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**Vice-Prime-Minister Dan Nica, Minister of Administration and Interior, at the Justice and Home Affairs Council**

Mr. Dan Nica – vice-prime-minister, minister of administration and interior, is participating in the Justice and Home Affairs Council taking place in Luxembourg on the 4-5 June 2009.

The stage of the SIS II is included in the meeting agenda, as the connecting to this system is one of the critical requirements for Romania's accession to the Schengen Area.

At the same time, various issues relating to the legislative package on asylum will be discussed, a political debate on this problem being scheduled as a guideline for the ministers on the new elements put forth by the European Commission.

Within the JHA Council there will also be discussed the essential directions referring to the implementation of the Directive No.38/2004 on the right to freely move and reside on the territory of the member states for the EU citizens and their family members.

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**Meeting between the Romanian minister of Administration and Interior and the foreign internal attachés accredited with Romania**

Vice-prime-minister Dan Nica, minister of administration and interior, has welcomed for the first time during his office the foreign liaison officers and the internal attachés accredited with Romania, at the MAI headquarters.

This meeting was attended by the representatives of Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, the United States of America, Denmark, Finland, Island, Norway, Sweden, Indonesia and F.B.I.

In this context, vice-prime-minister Dan Nica talked about the effectiveness of the police cooperation activities at international level, underlining that the exchange of approximately 2,000 messages with the foreign police officers and units led to the solving of some important cases.

At the same time, minister Nica mentioned the main concerns of the ministry for the respecting of the deadlines provided by the calendar referring to Romania's accession to the Schengen area, as well as some of the MAI's priorities for this year.

Thus, there were discussed a number of topics regarding the reorganisation and improving effectiveness of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, the Schengen Evaluation missions, the international agreements in the area of cooperation, Romanian border securing, the standards achieved by the complex System of observation, control and surveillance of the traffic at the Black Sea (SCOMAR).

During the meeting, the foreign liaison officers and the internal attachés appreciated the excellent cooperation with the Romanian authorities and emphasised some cases which were solved as a result of this cooperation, expressing the necessity to continue developing the existing projects.

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**Thursday, June 18, 2009**, Mr. **Erwin DUHAMEL** – the Head of the Security Strategies and Partnership Development Bureau of the **European Spatial Agency (ESA)** from Paris visited **the Operational Centre of Coordinating the Public Order Actions of MAI**.

This visit aimed to identify some cooperation tools so as the ministry units could fully benefit from professional support of the European Spatial Agency.

The today meeting consisted in information exchange, from the technical and operational points of view, between the ESA expert and the MAI representatives on the way the units of the ministry could be transferred data in crisis situations.

The visit of the high-ranked official of the ESA in our country is part of the actions which the Romanian authorities are taking so as Romania could become ESA member state.

The agenda of the ESA representative Mr. Erwin Duhamel also included meetings with the representatives of the Romanian Spatial Agency and of the Special Telecommunication Service.

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On Thursday, June 18, 2009, the first day of the International Conference of the the PR specialists from the European Home Ministries – 2009 on „Strategies of Communicating within the Law Enforcement Agencies” was attended by Mr. Marius Martinescu and Mr. Mihai Viorel Fifor, secretaries of state in Ministry of Administration and Interior.

In the opening speech delivered, Mr. Mihai-Viorel Fifor emphasised the importance of such an event in which the European PR specialists could meet and discuss relevant topics, so that the effectiveness of the public communication could be increased in the area of internal affairs. At the same time, the secretary of state made a short presentation

of the Ministry, underlining that communication in this area is an important issue especially considering the fact that this is the ministry with “the widest interface to the public” through its component units: Police, Border Police, Gendarmerie, IGSU, General Anticorruption Directorate and the administration-related ones.

In his message the secretary of state Mihai Viorel Fifor also underscored that the Ministry of Administration and Interior is responsible for a wide range of issues and, consequently, an exchange of opinions and good practices between PR specialists is welcomed.

Romania’s joining the Schengen Area represented another topic that Mr. Fifor referred to, stressing the fact that this goal is not an institutional aim, but a national one, as MAI is the integrating ministry in achieving this objective.

Within the same framework, the MAI officials delivered short press statements to the press, regarding the aims of the conference as well as the MAI’s projects in the area of international communication, with a special focus on the Romanian-Italian partnership in the context of a common European program which will be developing starting 2010.

### **Background Information**

The conference “Strategies of Communicating in the European Agencies of Law Enforcement”, taking place in Sibiu between 17 and 19 June 2009, aims at the institutional communication experts within the European home ministries. This edition of the conference is being attended by specialists from the counterpart units of the Member States of the European Union (Italy, Ireland, France, Great Britain and The Netherlands) and from some international organisations with attributions in the area of internal affairs: UNHCR, UNO-Romania etc.

This activity aims to accomplish an effective exchange of expertise and good practices in the area of public relations within the European home ministries, for ensuring efficient communication in due time to the EU citizens.