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New Permanent Stakeholders' Group of top security advisors appointed

As of today, a new composition of 30 top security experts start their term of office as members of the Permanent Stakeholders' Group (PSG), giving advice to the EU's 'cyber security' Agency ENISA-the European Information and Security Agency. The PSG is a group of leading security experts that gives advice to the Agency Executive Director, e.g. in drawing up a proposal for the Agency's Work Programme.

The selected applicants are appointed **ad personam** as PSG Members. That means that they do neither represent a country, nor a company, but are selected upon basis of expertise and personal merits. The term of office for the members is 2,5 years, i.e. 2010-2012. The first meeting of the new PSG takes place on 24th March, 2010, in Athens. A list of the appointed members can be downloaded here.

The Executive Director Dr. Udo Helmbrecht comments:

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of 30 members of the next PSG. In my vision for the Agency, I am convinced Europe needs more cooperation and dialogue with all security stakeholders. The PSG plays an important role in this respect. I am looking forward to working closely with each and every member of the PSG. I am confident the expertise, insight and broad experience the members will bring to the PSG will be beneficial to the Agency. As Chair of the PSG, I am determined to take every opportunity to involve the PSG in taking ENISA further and, in particular, to carefully consider their advice before taking strategic decisions."

Background:

On 30 June 2009, a Call for Expression of Interest for Membership of the PSG was issued, with a deadline which expired on 30, November, 2009. Subsequent to a short listing of a number of applicants the Executive Director of ENISA, Dr. Helmbrecht selected 30 experts, informed the Agency Management Board of his decision and then appointed the experts *ad personam* as members of the 2010-2012 PSG.

For the full list of the new PSG members, and further details, please refer to: http://www.enisa.europa.eu/about-enisa/structure-organization/psg/members

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