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Contract N°: **30-CE-0303571/00/91**

Title: **Study on "Development of a Methodology and Research of Quantitative Data on the Economics of Security and Resilience in Critical Communications and Information Infrastructures"**

On 18th of December 2009, the European Commission has launched a 10-months study on the *Development of a Methodology and Research of Quantitative Data on the Economics of Security and Resilience in Critical Communications and Information Infrastructures*. The contract has been granted to Fondazione FORMIT (Foundation for Technology, Migration and Research)[1].

Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO) has defined the scope and objectives of the study and will monitor its development. The study aims to contribute to the implementation of the European Commission's action plan adopted on 30th of March 2009 on Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP)[2]. The ultimate goal of this study is to examine market forces and incentives for investing in the security of CIIs according to different stakeholders' perspective and also to ascertain the economic damages incurred directly and indirectly on the society in case of CII disruptions.

One of the tasks of the study is to gather quantitative data needed for the planned analysis. We would therefore appreciate if you could please consider responding positively to Fondazione FORMIT's request to take part in the study.

Data collected by the contractor within the course of that study will remain confidential and only anonymous information will be published in the study's reports. Should you need any further information please e-mail my colleague Zoltan Szeles at zoltan.szeles@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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[1] http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/nis/callfortenders/index_en.htm

[2] See http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/nis/strategy/activities/ciip/index_en.htm for more information.