

# Media Advisory

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## Conference on terrorism and cyber security

**Date:** 16 and 17 April 2009

**Place:** San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Madrid (Spain)

**Organised** by Spain (currently chairing the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe), the Council of Europe and the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, Organization of American States (OAS/CICTE).

**Description:** This event will be attended by national and international experts who will share their experience of combating the use of Internet for terrorist purposes and protecting Internet and critical infrastructures from attacks via Internet by terrorists. The Conference will provide the 150 participants with an in-depth overview of available methods of improving the application of existing policies and standards in these fields.

The discussions will be devoted to the following subjects:

- **Session I:** The use of the Internet for terrorist purposes
  - Internet as a tool for supporting terrorism (*apologie du terrorisme*), recruiting terrorists and financing terrorist activities
  - Countering the use of the Internet by terrorists (monitoring, investigation and prosecution)
- **Session II:** The Internet and critical infrastructures as targets of cyber-attacks by terrorists
  - The risk of cyber-attacks by terrorists
  - Protecting critical infrastructures and developing a capacity for defence and response in the event of cyber-attacks by terrorists.

The conference will be opened by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Terry Davis, the Secretary of State for Security of Spain, Antonio Camacho (tbc), the Deputy Attorney General for Judicial and International Affairs of the Mexican Government, Juan Miguel Alcántara Soria, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee, Mike Smith.

The Conference will be preceded on 15 and 16 April (ending at 1 pm) by a [meeting](#) of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER).

A **press conference** is scheduled for **Thursday 16 April at 4.30 pm**.

The Council of Europe first prioritised terrorism in the 1970s, but it stepped up its action in 2001. Its [Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism](#) (2005) has so far been signed by 43 countries, 18 of which have also ratified it.

### Practical information:

- The conference will be held in the **Euroforum Infantes** (Calle del Rey, 38) in **San Lorenzo de El Escorial**.
- Journalists are invited to attend the **opening ceremony** beginning at **3.30 pm on Thursday 16 April**. They will subsequently be able to interview conference participants either on the spot or by telephone.

[Further information](#) on the Council of Europe's work in the anti-terrorism field.

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