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Invitation to

Pan-European Interdisciplinary Workshop on Research and Innovation Needs for Socio-Technical Security Systems

Stockholm, Monday September 28

Dear Colleague,

The objective of the EU financed research project FORESEC is to tie together the multiple threads of existing work on the future of European security, so as to provide more cogent guidance, orientation and structure for all future security related research activities. In particular, FORESEC seeks to identify security responses in which there is particular added-value and shared interest to work at the European level.

After the successful completion of the Delphi study, where over 270 European security experts from various sectors of society participated, the FORESEC project conducted workshops in six EU member states in order to deepen the understanding of national characteristics with regard to threat perception and policy options.

As a follow-up to these activities we are now organising a pan-European workshop to which you are hereby cordially invited to participate in.

Workshop purpose and objectives

Future implementations of socio-technical security systems will have many ethical, legal and social implications. Furthermore, societal changes mean new opportunities as well as changed boundaries for innovation. The interaction of security-related technological development and societal changes raise a number of urgent questions, such as;

- How can innovation in the security sector be made more sensitive to social requirements and more adaptive to fast-paced changes in both technology and society?
- How can insights from social science influence the development of socio-technical security systems?
- What incentive structures are best suited to create synergies between innovation and social science?

It is our contention that these issues are best discussed in a forward looking perspective involving technologists, social scientist and policymakers. Therefore, in order to facilitate an interdisciplinary discussion the FORESEC project now brings together experts in security technology, policy makers and social scientists in an interactive workshop with the specific objectives to:

- I. Identify interdisciplinary research needs in the area of security technology and policy.
- II. Find concrete measures that make security innovation benefit from collaboration between technology and social science.

A detailed agenda will be distributed before the workshop.

The FORESEC workshop as a pre event to SRC09

The workshop will take place Monday September 28 between 1pm - 8pm in central Stockholm.

It will also be an ideal pre event to the Security Research Conference 2009 (<http://www.src09.se>) organised jointly by the Swedish Presidency and the European Commission on September 29-30. Also, the SRC09 conference is followed by the Euro-Atlantic Stakeholders Conference (<http://www.easc09.se>) October 1-2 organised by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) in cooperation with the US Department of Homeland Security.

The number of participants is limited and therefore we would like you to register as soon as possible, but no later than August 31. Travel and hotel expenses will be reimbursed.

To register, please send an email to henrik.carlsen@foi.se

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us. You can find more information about FORESEC on the project website <http://www.foresec.eu>

Yours sincerely,

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