

FIRST TF on Regional Initiatives

status update on the established task-force

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Various initiatives going on

- TF-CSIRT
- AP CERTF
- Latin American initiatives
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Co-ordination of initiatives

- Motion passed at FIRST AGM 2002 to establish a Task Force
- Aim: to find out what is going on, and in what way FIRST can be of help

Therefore:

- Open group, all who are interested are welcome to join
- Non-steered discussion based on a kick-off paper that poses open questions

Main threads in kick-off document

- Real-time operational issues
- Sharing information
- Critical infrastructure and cyberdefense
- Policy making and strategic planning
- Facilitating bilateral contacts
- Trust management

Modus operandi

- Mailing list `first-regions@first.org`
- Meeting at TC Chicago (8 October 2002)
- Meeting at TC Europe (11 February 2003)
- Teleconferences and additional meetings as required
- Advice and conclusions to be drafted by Q1/2003
- Up to the SC's discretion to initiate further actions: perhaps at AGM 2003 (Ottawa)

Progress so far

- Kick-off document was launched
- Shared with TF-CSIRT
- Meeting in TC / Chicago, 8 October 2002
- Meeting attended by 10.5 people
- Meeting report circulated on TF-CSIRT list

Meeting 8 October 2002 (TC Chicago)

- Relatively well attended
 - Asian/Pacific (2)
 - Latin America (1)
 - North America (3.5)
 - Europe (4)
- Many different views
- Lots of discussion along 6 'threads'
- Also – lots of general remarks

Meeting 8 October 2002 (cont'd.)

- General remarks:
 - Does FIRST play a role?
 - Is it a leading role?
 - What is a team's incentive for joining FIRST?
 - Does FIRST need SIGs?
- No clear ideas (yet) on these items;
- Answers may follow from developments on the particular threads

Meeting 8 October 2002 (cont'd.)

- Thread 1 – Operational Issues:
 - Neighbouring teams already develop co-operation:
 - same timezone
 - similar jurisdictions
 - similar economies
- **FIRST is not very active in this; they may become more visible in this respect**

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- Thread 2 – Information Sharing:
 - General info (yes) and specific info (no) differ
 - Multi-level trust needed, but not provided by FIRST
 - Lack of guidelines hinders dissemination
- **FIRST may be an enabler for information sharing**

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- Thread 3 – CIP and Cyberdefense:
 - Intuitive approach: CIP usually involves a link with government strategic institutions, therefore:
 - No role for FIRST – it should keep out of the risky field of politics
- On second thought – FIRST could give guidelines and advice

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- Thread 4 – Policy Making & Strategics:
 - Usually, this is a result from activities developed under thread (1) – Operational Issues
- Therefore: (1) and (4) can be seen as one thread

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- Thread 5 – Bilateral Contacts:
 - They emerge on a per-case basis, where needed, and fit in existing frameworks of operational co-operation, therefore:
- **FIRST's involvement is not needed**

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- Thread 6 – Trust Management:
 - Once the notion of trust is well defined, FIRST could act as a trust broker
 - Most certainly: FIRST 'member' status only is not distinctive enough – a layered model is required
 - TI model attracts lot of interest from other regions
- **FIRST has a potentially important role in this respect**

Further Developments

- Immediately after the meeting: some active exchange of ideas
- Later (2 weeks): silence ruled
- TC Uppsala, 11 February 2003, a next meeting is planned
- Chair of the meeting – still unknown
- In any case: report back to FIRST SC by March 2003