European Commission
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Dear [Name],

The National Service for Protection (NSP) of the Republic of Bulgaria plays an important role within the national security system. According to the NSP Act the activity of NSP is aimed at ensuring the safety of Bulgarian state officials, foreign dignitaries visiting Bulgaria and other public figures specified in the Act.

From the beginning of 2018 Bulgaria takes over the Presidency of the Council of the EU. Our country will host more than 200 events including 12 informal meetings of the Council, 11 high level meetings, among them a meeting of Heads of State and Government. The main task of NSP during the Presidency will be providing the protection and safety of the foreign and Bulgarian dignitaries.

Security measures applied by NSP are based on objective and accurate threat assessment. On-line monitoring of open sources is one of the tools we use to analyze the security environment and threats against public figures. We are interested in categories like security, terrorism, threats against EU and member states leaders.

In connection with this, we decided to use Europe Media Monitor (EMM) tools. We would appreciate if a NSP officer is included in OSINT/EMM workshop scheduled on 29/11-01/12 2017 in Ispra (Italy). Thus we could present our needs and receive an advice for the most appropriate EMM tool.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support!

Yours sincerely,