Brainstorming BoF about possible proposals for new EU-funded projects

TF-CSIRT meeting

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Background

- We have had three interesting EC-funded projects (eCSIRT.net, EISPP, TRANSITS), but eCSIRT.net and EISPP have ended and TRANSITS will end in June 2005

- In earlier meetings between deputations of TF-CSIRT and EC officials, the EC encoouraged us strongly to submit new project proposals
  - Specifically they mentioned a call for proposals with deadline early 2005

Information from meeting with EC on 17 September 2004 (1/4)

- Inside FP6, this week was the deadline for submitting project proposals aimed at involving “new” countries (not specifically security)

Information from meeting with EC on 17 September 2004 (2/4)

- Outside the FPs the EC is thinking about B€ actions in the field of security (Cyber-crime and internal (homeland) security; External security / defense)

- In preparation for that there is a Preparatory Action Security Research (PASR)
  - PASR to prepare a European Security Research Programme (ESRP) for 2007
  - PASR budget 65 M€ for 2004-2006
  - 6 projects and 5 supporting activities funded following call for proposals that closed June 2004
  - 25 M€ still available for short-term projects in 2005-2006
  - PASR is about Security in a very wide sense

Information from meeting with EC on 17 September 2004 (3/4)

- As far as security is concerned inside the IT part of FP6:
  - 4th call will have deadline February/March 2005
    - Budget for security projects ~ 65-70 M€
    - Priority areas:
      - Integrated frameworks for dependability and security in information infrastructures
      - Advanced modeling/simulation for critical infrastructure, interdependencies, recovery and continuity
      - Secure, open and interoperable trustworthy computing
      - Interoperable multimodal biometrics
      - Security and privacy in future wireless and mobile environments
      - Security assurance of complex networks
    - In this call they look for **research** projects

Information from meeting with EC on 17 September 2004 (4/4)

- As far as security is concerned inside the IT part of FP6:
  - 5th call will not cover Security
  - "6th call":
    - To be published early 2006
    - To commit any remaining FP6 funds before the end of 2006
    - Can cover anything

- In summary: opportunities to submit project proposals to EC in near future seem to have significant restrictions

- Still useful to brainstorm a bit about the question:

  "Which activities would the CSIRTs like to undertake that would benefit from EU funding?"

Possible topics

- Tools interworking:
  - RTIR
  - VEDEF
  - ……. ?
- Education and knowledge transfer:
  - Continue TRANSITS?
  - Certifying people (cf. CERT-CC)
  - In-depth training about special topics
  - Secondment of CSIRT staff at other CSIRTs
  - Other forms of assistance to starting CSIRTs?
- Warning systems for the public
  - Cf. Waarschuwingsdienst of GOVCERT.NL; Belgian system
- Awareness raising
  - E.g. SURFnet's campaign (www.laatjenietpakken.nl/html/uk/)

Ideas? Suggestions? Objections?