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“Regulatory framework for
cybersecurity operations and
cooperation”.

Summary

General aspects

Global regulatory framework

European regulatory framework Operation and
Cooperation

Romanian approach

1. Who is CERT-RO
2. Reports on alerts & incidents
3. Examples of CERT-RO work

Why cyber security

Cyberattacks costs:

Cost/year: 400 billion dollars;

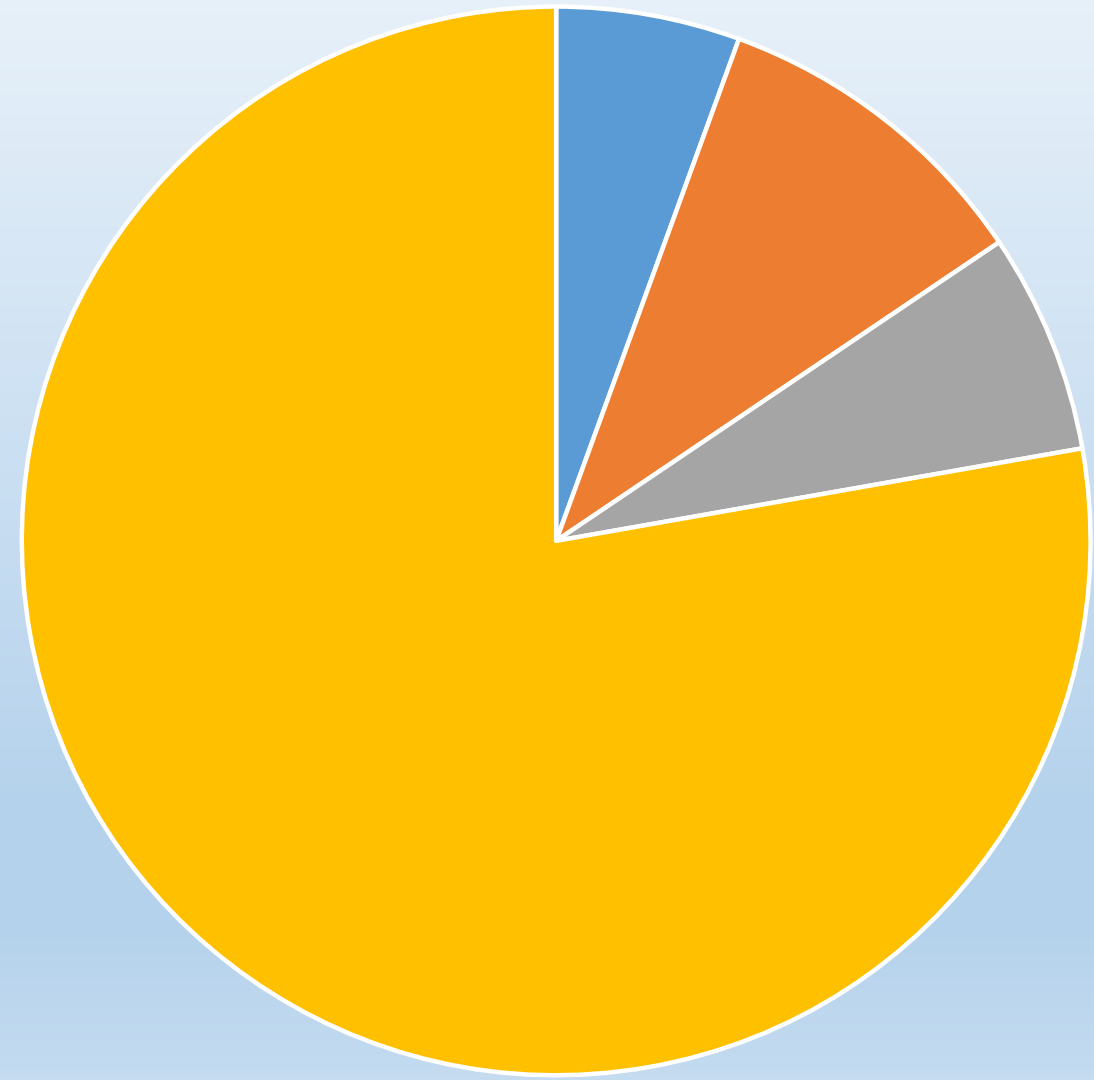
2019 Projections: 2.1 trillion dollars

Titania (2017) "Cyber Security Predictions for 2017"

<https://www.titania.com/about-us/news-media/cyber-security-predictions-for-2017>

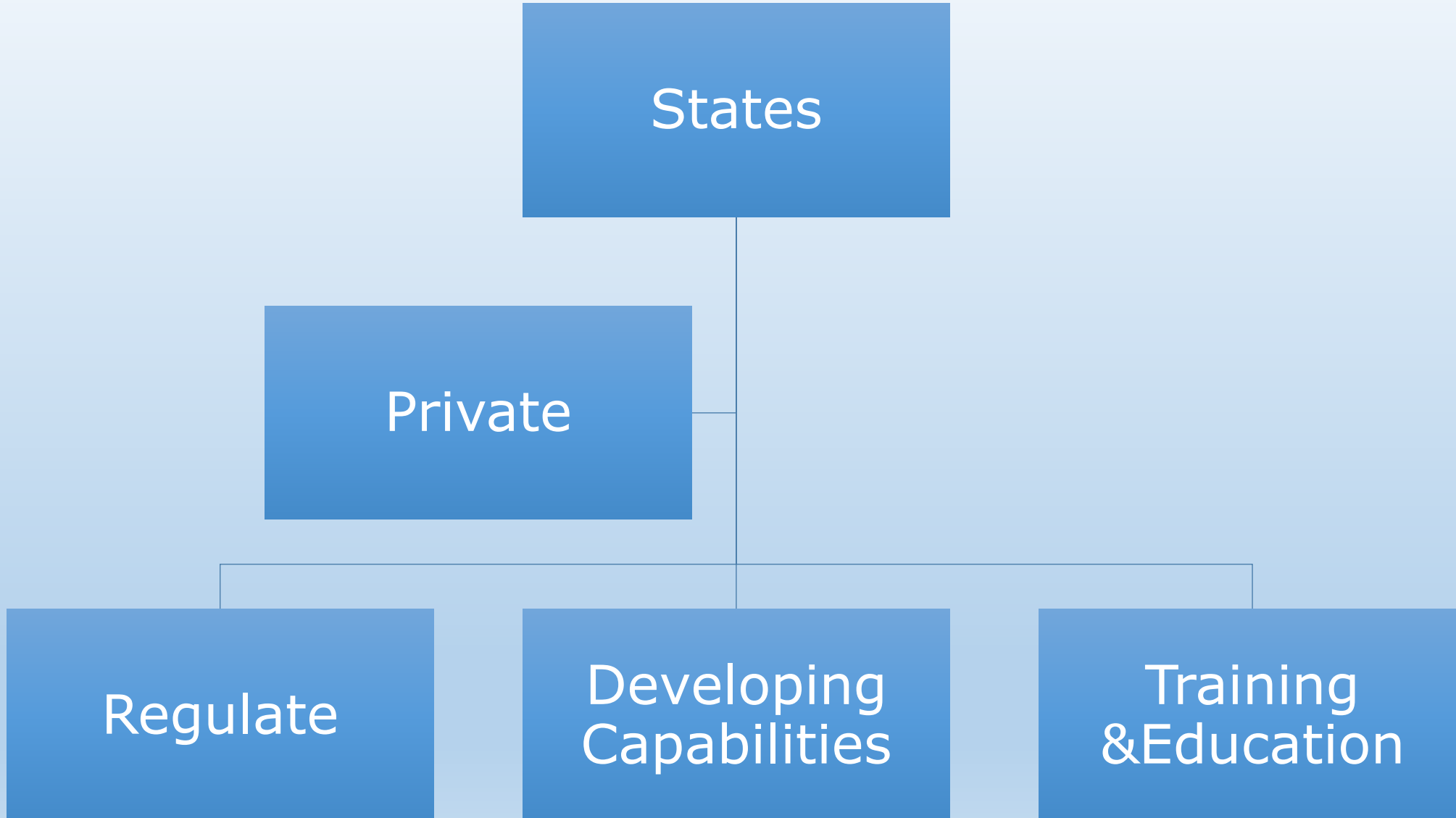
Cyber security against what

Hacktivism – 5,56%
Cyber espionage – 10 %
Cyber warfare – 6,67%
Cyber crime – 77,78



■ hacktivism ■ cyber espionage ■ cyber warfare ■ Cyber crime

What to do?



Regulatory framework

Global

- Norms for responsible state behaviour in cyberspace – UN Group of Governmental Experts (GGE)
- Application of international law in cyberspace – f.i. Tallinn Manual 1.0 on Cyber Warfare and 2.0 on Cyber Operations below the threshold

Regional – OSCE

- Cyber Security Confidence Building Measures

European Union

- ECSS
- NISD
- GDPR
- EEAS - Developing a Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox to respond to cyber operations

UN Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security

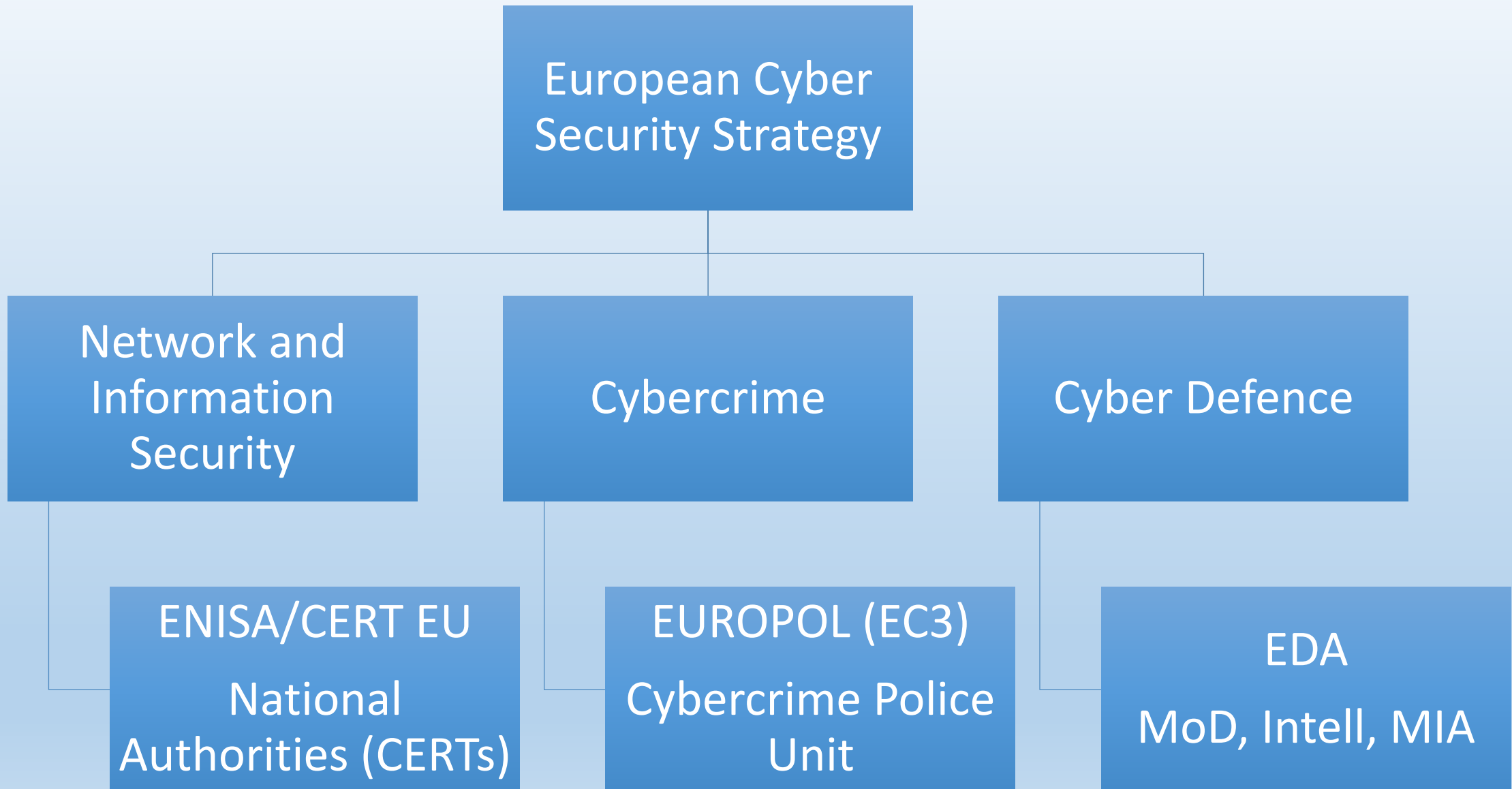
- **GGE members consensus including:**
 - Norms;
 - confidence building measures (CBMs);
 - capacity building.
- **The international law is applicable and essential to maintaining peace and stability and promoting an open, secure, peaceful and accessible ICT environment.**
 - Applicability of ‘**state sovereignty and the international norms and principles that flow from sovereignty**’ to ‘**state conduct of ICT-related activities, and to their jurisdiction over ICT infrastructure within their territory**’.
 - The security of ICTs would need to go **hand-in-hand with respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms** as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.

OSCE - Confidence Building Measures CBM:

- **Providing their national views;**
- **Facilitating co-operation among the competent national bodies and exchanging information;**
- **Holding consultations;**
- **Sharing information;**
- **Using the OSCE as a platform;**
- **Nominating contact points;**
- **Providing a list of relevant national terminology.**

Regulatory framework – European level

- The 2013 EU Cyber Security Strategy;
- The 2014 EU Cyber Defence Policy Framework;
- The 2016 Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy;
- The 2016 Network and Information Security (NIS) Directive;
- 2013 – Directive on attacks against information systems;
- 2011 – Directive on combating the sexual exploitation of children online and child pornography;
- 2001 – Framework Decision on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment.
- The Joint Communication on a Framework on countering hybrid threats 'a European Union response' JOIN(2016) - 18 final
- The Joint Staff Working Document on EU operational protocol for countering hybrid threats, the 'EU Playbook', SWD(2016) 227 final.



Network and Information Security Directive

Main objectives:

- Improving national cybersecurity capabilities;
- Building cooperation at EU level; and
- Promoting a culture of risk management and incident reporting among key economic actors

Subjects

notably operators

operators of essential services (OES)

Digital Service Providers (DSPs).

European capabilities

- The European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA);
- The European Cyber Crime Centre (EC3) at Europol and
- CERT-EU;
- EDA

22 EU MS - of 28 NATO MS

NATO in the framework of the 2016 Joint Declaration, address these issues for Member States and the EU institutions.

European External Action Service - EEAS

"...to dissuade, to bring about change in policies or activities by the potential attacker"

- International cyber security;
- Capacity building;
- Promoting Budapest Convention on Cybercrime;
- Internet Governance: accountability and stability of Internet;
- Internet freedom and human rights;
- Relations with third countries – Dialogues with key players (U.S., China, India, Brazil, Japan, RoK);
- Relations with partners and international organisations – CoE, OSCE, UN, NATO, OECD etc.

EEAS - CAPACITY BUILDING IN THIRD COUNTRIES

Objectives

to increase third countries' technical capabilities, preparedness, and establish effective legal frameworks to address cybercrime and cybersecurity problems; and at the same time enhance their capacity for effective international cooperation in these areas.

Partners:

Council of Europe and EU Member States

Financial instruments:

1. Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)
2. European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI),
3. Instrument of Pre-accession (IPA)

Romanian CERT

- Established by Government Decision no. 494/2011
- CERT-RO is an independent structure, with expertise in the field of cyber security, that has the capacity to prevent, analyze, identify and respond to cyber security incidents threatening RO national cyberspace.
- Coordinated by the Ministry for Information Society and is fully financed from the state budget.



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Types of services

Proactive	Reactive	Support
• Alerts on new threats and vulnerabilities that may affect national cyberspace. • Notices regarding the possibility of major cyber security incidents occurrence. • Technology watch. • Security assessment for partners (audits, network and application pentests etc.) on demand. • Configuration and maintenance of cyber security.	• Alerts and warnings on cyber security incidents that affect or may affect RO organizations. • Incident handling and coordination. • Management of a national database with cybersecurity incidents. • Incident analysis, investigation and malware analysis.	• Awareness activities for the government institutions and partners. • Support the partners in development of their own CERT teams. • Consulting services for securing critical infrastructures. • Involvement in development of national cyber security related regulations, policies and strategies.

What does CERT-RO do? (slide 1)

- Collect alerts from different stakeholders regarding RO IPs and URLs detected as part of different cybersecurity incidents (national contact point).
- Maintain a national database regarding cybersecurity incidents.
- Operates an EWS on cyber-security incidents, based on the alerts received.
- Other services (pen tests, incident handling, tech support for MIS)

What does CERT-RO do? (slide 2)

- Awareness campaigns.
- Cyber security consulting
- Can cooperate with different types of organizations in the field of cyber security and assures the exchange of info between parties;
- No jurisdiction over classified information!
- Types of services: proactive, reactive and consultancy;

Who are CERT-RO partners?

- Cybersec companies



- Banks

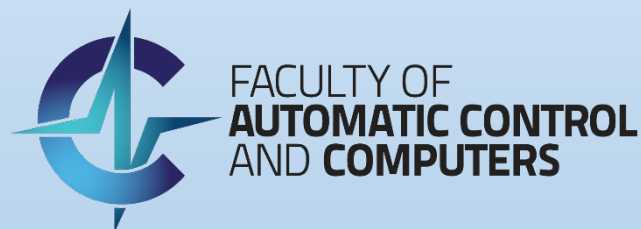


- Gov. agencies



Ministry for
Information Society

- Academia



- ISPs



- Other CERT teams



Reports

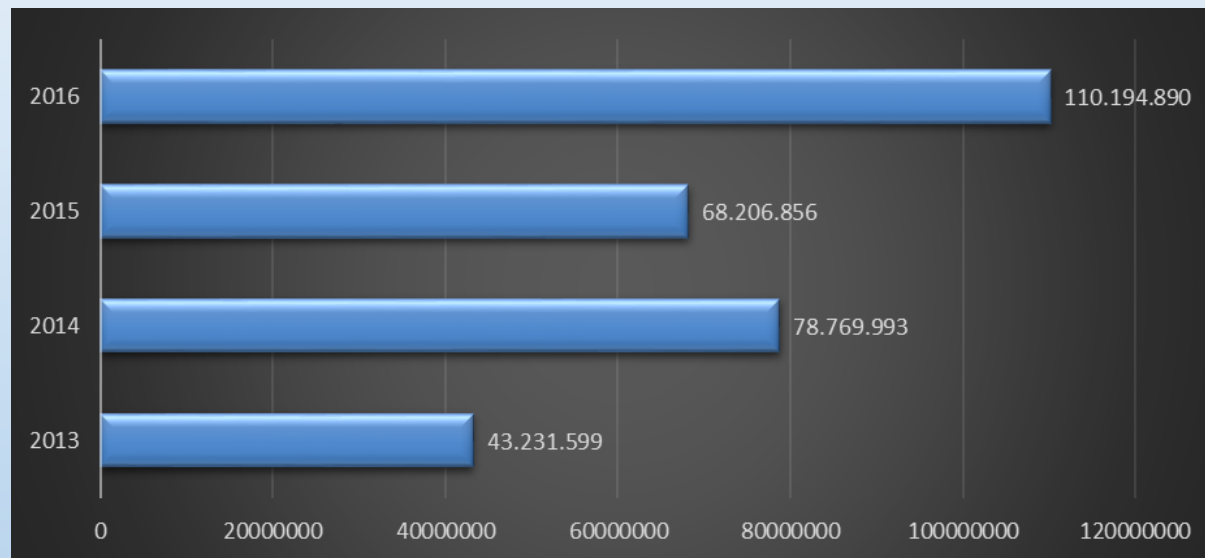
- First ever official public report on state of cyber security in Romania.
- An analysis of the cyber security incidents reported to CERT-RO.
- Scope: obtaining a general overview of the nature and dynamics of these types of events/incidents, relevant for assessing cyber security risks targeted at the IT&C infrastructures in Romania.



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Reports: Alerts processed in past years



110
million
alerts

2.9
million
IPs

38% all
RO IPs

58%
vulnera
bilities

40%
botnets

10
thousand
“.ro”
domains

Reports: Alerts processed in past years

- Numerous servers that are:
 - Vulnerable
 - Unpatched
 - Poorly configured
 - Not monitored by owner
- Millions of compromised user devices (PCs, phones, tablets, IoT) due to:
 - Unpatched/unlicensed software
 - No security/anti-malware protection
 - No cybersecurity culture

Incidents

Nr. crt.	Incident Type	Count	Percent
1	Vulnerabilities	2,380,120	58.98%
2	Botnet	1,653,096	40.96%
3	Malware	2,071	0.05%
4	Altele	158	0.01 %

- After deduplication of alerts based on IP address and type we obtained around 4 millions of incidents
- 60% Vulnerabilities
- 40% Botnet

Malware Types

Nr. crt.	Malware Family	Alerts count	Percent (%)
1	Sality	4.953.615	34,16%
2	Downadup	2.570.006	17,72%
3	Nivdort	1.979.510	13,65%
4	Ramnit	1.081.592	7,46%
5	Dorkbot	830.914	5,73%
6	Mirai	522.377	3,60%
7	Zeroaccess	312.785	2,16%
8	Virut	277.460	1,91%
9	Conficker	244.371	1,69%
10	Tinba	187.556	1,29%



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Examples of CERT-RO work - Awareness

- ✓ Partnership with Agerpres
- ✓ Two cybersecurity courses aiming to familiarize journalists with technology
- ✓ Opportunity to better understand the cybersecurity best practice and challenges
- ✓ Education is key



Examples of CERT-RO work: awareness

- ✓ 200.000 AV licences (Avira) available on our website for highschool students
- ✓ 6 courses for magistrates (prosecutors and judges)
- ✓ One international conference - with the support and participation of the US Embassy in Bucharest, FBI, Bitdefender, Kaspersky, Avira
- ✓ National planers for Cyber Europe 2016 cybersecurity exercise
- ✓ National organizers for European Cybersecurity Month (ECSM)

CVD: The need

GD 494/2011 - art. 6 lit. b)

- **Mechanism for reporting**

No national legal framework for reporting

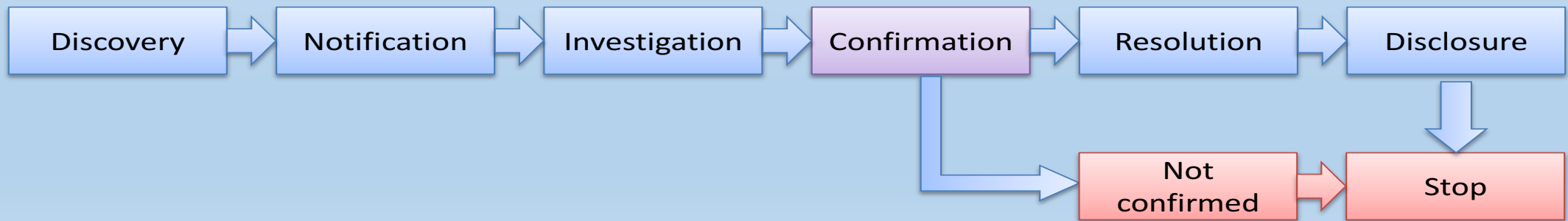
- **No international recognized framework for reporting**

GFCE initiative

- **Romania, The Netherlands and Hungary**
- **Memorandum based on best practices**

CERT-ROs role

- Based on ENISA best practices and the recommendations in the GFCE draft Memorandum on coordinated vulnerability disclosure, CERT-RO has set in place a CVD mechanism that could help bridge the gap between researchers / cybersecurity enthusiasts and companies.



A description of the mechanism is available on CERT-RO website



The screenshot shows the CERT-RO website header with the logo and navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure - CVD". Below this, there is a section "Challenges and risks in the digital society" with two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph discusses the importance of identifying and addressing vulnerabilities in the digital society. The second paragraph discusses the negative social and economic impact of exploiting vulnerabilities. Below the text, there is a "Sections" list with four items: "CVD – Definition", "Role of the Vulnerability Reporters", "Cooperation and best practices in vulnerability disclosure", and "Public recognition".

Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure - CVD

Challenges and risks in the digital society

Identifying and addressing vulnerabilities has become an extremely important activity in our digital society in which competition and rapid technical advancement reduce the time allocated to testing, putting pressure on developers and companies to launch new products on the market.

Exploitation of vulnerabilities by malicious actors has an important negative social and economic impact leading companies to financial loss and even bankruptcy, public institutions to mission failure as well as activity and data compromise and citizens to loss of trust in digital services as in the state authorities capacity of protecting them.

In its role as Romanian public institution, as stipulated by the provisions of article 6 b) of the Government Decision 494/2016, CERT-RO must be able to process information regarding vulnerabilities of information systems, together with information on cyber-incidents and cyber-threats and to maintain a database of vulnerabilities. CERT-RO must answer successfully to this challenge even in the absence of a proper legislation regarding disclosure of vulnerabilities, through implementing Coordinated Vulnerabilities Disclosure mechanisms (CVD)

Sections

- CVD – Definition
- Role of the Vulnerability Reporters
- Cooperation and best practices in vulnerability disclosure
- Public recognition

- CVD - Definition
- Forms of cooperation and best practices
- CERT-RO role
- Report vulnerabilities through CERT-RO
- CERT-RO Reporting Guide
- Content of reporting to CERT-RO

Practical aspects of CVD

- 3 successfully coordinated cases – last 6 months
 - 2 regarding mobile banking applications
 - 1 regarding academia web based application
- Ensured trust between parties involved
- Maintaining balance between approaches (Researchers/Owners)
- Providing a safe way of reporting for Researchers
- Ensuring that identified vulnerabilities are addressed;
- Minimizing the security risk from vulnerabilities;
- Providing users with sufficient information to evaluate risks from vulnerabilities to their systems;
- Setting expectations to promote positive communication and coordination among involved parties.

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