



Dear Sir or Madam,

as the chairman of the European Security Conference Initiative (ESCI), I am happy to send you the

Final Announcement of the European Security Conference on 2 and 3 July 2008

in the City of Wels in Austria.

Wels, ESCI's venue city, is located in the heart of Austria close **one hour from Salzburg**, by hourly train.

In addition to Salzburg Airport, we have **Blue Danube International Airport Linz** nearby (20 minutes).

We have now **40 speakers from 10 countries** in the programme, covering the main theme

**“SECURITY AND SOCIETY -
EVOLVING CHALLENGES AND COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE”**

The programme is available at http://www.esci.at/pdf/esci_programme.pdf .

ESCI 2008 programme highlights include:

- UEFA EURO 2008 Security and Safety – First Lessons Learnt
- Threat Perception and Public Opinion
- Energy as a Critical Infrastructure
- Security Risks Due to Terrorism Threats for the Oil and Gas Industry
- New Domestic Security Policy and Resilience Research
- The Role of the Military in Civil Security – a Transatlantic Perspective
- Restoring Safety in the Case of Large-Area Contamination
- Building European Integrated Border Management
- Border Security – Societal Vulnerabilities and the Disadvantages of Resilience
- Security in Times of Crisis: The Case of East and Central Africa
- Theory and Practice of Police Research in Europe
- Cross-disciplinary Security and Disaster Research
- European Norms Committee (CEN) Work to Provide Standards for Securing the Intra-EU Supply Chains and Movement of Goods
- Human Security and Climate Change

ESCI 2008 Speakers come from institutions such as CEPOL – European Police College, Bramshill, UK // Frontex, Warsaw/Poland // Cross-border Research Association, Lausanne/Switzerland // George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen/Germany // German Institute for International and Security Affairs – Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin/Germany // Motorola // TNO Defence, Security and Safety, Soesterberg/The Netherlands // Directorate General I – Security Policy, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Vienna/Austria // Munich School of Political Science // Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Vienna/Austria // National Defence Academy, Vienna/Austria // Austrian Research Foundation for International Development, Vienna/Austria // NBC Defence School, Korneuburg/Austria

The European Security Conference Initiative (ESCI), established in 2005, seeks to integrate and amend security knowledge, policies and strategies for Europe and its neighbourhood, reaching far beyond the defence dimension. Open to the interested public, ESCI aims at congregating experts from the international scene, the public sector, from research and academics, business and the media. Each of the past congresses convened about 150 participants and speakers from more than 20 countries.

ESCI 2008 will take place as a trans-disciplinary event, drawing its thematic thrust from the 7th EU Framework Programme (FP 7) and reflecting main themes of security research within FP 7, focusing on societal vulnerabilities and resilience. ESCI follows a mission-oriented approach contributing to gain and integrate practical knowledge in areas such as citizen security, security infrastructure, border security, security restoration in case of crisis, interconnectivity and interoperability in mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. ESCI 2008 will also serve as a one-stop platform for security research coordination and structuring with a special view to trans-sectoral challenges and cross-cutting issues of comprehensive European crisis management and threat reduction.

Registration fee for ESCI 2008 is 130,- EUR

Please use the form at <http://www.esci.at/anmeldung.php?lang=en> to register in advance (The fee for on-site registration is 180,- EUR).

***Hotel single rooms are available for 58,- EUR/night incl. breakfast at the Hotel Bayrischer Hof (<http://www.bayrischerhof.at>). Please see the conference programme for more information on accommodation.

My team and I would be happy to see you at ESCI this summer and are always available for questions and additional information.

Yours faithfully

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