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### **1. Cooperation agreement APROSER and FEDROM**

APROSER, the Spanish member association of CoESS, has signed a cooperation agreement with FEDROM, the Federation of Associations of Romanian immigrants living in Spain, in order to ensure a non-discriminatory access to the profession when Romania will enter the European Union. The agreement signed on 29th May 2006 (in Spanish) can be consulted through this link:

<http://www.aproser.org/texto/eventos/CONVENIO%20COOPERACION%20FEDROM-APROSER.doc>.

(Source: *APROSER Spain*)

### **2. Financing of aviation and maritime security measures**

The European Commission has adopted a report analysing the financing mechanisms in the EU Member States of security measures in the maritime and aviation sectors. The Commission considers that these can be financed by public authorities for the protection of citizens against terrorist attacks, as long as care is taken not to distort competition.

Thus, such financial assistance will not be considered as consulting state aid but as the exercising of powers belonging to the state.

The financing of security measures in these sectors is currently shared between public authorities and operators. Furthermore, studies conducted by the European Commission on this issue have found that the ultimate financer of security measures is the user-citizen, through taxes and security charges, especially in the aviation sector, while in the maritime sector it is usually the port authorities who bear the costs.

The report also states that current lack of transparency and the heterogeneity of approaches among EU Member States are resulting in distortion of competition.

The full report can be found on the European Commission DG Transport's website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy\\_transport/security/financing/doc/com\\_2006\\_0431\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy_transport/security/financing/doc/com_2006_0431_en.pdf)

### **3. Extension of the remit of the EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA)**

The Transport Committee of the European Parliament discussed in July the proposal to extend the tasks of EASA. The proposed new competences include mainly air operations, pilot licensing and third country aircraft operating in the European Union. Some Members of the European Parliament have nevertheless mentioned including aviation security in the new tasks, which, if adopted, will lead to significant changes.

The draft legislative act will follow the co-decision procedure and is currently in the first-reading phase. The draft report is expected to be presented to the Transport Committee of the European Parliament in October of this year.

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