

# ***Civil Security in South Central Europe***

## ***Seminars and match-making in Belgrade and Sofia March 25-26, 2009***

Civil Security encompasses a wide range of security concerns for which Swedish companies can offer competitive solutions. In essence, Civil Security is the ability of state to handle threats that could have a significant impact on the functioning of society. It focuses on all-hazards events like civil defense, homeland security, public security, emergency planning and crisis and consequence management.

The needs for solutions within civil security in Serbia and Bulgaria are very real and the urgency of action is imperative as ongoing EU-processes, rapid economic development and increasing foreign direct investments demand new perspectives on both security and securitization.

The main objects of this seminar series are:

- To inform Swedish companies about needs and business opportunities within existing and upcoming projects in the civil security sector in Serbia and Bulgaria.
- To facilitate match-making between Swedish companies and local official stakeholders, public and private partners, potential customers etc. Participating Swedish companies are encouraged to provide the Swedish Trade Council with requests on partners they would like to meet in connection with the two seminars.

The two seminars are arranged by the **Swedish Trade Council** in cooperation with the **Embassies of Sweden in Belgrade and Sofia**, and the **Swedish Association of Civil Security**.

Each seminar will consist of a half-day program where analysis will be made of the relevant ongoing political and economic trends and tendencies on the markets, where the Swedish vision of civil security will be presented to the local audience through SACS and the participating Swedish companies, and where local ministries, authorities and other stakeholders such as the EU commission will present their views on market needs and potential. In all, each seminar will hold app. 60 participants, including the carefully selected local audience.

Each participating Swedish company will be asked to prepare and present to the audience a case study (5 min) on how its civil security solutions have been successfully implemented in a relevant context.

**For more information on practicalities, participation fee and deadline for registration please see the separate registration form.**

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When: March 25 –March 26, 2009  
Where: Conference venues in Belgrade and Sofia

***Separate program for each seminar will be communicated at a later stage***

- 08.30-09.00    **Registration and coffee**
- 09.00 – 09.15    **Opening remarks and words of welcome**  
*Excellencies Ambassadors to Serbia resp. Bulgaria*
- 09.15-09.30    **Swedish civil security competence and experience**  
*Mr. Gustaf Wilhelm Hellstedt, Chairman, Swedish Association of Civil Security*
- 09.30-10.30    **Case presentations – successful implementation of Swedish civil security solutions**  
*Participating Swedish companies*
- 10.30-10.45    **Coffee break**
- 10.45-11.15    **Current situation, policy and planned projects within civil security**  
*Ministry of Interior – relevant departments, speakers to be confirmed*
- 11.15-11.30    **Securitizing energy infrastructure and distribution networks**  
*Ministry of Mining and Energy, speakers to be confirmed*
- 11.30-11.45    **Civil security from an ICT perspective**  
*Ministry for Telecommunications, Local incumbents, speakers to be confirmed*
- 11.45-12.00    **The EU perspective on civil security in the resp. countries**  
*EU Commission in Belgrade/Sofia, speakers to be confirmed*
- 12.00-12.15    **Summing up – questions, remarks and closing discussion**
- 12.15-14.00    **Light networking lunch followed by match-making sessions**