

Private security companies seek greater harmonisation

Organisations representing private security companies around Europe have issued an appeal for more streamlined, harmonised and transparent EU rules governing their sector. “The current European framework brings with it the possibility of overlapping policies and confusion, which could undermine service quality and the necessary guarantees of professionalism,” says a statement from the Confederation of European Security Services (CoESS) and the Aviation Security Services Association-International (ASSA-I). The organisations were meeting this week at a European summit on private security in Stockholm. Delegates called for uniform regulations around the licensing of security companies, vetting and approval of security guards, and training officials in the sector. The organisations say the growth of international security threats has created an increased need for greater cross-border cooperation between private and public security operators. CoESS has active members in 21 of the EU member states, plus Turkey and Switzerland, representing almost 1.5 million people working in the private security sector.

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