

About the proposed European Network and Information Security Agency (NISA)

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Sources of information

- The information on these slides is based on the “Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council “Establishing the European Network and Information Security Agency” (presented by the Commission)”, dated 11 February 2003, COM(2003) 63 final
- Some TF-CSIRT members may have (later) “working document” versions, requests for comments/advice from their own organisation, national governments etc.



Why are we discussing this?

- In the meeting between EC officials and a deputation of TF-CSIRT on 28 March 2003, Mr. Santucci asked for a note from TF-CSIRT with questions, comments and suggestions about the NISA
- Some TF-CSIRT members have been asked for advice by their own superiors or their governments
- The NISA could have a significant influence (possibly positive, possibly negative) on the work of CSIRTs in Europe



What is the NISA? (1)

- The NISA will become operational on 1 January 2004 and will function for 5 years
- The NISA location is still to be decided
- The NISA will have a budget of 24.3 M€, to be increased by 9 M€ when the Accession States join the EU
- This budget of budget of 24.3 M€ is composed as follows: personnel 14.256 M€, equipment and furniture 0.200 M€, IT 2.284 M€, website 0.350 M€, publications 0.235 M€, conferences 0.850 M€, travel 0.940 M€, meetings 0.750 M€, translations 0.960 M€, studies 3.445 M€



What is the NISA? (2)

- **The NISA will have a staff of 31 people: 5 for management and administration** (1 Executive Director + 1 Secretary, 1 Financial staff, 1 IT staff, 1 Secretariat) **and 26 for operational tasks** (25 network and information security experts and 1 secretary)
- **The 25 network and information security experts will be recruited from the following expertise areas:** 6 from risk analysis and risk management, 6 from network monitoring, 3 from technical components of networks and information systems, 2 from information and communication, 4 from computer incident and response handling and 4 from co-ordination of information security activities conducted by Member State authorities



So what will the NISA do?

- The NISA shall facilitate the application of Community measures relating to network and information security and help ensure interoperability of security functions in networks and information systems, thereby contributing to the functioning of the Internal Market. It shall enhance the capability of the Community and the Member States to respond to network and information security problems.



Yes, but what will the NISA do?

- a) The NISA shall collect and analyse data, including information on current and emerging risks and, in particular, those which would impact on the resilience of critical communications networks and the information accessed and transmitted through them**
- b) The NISA shall provide assistance and deliver opinions within its objectives to the Commission and other competent bodies**



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- c) **The NISA shall enhance co-operation between different actors operating in the field of network and information security, inter alia by establishing a network for national and Community bodies**
- d) **The NISA shall contribute to the availability of rapid, objective and comprehensive information on network and information security issues for all users by, inter alia, promoting exchanges of best practice on methods of alerting users, including those related to computer attack alert systems, and seeking synergy between public and private sector initiatives**



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- b) -
- c) -
- d) -
- e) **The NISA shall assist when called upon, the Commission and national regulatory authorities in analysing the implementation of network and information security requirements for operators and service providers, including requirements on data protection, that are contained in Community legislation**
- f) **The NISA shall contribute to the assessment of standards on network and information security**



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- g) The NISA shall promote risk assessment activities and encourage interoperable risk management solutions within organisations**
- h) The NISA shall contribute to the Community approach on co-operation with third countries including facilitating contacts with international fora**
- i) The NISA shall undertake any other task assigned to it by the Commission within its objectives**



Yes, but what will the NISA do?

**What do you suggest
that the NISA could
usefully do?**

