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II. EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE INNSBRUCK

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**MAIN THEME: SECURITY IN AN ERA OF TRANSFORMATION
POLITICS, MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH**

Core Concept

Established in September 2005, the international **European Security Conference Innsbruck (ESCI)** reunites on a yearly basis representatives of the areas of political, military and industrial sciences, high-rank representatives of governmental agencies and international organizations as well as policy analysts and political commentators from the media. As a not only gathering- and networking- but also output-orientated conference, ESCI aims at processing security-policy related decision-making challenges defined from both a security-studies and a political-practical point of view.

In addition, ESCI is also an endeavour to merge security-sector relevant knowledge from various areas of policy and analysis. Living up to its self-proclaimed objectives from its very inception, already ESCI 2005 made a valuable contribution to forging the agenda of the Austrian EU presidency in 2006 and received praise from the Austrian ministry of defence as well as the ministries of foreign affairs and of the interior.

Building on this start-up success, ESCI 2006 will be focusing on European security in an era of transformation. This focus will include analyses of Europe's security-institutions landscape with a special focus on NATO-EU relations and the trans-Atlantic security community. This reflects the programme of the forthcoming Austrian and Finnish EU-Presidency, who both will be emphasizing the Union's strategic partnership with NATO as an essential prerequisite for effective European role in international crisis management.

Retrospect: ESCI 2005

ESCI 2005 focused on “**European Crisis Management**”, with the following main themes:

- Analytical and political concepts of crisis management and conflict prevention
- Functional analysis of threats and requirements for civil-military co-operation
- Regional focuses of European security policy
- Civil aspects of conflict management and post-conflict peace building
- Perspectives of NATO’s programme “partnership for peace”

ESCI 2005 united some 30 panellists and an international audience of approximately 200 people.

Prospect: ESCI 2006

Under its main theme “**Security in an Era of Transformation: Politics, Management and Research**”, ESCI 2006 will be composed by keynotes, panels and working groups on the following subjects:

- Pluralistic security studies and contemporary analytical approaches to security
- The challenge of technical and cultural „interoperability“ in crisis management
- Transformation of armed forces and management of European security policy
- Current structure, instruments and strategic embeddedness of ESDP
- Security institutions reform – Management or self-organization?
- The state of PfP
- Transatlantic security community
- Regional and thematic focal points of European security policy – with special emphasis on civil-military co-operation and security sector reform
- Security studies vs. peace research? – Security policy vs. peace policy?
- Working Groups:
 1. Security policy and ethics
 2. Alternatives to European security policy
 3. Security, enlargement and the regional limits of “Europe”
 4. Security sector reform management

ESCI 2006 will be further internationalized, with two thirds of the event dedicated to questions of European and international security on a broader scale and English as conference language.

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