

Europe and Security: European Commission Actions

Since 2001, the European Commission activities on security issues have considerably increased. Within the framework of a global security approach, each Directorate-General (DG) conducts actions and programmes aiming to increase global security of EU citizens and to reach a high resilience level for EU Society. Every Directorate-General faces all kind of hazards and threats, including terrorism, on its proper area of expertise.

These actions produce many opportunities for private and public actors (companies, operators of critical infrastructure, research centres, administrations) in the fields of research and work cooperation between Member States. However, they also complicate the global understanding of these policies without a permanent representation in Brussels

The aim of this new cycle of conferences is to introduce the policies of the main Directorates-General dealing with security issues. On a half-day programme session ending with a lunch, the speaker will present action programmes and coming tenders of each Directorate-General. Thus, all Homeland Security actors, and especially SME and SMI, will be aware of policies and opportunities in due time.

3 Directorates-General are invited:

2 conferences have already taken place:

- **Enterprise and Industry DG ENTR** (Directorate H – Aerospace, GMES, Security and Defence): Presentation of the Security Research Programme and the second call to be published in September
- **Justice, Freedom and Security DG JLS** (Directorate D - Internal Security and Criminal Justice): Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security framework programmes and stakes for 2008/2009

Next conference: on 5 December 2008:

- **Environment DG ENV** (Directorate A - Communication, Legal Affairs and Civil Protection)
Stakeholder: Mr. Hervé Martin, Head of Unit - Civil Protection Unit
Subject: Communication on hazard prevention, autumn 2008 (in French)

Conference agenda:

- 10h00 – 10h30 – Welcoming coffee
- 10h30 – 10h45 – Introduction and participants presentation
- 10h45 – 11h45 – Presentation of the DG policy and coming tenders or calls – Communication on hazard prevention, autumn 2008
- 11h45 – 12h30 – Open discussion and questions
- 12h30 – 14h00 – Lunch

Practical information:

- **NEW location:** Warwick Barsey Hotel, Avenue Louise 381-383, 1050 Brussels
- Audience: 20 - 30 persons
- **Fees: 290 € (+VAT) per conference, 200 € HVAT for members of the HCFDC or ECSA**