

**Seminar on prevention measures against CBRN terrorist threats
Paris, 30 and 31 October 2008**

The seminar on prevention measures against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats organised in the context of the French Presidency of the European Union took place in Paris on 30 and 31 October 2008. This conference, run by the DCI (French Central Inter-ministerial Unit for technical responses to CBRN terrorist threats) brought together delegates from 25 Member States of the European Union and 3 other countries.

In his opening speech, Frédéric Péchenard, Director General of the French Police Force emphasised that the fight against this kind of hyperterrorism was an unavoidable security issue for western countries and the international community as a whole. Law enforcement officers and scientific experts all gave their contributions to depict an objective overview of the nature and extent of this terrorist threat and study the measures to be taken to counter it.

During this strictly practical seminar, France proposed the creation of a European data base to reinforce cooperation between States and improve the information available to field officers. This project received the approval of delegates and Gilles de Kerchove, European Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, gave his support to this new tool.