htm and the EUR-Lex website: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/Notice.do?val=513096:cs&lang=fr&list=513096:cs,&pos=1&page=1&nbl=1&pgs=10&hwords=&checktexte=checkbox&visu=#texte>.

News from the European Union

Ireland: First Cash-in-Transit licences issued in April 2010

The Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) confirms that the first contractor Cash-in-Transit (CIT) licences were issued on April 16, 2010. Seven contractors have been licensed to operate in different sub-sectors within the CIT licence category. Details on the licences can be found in the Register of Licence Holders on the ISIA website: http://www.isia.ie/isia/Main/2010_News_CIT.htm.

- Source: Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) | April 2010

Spring forecast 2010-11: Gradual economic recovery in progress in the EU



The European Commission's spring forecast confirms that the economic recovery is in progress in the EU. After having experienced the deepest recession in its history, the EU economy is set to grow by 1% in 2010 and 1¼% in 2011. This implies an upward revision of ¼ percentage point for this year from the Commission's autumn forecast, as the EU countries benefit from a stronger external environment. Nevertheless, weak domestic demand continues to restrain the recovery further out. The speed of recovery forecast varies across Member States, reflecting their individual circumstances and the policies they pursue. Labour market conditions have shown some signs of stabilisation recently, with the unemployment rate projected to peak this year at a lower level than forecast earlier, yet at close to 10% in the EU. The temporary fiscal measures put in place have been key in turning the EU economy around, but also added to the public deficit, which is set to rise to 7¼% of GDP in 2010, before falling back slightly in 2011.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | May 5, 2010
- ➔ To review the European Commission Spring forecast 2010-11, please consult the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/eu/forecasts/2010_spring_forecast_en.htm.

EU and US restart talks to clinch June 2010 anti-terror deal

The European Commission and the US Treasury on May 11, 2010 began a series of talks on the contested financial data sharing deal to combat terrorism in an effort to clinch an agreement before the end of June 2010. Efforts to restore the deal have taken on a heady pace as talks began just hours after EU Ministers gave the Commission negotiators their blessing to go ahead and relaunch negotiations that were derailed by parliamentary opposition in February 2010. An interim agreement on sharing banking data held by a transaction firm called SWIFT was blocked by the European Parliament, which feared it ran counter to European laws on fundamental rights and civil liberties. Now negotiators are concentrating their talks on the issues that overturned the agreement, such as how much data the US Treasury can ask for, what kind of data, how long they can keep it for and what kind of rights an EU citizen has in a US court room.

- ➔ Source: EurActiv | May 12, 2010
- ➔ For further information, please consult the EurActiv website: <http://www.euractiv.com/en/justice/eu-us-restart-talks-clinch-june-anti-terror-deal-news-494081>.

European Commission Convergence Report 2010 proposes Estonia joins euro area in 2011



On May 12, 2010 the European Commission issued its 2010 Convergence Report. It assesses progress with convergence in countries with derogation from Euro area membership. The assessment takes place against the background of the global financial crisis, which has affected the prospects for nominal convergence. The nine Member States with a so-called 'derogation' have made uneven progress on the road to the single currency, and eight of them do not yet meet all the conditions for Euro adoption. However, Estonia stands out from the group, fulfilling the criteria clearly, as a result of determined and efficient efforts by the Estonian government and Estonian people. Therefore, the Commission concluded that Estonia meets the criteria for adopting the Euro and made a proposal to the Council to this effect. The Council of EU Finance Ministers (ECOFIN) will take the final decision on the adoption of the Euro in Estonia in July 2010, after the Parliament has given its opinion and the EU Heads of State and Government have discussed the subject at their Summit meeting in June 2010.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | May 12, 2010
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/562&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.
- ➔ To review the European Commission Convergence Report 2010, please consult the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/publications/european_economy/2010/pdf/ee-2010-3_en.pdf.

Brussels tables plans for closer EU economic union

After a weekend that saw the Euro zone take unprecedented steps to rescue debt-laden members with a €500 billion aid package, the European Commission is proposing a new set of rules to tighten the bloc's fiscal and economic policies and prevent crises in the future. Under the proposal, EU countries will review each others' draft annual budgets before they are adopted at national level. This system - if approved by EU leaders at a meeting in June 2010 - would apply as of 2011 and would introduce closer economic surveillance in the bloc, with an early peer-review system aimed at preventing a repeat of the Greek sovereign debt crisis.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | May 12, 2010
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/articles/euro/2010-05-12-reinforcing-economic-policy-coordination_en.htm.

Monthly Labour Market Monitor May 2010



The labour market in the EU is showing signs of stabilising, following several months of more moderate deterioration. This is evidenced by rises in the unemployment rate easing further in most Member States in March 2010, while in 10 countries the rate stabilised or even declined. The EU economy started to recover from deep recession nine months ago, however, it may take more time yet before the fragile pick-up in economic activity and confidence feed through more strongly to the labour market. Indeed, employment is expected to contract by 0.9% for the year as a whole - according to the latest European Commission spring economic forecasts. In this issue, the focus is on the labour market situations in Greece, Portugal and Spain, but also in Bulgaria, Ireland, Poland and Romania. This month's edition also focuses on recent developments in the non-metallic materials sector.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | May 18, 2010
- ➔ To review the European Commission's Monthly Labour Market Monitor for May 2010, please consult the European Commission website: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=798&furtherNews=yes>.

May 2010: Flash Consumer Confidence Indicator

In May 2010, DG ECFIN's (European Commission) flash estimate of the consumer confidence indicator signals a sharp drop for the Euro area aggregate (down to -17.5 after -15.0 in April 2010). Confidence declined markedly among EU consumers as well (down to -14.7 from -12.3 in April 2010).

- ➔ Source: European Commission | May 20, 2010
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/surveys/index_en.htm.

Schengen data system

MEPs agreed on May 18, 2010 to extend, for an unstipulated time, the transition period needed to set up the EU's second-generation Schengen Information System. Officials hope the system will become operational next year. It was due in service in 2007.

- ➔ Source: European Voice | May 20, 2010

Montenegro plans to be next to join EU after Croatia

Montenegro, the small Adriatic country that obtained independence from a federation with Serbia in 2006, plans to be next to join the EU after Croatia, Montenegrin Ambassador to France, Milica Pejanović-Đurišić, told EurActiv France in an exclusive interview. Montenegro is well advanced in comparison to other countries on its road to EU accession, as reforms had begun even before relations between Brussels and Podgorica were institutionalised, the diplomat said. She said that Montenegro had answered the European Commission's questionnaire on the country's readiness to join the Union in December 2009, and that the EU Executive's opinion was expected by the end of the year or in early 2011.

- Source: EurActiv | May 21, 2010
- To read the interview in full (French), please consult the EurActiv website: <http://www.euractiv.fr/elargissement-0/interview/2010/05/20/milica-pejanovic-durisc-nous-comptons-etre-prochain-pays-adherer-union-europeenne-apres-cr>.

European Commission seeks high privacy standards in EU-US data protection agreement

On May 26, 2010 the European Commission adopted a draft mandate to negotiate a personal data protection agreement between the European Union and the United States when cooperating to fight terrorism or crime. The aim is to ensure a high level of protection of personal information like passenger data or financial information that is transferred as part of transatlantic cooperation in criminal matters. The agreement would enhance the right of citizens to access, rectify or delete data, where appropriate. EU citizens would receive a right to seek judicial redress in the US if their data is unlawfully processed. Independent public authorities would be given a stronger role in helping people exercise their privacy rights and in supervising transatlantic data transfers. The Council must approve the Commission's negotiating mandate before talks can begin. The European Parliament will be fully informed at all stages of the negotiations and will have to give its consent to the outcome of the negotiations.

- Source: European Commission | May 26, 2010
- For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/609&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

Flash estimate May 2010: Euro area inflation estimated at 1.6%

Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 1.6% in May 2010 according to a flash estimate issued by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. It was 1.5% in April 2010.

- Source: Eurostat | May 31, 2010
- For further information, please consult the Eurostat website: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/2-31052010-AP/EN/2-31052010-AP-EN.PDF.

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