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### BSIA (UK CoESS member) Chief Executive to step down



John Bates is to step down as Chief Executive of the British Security Industry Association (BSIA), active member of CoESS, with immediate effect. John Bates comments: "It has been a privilege and I am proud to have led the BSIA. The team are conscientious, dedicated and serve the members well and I have enjoyed working with them. I am confident that the 'Better, Bigger and Stronger' agenda that I have championed, together with the vision for the future we have developed together since October last year, will do much to build upon the Association's success." A process to seek a replacement for John Bates will commence in due course and in the meantime the Association will be managed by the team of directors in close liaison with the Association's Chairman, Stuart Lowden.

- ➔ Source: BSIA | August 18, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the BSIA website: <http://www.bsia.co.uk/home/NSDBMH636941?backlinktype=home>.

### European Commission campaign against gender pay gap

After the presentation of the European Commission campaign against the gender pay gap during the Liaison Forum meeting of June 25, 2009, there is a kit available with the campaign material for all interested parties. This campaign kit can be ordered through the services of the European Commission: Mr. Juan Luis Barbolla Casas ([juan-luis.barbolla-casas@ec.europa.eu](mailto:juan-luis.barbolla-casas@ec.europa.eu)). Please send him your coordinates and postal address in order to receive this kit.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | August 26, 2009

## CoESS Academic Session and CoESS General Assemblies - September 30-October 2, 2009 (Rome, Italy)



In 2009, CoESS celebrates 20 years of representation and unification of private security in Europe! During its 20 years of existence, CoESS has accomplished key achievements in the promotion, development and professionalisation of the European private security industry. To mark this momentous occasion, an Academic Session will be organised on September 30, 2009 in Rome, Italy. The Academic Session will be followed by an exclusive cultural visit and celebratory gala dinner. The CoESS General Assemblies will both take place on October 1, 2009. Traditionally, in order to limit travel and accommodation expenses for all participants, some CoESS Working Committees (Cohesion, Electronic Surveillance, Guarding and Maritime Security) as well as the CoESS Board of Directors have decided to meet in Rome on October 2, 2009.

**In case you have not yet registered for these events and wish to take part, please contact the CoESS General Secretariat.** You will find the programme, invitations and registration form on the CoESS website: <http://www.coess.eu/ne090430.htm>.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Rome!

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

### Slow recovery ahead for global aviation industry

The global aviation industry is not expected to recover quickly from the economic downturn, while the swine flu outbreak has put a further dampener on the prospects for a turnaround. Airports Council International (ACI), representing 597 members operating over 1,679 airports in 177 countries and territories, stated that while worldwide traffic growth in June 2009 showed some "positive signs of improvement and a possible indicator that the beginnings of a more durable turnaround are in the making", it warned that "persistent negative factors, including ongoing economic uncertainty, tight financial markets, concerns about a global health threat, and geopolitical disruption in some nations, are likely to restrain the prospects of a rapid rebound".

- Source: Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation | August 3, 2009
- For further information, please consult the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation website: <http://www.centreforaviation.com/news/2009/08/03/slow-recovery-ahead-for-global-aviation-industry/page1>.

### Check-In Conference 2009



Taking place at The Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas on September 16-18, 2009, this must attend conference will provide a forum for all levels of experience; beginners and established travel industry stakeholders alike can share experiences and work to agree standards, best practice and procedures, as well as provide key insight on how check-in practices will evolve in the long term. A panel discussion will be organised on how security queues can be improved and how standards can be harmonised globally.

- Source: Check-In Conference 2009 | August 7, 2009
- For further information and to view the full conference programme, please consult the Check-In Conference 2009 website: <http://www.check-in.aero/>.

### European passenger traffic down -9.6% during first half of 2009

European airports continue to feel the harsh reality of the crisis, as the latest traffic figures reveal an overall decline of nearly 10% in passenger traffic during the first half of 2009. Freight, a bellwether of international trade and economic performance, reported -23.7% for the first half of the year. The Airports Council International (ACI Europe) maintains its traffic forecast for the full year at -8% for passengers and -16% for freight. The overall passenger traffic at European airports decreased by 7.6% in June 2009 compared with June 2008. The overall freight traffic among European airports decreased by 20.1% in June 2009 when compared with the

corresponding month in 2008. The overall figure for movements at European airports decreased by 8.6% in June 2009 when compared with June 2008. The accumulated figure for passenger traffic January to June 2009 decreased by 9.6% compared with the corresponding period 2008.

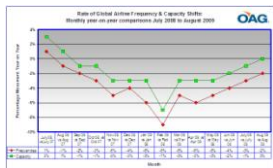
- ➔ Source: Airports Council International (ACI Europe) | August 10, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the ACI Europe website: [http://www.aci-europe.org/upload/09\\_08\\_10%20European%20passenger%20traffic%20severely%20down%20for%20first%20half%20of%202009%20PR%20ESS%20RELEASE.pdf](http://www.aci-europe.org/upload/09_08_10%20European%20passenger%20traffic%20severely%20down%20for%20first%20half%20of%202009%20PR%20ESS%20RELEASE.pdf).

## EU and Indonesia agree on horizontal air services agreement

The European Commission and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia initialled an aviation agreement which will restore legal certainty regarding bilateral air services agreements between Indonesia and EU Member States.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | August 17, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1236&format=HTML&language=en>.

## Global airline capacity shows marginal growth after a year of decline, reports OAG



Global airline capacity is showing marginal growth for August 2009, the first month of positive growth for a year, reports OAG, the world's leading aviation data business, as it released its monthly report on trends in the supply of airline flights and seats. The world's airlines have 314.2 million seats on offer this month, a rise of 0.2% (472,839 more seats) over August 2008 levels. Frequencies remain down compared to August 2008, however. The world's airlines have scheduled a total of 2.53 million flights for August 2009, down by 2% (52,043 fewer flights) compared with the same month last year. Last month, the year-on-year global frequency figure was down by 3% and capacity was down by 1%.

- ➔ Source: OAG Aviation Solutions | August 18, 2009
- ➔ To view the month by month trend since the start of the economic downturn in chart format, please consult the OAG website: <http://www.oagaviation.com/trends-chart-aug.jpg>.

## EU publishes list of airlines for emissions trading

On August 22, 2009 the European Commission published a list of nearly 4,000 commercial carriers which will have to participate in the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) from 2012. The list includes commercial airlines and private jet charters that fly to and from the EU, aircraft manufacturers including Airbus, and armed forces like the US Navy. The Commission stresses that the list is a live document and will be updated every year.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | August 22, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/pdf/aviation/liste\\_exploitants\\_aeronefs.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/pdf/aviation/liste_exploitants_aeronefs.pdf).

## News from the European Union

### Euro area unemployment up to 9.4% - EU27 up to 8.9%

The Euro area (EA16) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 9.4% in June 2009, compared with 9.3% in May 2009. It was 7.5% in June 2008. The EU27 unemployment rate was 8.9% in June 2009, compared with 8.8% in May 2009. It was 6.9% in June 2008. For the Euro area, this is the highest rate since June 1999 and for the EU27 since June 2005.

- ➔ Source: Eurostat | July 30, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Eurostat website: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_PUBLIC/3-31072009-BP/EN/3-31072009-BP-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/3-31072009-BP/EN/3-31072009-BP-EN.PDF).

## EU plans to up minimum parental leave to four months

The European Union's Executive proposed on July 30, 2009 to increase minimum parental leave from three to four months per child by 2011, which will affect national laws in the UK, Ireland, Portugal, Romania and Malta. Parental leave in the 27-national EU is paid or unpaid, depending on national law. It comes on top of maternity leave, which is paid leave taken for a minimum of 14 weeks after a mother gives birth, and paternity leave if provided by a given country. The European Commission's proposal would also allow three of each parent's four months to be transferred to the other - for example, a child's mother could take up to seven months, and the father would take the eighth. The proposal would have to be approved by EU national governments to take effect. Its chances of winning support are high since the Commission proposal stems from an earlier agreement between European trade unions and employers representatives. Indeed, under EU rules, agreements by social partners are always converted into law. The Commission hopes the proposal will be approved by late 2009, to go into effect by 2011.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 31, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=575&furtherNews=yes>.

## Ukraine chooses 'realistic path' to EU integration

Ukraine is making steady progress towards EU membership, but is aware of the difficulties which lie ahead amid an unfavourable global economic context, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Hryhoriy Nemyria, responsible for European integration, stated. Nemyria, a political scientist who is a visiting professor at many Western universities, said his country is prioritising the "quality" of its accession process rather than the pace of negotiations. He said 2020 had been mentioned as a possible accession date. In the shorter term, the Ukrainian authorities are focusing their efforts on negotiating a free trade agreement with Europe, Nemyria said, a long process which requires transition periods for "the most sensitive sectors" of the country's economy.

- ➔ Source: EurActiv | July 31, 2009
- ➔ To read the full interview with Prime Minister Hryhoriy Nemyria, please consult the EurActiv website: <http://www.euractiv.com/en/enlargement/ukraine-deputy-pm-chose-realistic-path-eu-integration/article-184534>.

## Germany and France bounce out of recession



Europe's two biggest economies - Germany and France - have stepped out of recession, seeing a mild GDP increase between the first and second quarter of this year, while the Eurozone's broader economic decline has markedly slowed down. Both the German and the French economies grew by 0.3% of GDP in the second quarter of 2009 according to flash estimates published by the EU's statistical office, Eurostat, on August 13, 2009.

- ➔ Source: Eurostat | August 13, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Eurostat website: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_PUBLIC/2-13082009-AP/EN/2-13082009-AP-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/2-13082009-AP/EN/2-13082009-AP-EN.PDF).

## Euro area annual inflation down to 0.7% - EU down to 0.2%

Euro area annual inflation was -0.7% in July 2009, down from -0.1% in June 2009. A year earlier, the rate was 4.0%. Monthly inflation was -0.7% in July 2009. EU annual inflation was 0.2% in July 2009, down from 0.6% in June 2009. A year earlier, the rate was 4.4%. Monthly inflation was -0.5% in July 2009.

- ➔ Source: Eurostat | August 14, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Eurostat website: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_PUBLIC/2-14082009-AP/EN/2-14082009-AP-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/2-14082009-AP/EN/2-14082009-AP-EN.PDF).

## Brussels suggests EU-wide tax databases



In a bid to use the momentum of the economic crisis which has strained EU public budgets, the European Commission has proposed a potentially controversial system to boost fight against tax fraud by allowing national authorities to directly access taxpayer data in other countries. "In the current economic situation it is more important than ever to fight tax fraud efficiently and a fully functioning administrative cooperation between tax administrations is key in that respect," the EU's taxation Commissioner Laszlo Kovacs said in a statement on August 18, 2009. The key element of the blueprint is the creation of 'Eurofisc' - a scheme for rapid exchange of targeted information to which the authorities from all 27 EU Member States would have direct access in order to "stop fraud and catch fraudsters," Mr. Kovacs said.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | August 18, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1239&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

## German political parties agree Lisbon Treaty law



Germany's ruling political parties on August 18, 2009 reached agreement on how to implement the Lisbon Treaty after weeks of negotiations. The Bavarian CSU faction of the Christian Democrat party had wanted to bind the government more tightly to seek backing from the German Parliament, the Bundestag, and Federal Council, the Bundesrat, before agreeing deals on new legislation in Brussels. But in the end the CSU gave in to a softer position, under which the German government must hear Parliament, but is not bound by its opinion. Under the new German agreement, the government must also inform Parliament about the details of any EU-level international trade negotiations.

- ➔ Source: Die Zeit | August 18, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Die Zeit website: <http://www.zeit.de/online/2009/34/eu-lissabon-reform-einigung>.

## Competition: Commission publishes 2008 Annual Report on Competition Policy

The European Commission's 2008 Report on Competition Policy gives an overview of the main developments in EU competition policy and major enforcement actions. It demonstrates how the tools of competition policy were used to face the financial and economic crisis and highlights the benefits that competition policy delivers to consumers. This work did not distract from other competition enforcement: action against anti-competitive conduct, vetting mergers and reviewing state aid continued as before.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | August 19, 2009
- ➔ To review the 2008 Annual Report on Competition Policy, please consult the European Commission website: [http://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/annual\\_report/2008/en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/annual_report/2008/en.pdf). Other language versions are downloadable here: [http://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/annual\\_report/index.html](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/annual_report/index.html).

## Wearing of ID badges compulsory for Irish door supervisors and security guards from September 1, 2009

From September 1, 2009 all licensed door supervisors and security guards will be required to wear an identity badge when working. With the introduction of regulations bringing into effect section 30 of the Private Security Services Act 2004, the wearing of ID badges will become mandatory for all licensee holders. Licence holders can opt to wear their existing licence card as their identity badge or opt for a badge provided by their employer. A badge provided by an employer must comply with the guidelines on cards set out by the Authority. Licence holders must wear the identity card where it can be seen at all times when working. A licence can be suspended or revoked if this condition is not met. The front of the badge showing the photograph and licence number must be displayed. Store detectives, whose duties require them not to be immediately identifiable to the public, are exempt from wearing the badge. However, they are required to carry the licence with them at all times while on duty.

- ➔ Source: Irish Private Security Authority (PSA) | August 24, 2009

- ➔ For further information, please consult the PSA website:  
<http://www.psa.gov.ie/Website/psa/psa.nsf/newsitems/B1EF2F98BCECA7D0802575E7004BB4DC?OpenDocument>.

## EU to hold special summit on financial reform



EU leaders are to gather on September 17, 2009 for an extra summit to decide Europe's position ahead of global talks on financial reform, with French President Nicolas Sarkozy pushing for bank managers to freeze their bonuses. Diplomats confirmed the date of the expected top-level one-day session in Brussels to be organised by the current Swedish Presidency of the EU.

- ➔ Source: Deutsche Press-Agentur (DPA) | August 25, 2009  
➔ For further information, please consult the DPA website:  
[http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/europe/news/article\\_1497347.php/EU-to-hold-extraordinary-summit-ahead-of-financial-meeting](http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/europe/news/article_1497347.php/EU-to-hold-extraordinary-summit-ahead-of-financial-meeting).

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