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Press Release

Regional Seminar on data protection in relation to the use of criminal intelligence

Bitola, 7 June 2006 - The increasing use of automated processing of personal data over the past decades has increased the risk of illegal use of personal data and facilitated their transfer across frontiers between countries with great differences in the level of protection provided to these data.

The Council of Europe within the framework of its joint project with the European Commission on '*Development of Reliable and Functioning Policing Systems and enhancing of combating main criminal activities and Police Co-operation*' (CARDS Regional Police - CARPO project), is organising a regional seminar on data protection in relation to the use of criminal intelligence organised in Hotel Epinal (Bitola) on 8-9 June 2006.

This 2-day seminar aims at increasing the knowledge of specialised police experts and prosecutors from South-eastern Europe on data protection in relation to the use of criminal intelligence in view of enhancing the exchange of information between the law enforcement authorities in this region.

In particular, the regional seminar has a threefold objective. Firstly, to present the Council of Europe and EU standards on data protection with a special emphasis on the police sector. Secondly, to share experiences with data protection supervisory authorities already established in South-eastern Europe. Thirdly, to gather in a practical and informal way practitioners and experts in the format of round tables on specific related issues.

Representatives of printing and electronic media are cordially invited to participate in the opening session (see agenda attached).

The seminar will take place in hotel Epinal in Bitola:

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