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CYSPA: launch of a new Cyber-Security project

- CORTE, cyber-security and road transport

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Within the framework of the EU Research FP7 ICT programme, CORTE is happy to announce its association with the European Cyberspace Protection Alliance (CYSPA). CYSPA is a EU funded security project, falling under the CORTE Road Security pillar. By bringing together 17 partners and 4 supporting organisations, CYSPA aims at building a trustworthy ICT based on an EU strategy, which protects cyber-space. CORTE's role shall be, alongside other key partners, to provide analysis focused on the transport sector and associate transport national authorities to building shared EU best practices that will contribute to making road transport critical infrastructure more robust.

Recent years have seen a major IT revolution, which targeted all sectors of society, including transport. These developments have created a system stemmed with interconnected networks which link all levels and sectors of society, and are subject to a continuous increase in speed and capabilities. These positive aspects however are shadowed by the high increase in criminal incidents within the ICT sector, which led to a vast compromise of the existing data and information and in some cases even brought the physical infrastructure, as critical road transport infrastructures, to a stand still. CYSPA aims at addressing these issues through an adequately targeted EU strategy, which tackles and reaches all dimensions: human, enforcement, legislative, infrastructure, economical and societal.

The partners and supporting organisations come together from 11 countries covering both public authorities, industry and research, and promote a top-down approach of tackling these sensitive issues for a period of 30 months. The dimensions targeted by this EU funded project are the economic and societal impacts on cyber disruptions, the impact of ongoing initiatives, technological observatory, optimal uptake and deployment models and the delivery of an integrated strategy to protect cyber space, with public and private partners.

CORTE shall actively participate within this Alliance and shall be involved in the field of sectoral Transport alongside Edisorf, Engineering and EOS, with the support of UTI. CORTE will participate to the impact analysis in relation to the transport sector, providing both input knowledge and scenarios. It will also disseminate the CYSPA results towards the transport sector. The other areas – Energy, Telecommunication and e-Government shall be under the supervision of the remaining partners. More information is available on www.corte.be (CYSPA & Cyber-security).

The logo for CYSPA (European Cyberspace Protection Alliance) features the acronym 'CYSPA' in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the full name 'EUROPEAN CYBERSPACE PROTECTION ALLIANCE' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines.

CORTE is the Confederation of Organisations in Road Transport Enforcement. CORTE gathers and coordinates expertise on road transport, road safety and road security at European and international level, ensuring that the voice of its members is heard. CORTE supports the development of harmonized implementation of road legislation and harmonized best practices enforcement methodologies. The Confederation brings together three categories of members: Full members (National Authorities), Associate Members (Associations) and Observers (Industry).