



**Task Force Chiefs of Police  
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe  
24 November 2006  
Egmont Palace, Brussels**

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**Venue**

Egmont Palace, Petit Sablon 8, Brussels

**Objective**

As part of the OSCE's focus on organized crime in 2006, the Task Force Chiefs of Police aims to:

1. Identify problems in cooperating, and put forward solutions
2. Enhance awareness of these issues at a political level
3. Increase operational cooperation
4. Increase the protection of citizens in international police cooperation

**Outcome**

The Chiefs of Police will adopt a statement at the closing session of the conference. A draft statement will be circulated 4 weeks prior to the start of the conference. The statement will take into account the conclusions of each of the sessions.

**Participation**

- Police Chiefs from the 56 OSCE participating States and from the OSCE's Asian and Mediterranean Partners
- Regional and international organizations active on police cooperation and the fight against organized crime.

**Organizers**

- Belgian Federal Police
- OSCE Chairmanship Unit – Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
- Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU), OSCE

**Programme**

Opening and closing session and three main sessions organized around the following questions:

- how do we determine the priority phenomena/groups that we should deal with on a common basis?
- how do we organize our common approach to these phenomena?
- how do we organize democratic oversight of this cooperation and protect the rights of citizens?

### **Accommodation**

In order to assist participants with accommodation, a block booking was made with three hotels near the Egmont Palace. Participants are kindly requested to arrange for rooms directly with the hotel of their choice. A hotel booking form is attached. Please also send this form to the Protocol Office of the Belgian federal police.

The deadline for booking the hotel rooms is 1 November 2006. The reservation will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis. Please make your reservation as soon as possible, and no later than 1 November 2006. After that deadline, rooms will be released from the meeting block and reservations are not guaranteed.

### **Provisions for personal protection**

Requests for approval of armed body guards need to be channelled to the Protocol Service of the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs through the bilateral Embassies.

### **Transport**

A shuttle service from Brussels Airport will be available on Thursday 23 November, in the afternoon and evening, and on Friday morning 24 November.

Transport to Brussels Airport will be provided on Friday evening and on Saturday morning 25 November.

### **Visa**

Participants requiring a visa are kindly requested to contact the Belgian diplomatic mission accredited to their country, or the Schengen-Embassy in charge of the local consular representation of Belgium.

### **Format**

Each session will start with a presentation of approximately 7 minutes by keynote speakers, followed by comments and debate. Interventions from the floor are strongly encouraged but will be limited to 4 minutes per delegation.

### **Languages**

Interpretation will be provided into the six official OSCE-languages: English, Russian, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Additional interpretation booths are available in the Egmont Palace: delegations are free to include an interpreter with their delegation.

### **Technical equipment**

The Plenary room will be equipped with technical facilities for power point presentations.

### **Contact**

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## PROGRAMME 24 NOVEMBER

**9.00 h**      **Arrival of participants**

**9.30 h**      **Opening session**

Moderator: Herman Fransen, Commissioner-general, Belgian Federal Police

Opening statements:

- OSCE Chairman in Office, Karel De Gucht, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium
- Minister of the Interior of Belgium, Patrick Dewael
- OSCE Secretary General Marc-Perrin de Brichambaut

**10.00 h**      Coffee break / Press conference

**10.30 h**      **Session I: A comprehensive threat assessment: determining priorities for cooperation**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Brice De Ruyver, security advisor to the Prime Minister of Belgium

Objective:

- highlight the contribution of strategic threat assessment techniques to policy choices
- make a first assessment of the main threats facing the OSCE-region

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. T. Vander Beken, International Research on Criminal Policy, Ghent University. Threat assessments: a priority-setting tool for policy-makers
- Major-General Aleksander Yelin, Deputy Head of Department Organised Crime and Terrorism, Interior Ministry of the Russian Federation
- Max-Peter Ratzel, Director Europol. The EU Organized Crime Threat Assessment and its operational translation

**12.00 h** Lunch (Mirror Gallery, Egmont Palace)

Official launch of the POLIS website and presentation by SPMU

**13.30 h** **Session II: Cooperation in practice: obstacles, best practices and opportunities**

Moderator: Patrick Zanders, Head of International Police Cooperation, Belgian Federal Police

Objective:

- Highlight obstacles to cooperation and how to address them.
- Showcase best practices
- Identify opportunities for enhanced operational cooperation.

Speakers:

- Jean-Michel Louboutin, Executive Director, Interpol
- Mitja Mocnik, Director, SECI-Centre, Bucharest
- Ali Tounsi, Director General, National Security, Algeria
- Jaakko Christensen, Senior Detective Superintendent, Baltic Sea Task Force on Organized Crime

Discussion: obstacles for cooperation

**15.00 h** **Group photo**

**15.10 h** **Coffee break**

**15.30h** **Session II (continued) Cooperation in practice: obstacles, best practices and opportunities**

Discussion (ctd): ways to improve operational cooperation

**16h30** **Session III: Democratic policing – safeguarding main principles in conditions of expanded police cooperation.**

Moderator: André Vandoren, Chairman Standing Police Monitoring Committee, Belgium

Objective:

- share best practices on oversight at national and international level

Speakers:

- Prof. Sladjana Taseva, Director Police Academy Skopje, President Transparency International

- Changwon Pyo, Professor of Criminology, Korea National Police University

**17.30 h Closing session**

Moderator: Kevin Carty, Senior Police Advisor, OSCE

- Presentation of the conclusions and the conference statement by Commissioner General Fransen
- Approval of the statement

Closing comments by:

- Francis Maertens, Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, UNODC
- Pierre Chevalier, Special Envoy of the Belgian 2006 OSCE Chairmanship

**18.00 h End of the conference**

**18.15 h Reception in the presence of CiO Karel De GUCHT**