

Press release

European Observatory on Security set up

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**Ongoing survey on the real fears
of Italians and other Europeans and as they are represented in the
media**

**Presentation in Trento on Saturday 5 June (Economy Festival)
'Booklet' with the data and comments from the 2009 Report published**

People's 'insecurity' and 'fears' – 'real', 'represented' and 'perceived' – are the principal bases on which they form opinions and make choices, not only in Italy but also in much of Europe. Enquiring into the reasons for these phenomena means going to the roots of the 'age of uncertainty and fear' in which we live, hence the decision taken by the Unipolis Foundation, Demos & Pi and the Osservatorio di Pavia research institute to set up the **European Observatory on Security**. The aim is to provide a permanent record of surveys on a topic central to people's lives today and to extend the experience gained during three years of working together on producing the Report **'Safety and security in Italy: meanings, images and reality'** to cover the whole of Europe.

The initial results of the work of the European Observatory on Security will be presented at 10.30am on **Saturday 5 June** during the **Trento Economy Festival** by Prof. **Ilvo Diamanti**, scientific director of Demos & Pi, in discussion with **Gian Antonio Stella**.

The Observatory will publish periodic reports throughout the year, containing the results of targeted surveys and analysis of the major television news channels in Italy and in the main countries in Europe, on people's changing 'fears and 'insecurity'. The reports will cover both social (work, savings, food, the environment, etc.) and personal safety points of view (petty and organised crime, terrorism, violence, theft, etc.) with special attention being paid to one of the most important social aspects of recent years, in Italy and in Europe as a whole: immigration.

As a follow-up to the 2009 Report **'Safety and security in Italy'** the Unipolis Foundation has published **'Booklet 2'**, which contains the full results of the survey carried out by Fabio Bordignon and Martina Di Pierdomenico from Demos and the results of the research carried out by the Osservatorio di Pavia, with comments from Lucio Caracciolo and Maurizio Ambrosini as well as from Ilvo Diamanti and Antonio Nizzoli, and an introduction written by Pierluigi Stefanini.

The 'Booklet' can be read on the following Internet sites and downloaded as a pdf:
www.fondazioneunipolis.org; www.demos.it; www.osservatorio.it

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