

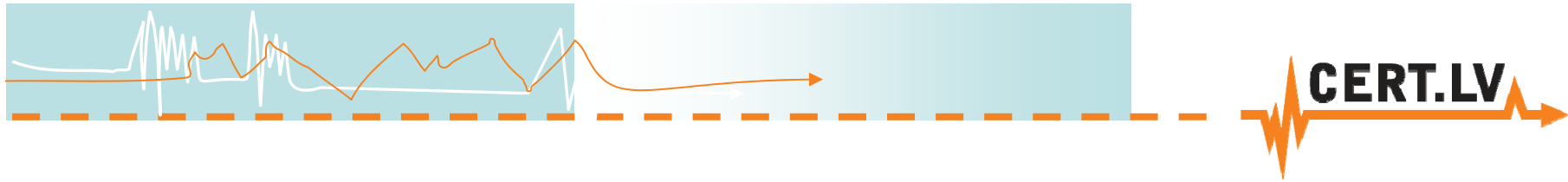


# ***Spamhaus issues***



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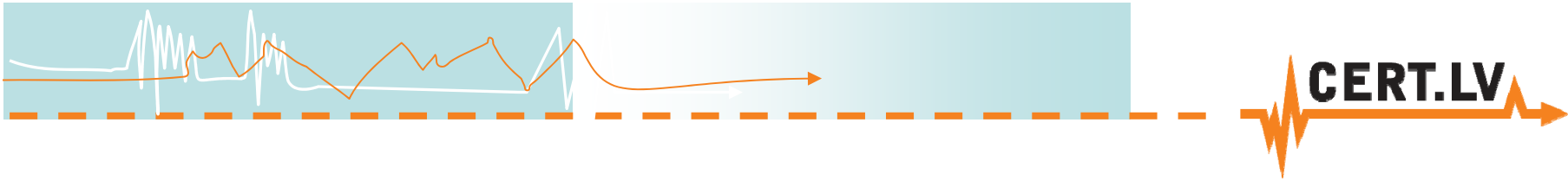
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## Spamhaus story - history

- Conflict in 2010., open letter on CERT NIC.LV vs. Spamhaus
- Discussions @ TF-CSIRT
- Action item: “31.1. TI Review Board to discuss how to deal with Spamhaus problems and what further action to take” – awaiting information from CERT.LV
- Email to TF-CSIRT with example (June 2011)
  - No feedback

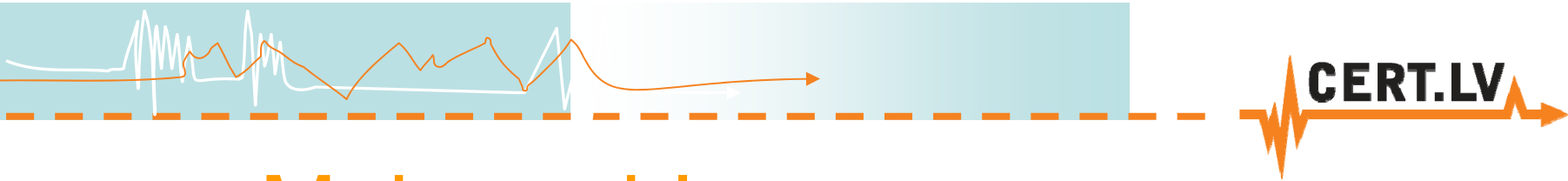




## Spamhaus – situation in Latvia

- Data centres are interesting for customers from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, etc.
- Several serious blacklistings in 2011
  - Lattelecom blacklisted since 7 January 2012
- ISPs are willing to cooperate, Spamhaus not

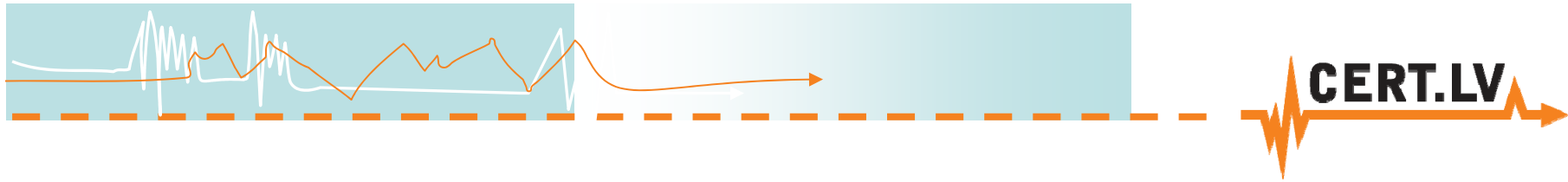




## Main problems

- Information Spamhaus provides is not sufficient to file an incident report
- Blacklisting based on outdated information
- Spamhouse is very slow on answering, providing additional information on why the IP is blacklisted
- Escalation errors and exaggerations
- Escalation procedure is nowhere documented – how far it can go?
- Very slow reaction on removal from blacklists
- Spamhaus is not cooperating even with those who are responding, including CSIRTs
- Blacklisting transit providers – is it really a correct approach?

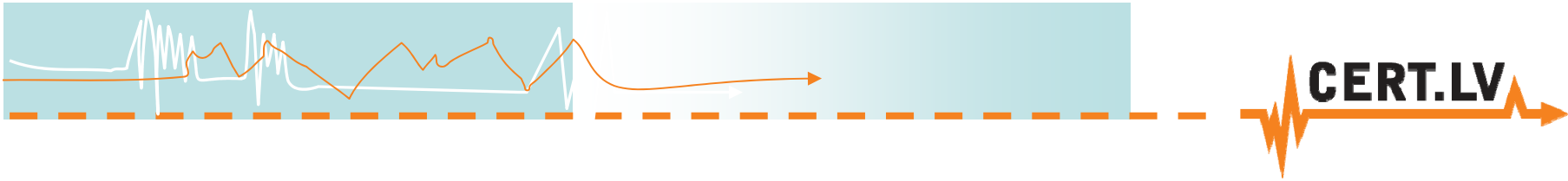




## Decision?

Do we as CSIRTs and ISPs  
have problems with Spmahaus  
or not?

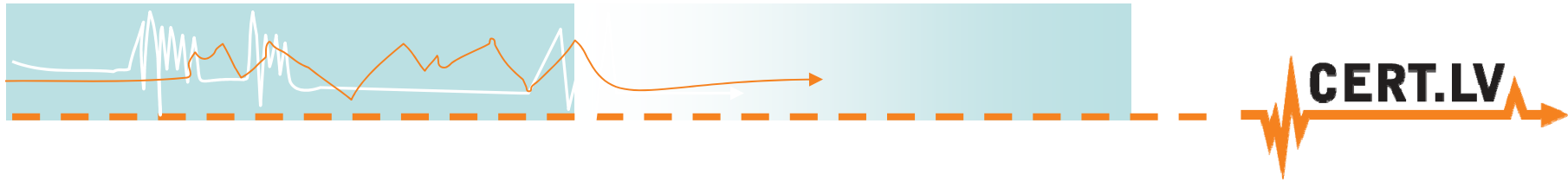




## Yes?

- We should do something to prevent Spamhaus from spending our time and resources
- There should be somebody - an authority who could control and supervise Spamhaus activities





**Thank you!!!**

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