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Protection against counterfeiting

The Commission adopted on September 17 a package of measures designed **to strengthen the protection against counterfeiting of Euro banknotes** and coin.

The Commission proposes to make it mandatory for banks and related establishments to ensure the authenticity of Euro banknotes and coins before these are put back into circulation. There exist today agreed **uniform and effective methods of detection of counterfeits which make this verification easy** and perfectly feasible. The ECB and the Commission, respectively, have formally recommended such methods for Euro notes and coins.

Checks for authenticity are carried out by means of **sorting machines appropriately adjusted** with samples of both

genuine and counterfeit banknotes and coins. To ensure availability of counterfeits at the places where testing is conducted for the purpose of adjustment of these machines, it is also newly proposed to authorise the transport of counterfeit banknotes and coins amongst competent bodies.

⇒ [Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting](#)

Also, the Commission has released its 2006 report on the protection of Euro coins against fraud and counterfeiting

⇒ [The 2006 Report](#)

The European Commission 2008 work programme

The European Commission released on 23 October its legislative and work programme for 2008.

No specific legal instrument on CIT is proposed (see over). A communication on the **European Monetary Union** is planned for Spring 2008, an in-depth

strategic review of the functioning of the EMU.

[Work programme of the Commission](#)



Interview of Mauro Miranda on perspectives for CIT harmonisation

Adopted in December 2006 and being currently transposed by the Member States, the [Services directive](#) contains provisions on CIT. Some could pave the way for an harmonisation of the sector.

Mr Mauro Miranda works at the DG Internal Market of the European Commission. He is in charge of the follow up of the CIT sector, in particular in the framework of the implementation of the Services directive.

EURICPA: In article 38, the service directive says that "The Commission shall assess, by 28 December 2010 the possibility of presenting proposals for harmonisation instruments on (...) private security services and transport of cash and valuables (...)." Does the Commission intend to address this issue in the next months?

Mauro Miranda The date mentioned in the Services Directive in article 38 is 2010. For the moment, the Commission does not intend to tackle this issue. It is not at the agenda of the European Commission for the next months, even not for the year 2008, according to its latest work programme. If the Commission decides to propose an initiative on that topic, it should not be before 2009-2010. But article 38 does not provide any obligation for the Commission to present proposals in this field. It is only a possibility.

E. What will be the main objective of such an initiative?

M. M: It is difficult to imagine today what will be the content of a forthcoming text as it will depend on the results of preliminary consultations. It might contain provisions for a minimal or partial harmonisation of the sector.

E.: Will the Commission consult the stakeholders on the content of the text?

M.M: Of course. It is a general principle of better leg-



islation, which the Commission has committed to observe, to consult stakeholders when an initiative is prepared. It will be the case here as well. The consultation that may be in the form of a Green Paper will enable all interested parties to send their contributions to our services.

E.: At CEN level, EURICPA members are developing a standard on cash degradation systems. Could this future standard become the reference for homologation systems in Europe, in a framework of a future EU text on CIT?

M. M.: It is always a good idea to include in an EU initiative the results of other successful European projects. The future CEN standard on cash degradation systems could serve as a starting point and may be used as reference in a harmonisation instrument.

E.: What will be the impact of the Court of Justice ruling of January 2006 condemning Spain for curbs on private security sector?

M.M: Following the Court judgement of 26 January 2006 and the reasoned opinion sent by the Commission, Spain is adapting its legislation on private security services to suppress unjustified restrictions on freedom of establishment and freedom in private security services. This will result in a further opening of the market in Spain and will have an impact on the whole CIT sector.



EU developments

Closer cooperation between Europol and Interpol

In a visit to the Europol headquarters in The Hague Ronald K. Noble, Secretary General of INTERPOL, met with Europol Director Max-Peter Ratzel in order to review current cooperation projects and to identify areas for future cooperation.

A revised joint initiative on the **protection of the euro currency** was signed recognising the important role of Europol in the protection of the euro and of

INTERPOL in relation to other currencies.

Since November 2001 Europol and INTERPOL have had an operational cooperation agreement in place to exchange vital information on organised crime and criminals, to assist in training initiatives and provide relevant operational assistance to member countries.



IN BRIEF...

The European Union has responded to the need for more security research with two seven-year Framework Programmes in the area of Security, with a total funding of € 2.135 billion over the 2007-2013 period. These are the Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), which includes a security theme, and the EU Framework Programme on 'Security and Safeguarding Liberties'.

Research and innovation in the field of security

The European Commission published on September 11 a communication for **strengthening the public private partnership on security research and innovation** with the creation of the European Security Research and Innovation Forum (ESRIF).

ESRIF will complement the EU legislation and funding programmes aiming to

increase security for EU citizens. In particular, ESRIF can help identify priority areas for standard-setting at EU level and to streamline the scattered security research activities in the EU.

=> [The European Commission press release](#)

=> [Text of the Communication](#)

Consultation on innovation in services

The European Commission launched a consultation on a European strategy in support of innovation in services. The objective of this consultation is to get feedback from stakeholders on the challenges and key issues of a policy framework to support service innovation, as identified in the Commission Staff Working Document "Towards a European strategy in support of innovation in services: Challenges and key issues for future actions" published on 27 July 2007.

The stakeholder consultation is based on an online questionnaire and is available in English, French and German.

It will be open until the end of December 2007. The main target audience are innovation stakeholders with a special interest on innovation in services, such as associations, chambers of commerce, national/regional authorities, academics and companies. The results of the consultation will be summarised in a report to be published in the beginning of 2008.

[Online questionnaire](#)

Eurozone

Next generation of € banknotes

The new generation of euro banknotes will be issued from 2010. The new banknotes' look will be close to the ones currently into circulation. New security features should be however integrated in order to fight more efficiently against counterfeiting. Nonetheless **there is no project to introduce plastic banknotes.**

The exchange of banknotes will be made progressively. Coins will not be replaced.

In view of the adoption of the Euro by Malta and Cyprus from January 2008, the ECB published a press kit to provide the media with comprehensive information about the euro banknotes and coins.

[ECB Press kit on the €](#)

Standardization

Standardization process back on track!

The European Committee for Standardization has worked since 2003 on the drafting of a European standards for cash degradation.

After some deadlock, the work on the standard in the framework of the working Group 4 of the Technical Committee 263 is starting again. The document defining the forthcoming requirements and linked tests is already 80% completed. EURICPA members are actively involved in the process.



On the agenda

World Standards Day

To mark the annual World Standards Day, the European Commission organised a one-day conference on 17th October 2007 with the theme 'Standards and the citizen: contributing to society'. The event focussed on how standards benefit society as a whole for example by supporting consumer protection and accessibility for all. Speakers included policy-makers, standardisers, representatives of consumer associations and other NGOs.

[Programme and documents](#)

ATM Security conference, 8/9 October 2007 in London

Jointly organised by ATMIA Europe and Retail Banking Research, ATM Security conference brings together banks, independent deployers, network processors, vendors and service providers at one event. EURICPA Member Bart Milisen from 3SI presented a "case study in deploying cash degradation technology" examining a co-operative approach by a bank and a technology provider to deter cash robberies in the Netherlands.

EURO CASH USERS GROUP— Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ECUG is scheduled in **December 2007** in Frankfurt. Invitations will be sent shortly.

ESTA—Next annual conference

The next ESTA annual Conference will take place in Nice on 18, 19 and 20 May 2008. [More information and registration](#)

Latest publications

CoESS- Overview of the legislations governing Cash in Transit (Private Security) in 10 new EU member states who joined EU on 1st May 2004

This [study](#) completes a [previous report](#) « comparative overview of the legislations governing the Cash in Transit private industry in the 15 EU members », published in 2004.

CoESS- Code of conduct and ethics for the private security sector— July 2007

Both CoESS and UNI-Europa have granted authorisation to the European Economic and Social Committee and the Single Market Observatory to officially publish the joint CoESS/UNI-Europa "[Code of Conduct and Ethics for the Private Security Sector](#)"

ECB- Progress report on SEPA— July 2007

The latest issue of the progress report of the European Central Bank on the **Single Euro Payment Area** was published in July 2007. Dealing also with the Single European Cash Area, the ECB considers that the lack of harmonisation on cash transport rules in the EU is harming cross-border operations.

Extract: *"In this context, it may be worth noting that, currently, the main inhibitor of large-scale cross-border cash operations in the euro area, namely the different national rules governing cash transports and the use of firearms, is outside the competence of the Eurosystem. However, the Eurosystem supports the initiative for facilitating cross-border cash transports."*

⇒ [The progress report](#)

ECB- Biannual information on euro banknote counterfeiting- July 2007

The ECB published its half yearly figures on euro banknote counterfeiting showing that the level of counterfeiting has fluctuated only slightly over the last four years. In the first half of 2007 a total of 265,000 counterfeit euro banknotes were withdrawn from circulation.

⇒ [Biannual information](#)

Retail Banking Research Ltd - June 2007

⇒ [ATMs and Cash Dispensers Central and Eastern Europe 2007](#)

⇒ [ATMs and Cash Dispensers Western Europe](#)

About us

EURICPA , the European Intelligent Cash Protection Association, represents the European manufacturers of solutions for secure cash transportation by staining technologies.

A better way to transport cash

- ◆ **Impact on public security and personal safety:** better protection of values and personal, no need to carry weapons decreasing the degree of violence
- ◆ **Efficiency of cash management:** improved logistical cash management, reduced insurance fees, work force optimised
- ◆ **Environmentally friendly:** the use of smaller & lighter vehicles contributes to the reduction of fuel consumption and emissions.

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