

Task Force TF-CSIRT (sixth term)

Terms of Reference

1. The mandate of the Task Force on Collaboration of Security Incident Response Teams (TF-CSIRT) is renewed under the auspices of the TERENA Technical Programme for a further period until 31 March 2013.
2. The aims of the Task Force will be:
 - 2.1 to provide a forum for exchanging experiences and knowledge;
 - 2.2 to establish services for the European CSIRT community;
 - 2.3 to promote common standards and procedures for responding to security incidents;
 - 2.4 to assist the establishment of new CSIRTs and the training of CSIRT staff;
 - 2.5 to co-ordinate other joint initiatives;
 - 2.6 to provide a vehicle for CSIRTs in Europe to liaise with policy making bodies, law enforcement agencies, and other relevant organisations.
3. The Task Force will focus its activities on Europe and neighbouring countries and on (potential) CSIRTs operated by research and education networking organisations, companies, and government institutions. It will collaborate with other teams and organisations outside this geographical area whenever such collaboration will assist in achieving the aims of the Task Force.
4. With a commitment to the development of collaboration between CSIRTs as defined above, participation in the Task Force will be open to individuals, subject to the agreement of the Task Force Chair.
5. The Chair of the Task Force will be Lionel Ferette. He will be responsible for preparing the agenda for each meeting and for co-ordinating the work of the Task Force. He will also be responsible for ensuring that any agreed deliverables are produced. The deputy chair of the Task Force will be Kauto Huopio, who will be responsible for chairing a meeting if the chair cannot participate.
6. The Secretary of the Task Force will be appointed by TERENA. He/she will be responsible for taking the minutes at each meeting and for making logistical arrangements as necessary.
7. The Task Force will operate with a (renewed) mandate until 31 March 2013. This mandate may subsequently be renewed by the TERENA Technical Committee (TTC), but if not renewed, the Task Force will be dissolved. The Task Force may also be dissolved if the TTC considers that it is making insufficient progress, its activities are no longer useful or relevant, or if the Task Force Chair resigns and no replacement can be found.
8. The Task Force will meet at approximately four-monthly intervals. Physical meetings will be held at various locations, taking care to reduce overall costs to participants.
9. Reports and results of Task Force activities will be placed in the public domain, with the exception of information that is subject to copyright restrictions, has been provided on a non-disclosure basis, or where public disclosure would jeopardise the security of organisations or networks involved.
10. The Task Force will have a mailing list (tf-csirt@terena.org) and a web page (<http://www.terena.org/tf-csirt/>) to facilitate communication amongst Task Force participants.

Work Items

Please note that former Work Items F, H, I, L, N and O have been dropped, whilst Work Items P and Q are new additions.

A. Meetings and Seminars

A half- or one-day seminar shall normally be held in conjunction with Task Force meetings, in which experiences may be exchanged and issues of common interests for CSIRTs discussed.

Leader: Lionel Ferette, BELNET CERT

B. Trusted Introducer

The Task Force will liaise with the Trusted Introducer (TI) service, which is subcontracted by TERENA to a professional organisation. The TI accredits CSIRTs and provides them with various services. The TI also organises regular meetings of representatives of accredited CSIRTs in conjunction with TF-CSIRT meetings. Major developments in the TI services will be reported to the Task Force.

Leader: Don Stikvoort, S-CURE

C. Security Contact Information for Internet Resources

The Task Force will support the deployment of abuse contact lookup mechanisms in Regional Internet Registries. It will also help to improve documentation, propose changes in technology and procedures as appropriate, and review any privacy and data protection regulations that relate to this.

Leader: Wilfried Wöber, AConet CERT

D. Clearinghouse for Incident Handling Tools

The Task Force will maintain a web-based clearinghouse for security software, covering both free software and commercial products. The focus of the clearinghouse will be on tools that are in actual use in CSIRTs whose staff members participate in TF-CSIRT. Developments in the clearinghouse service will be reported to the Task Force.

Leader: Marco Thorbrügge, ENISA

E. CSIRT Staff Training

The Task Force will review the needs for specific training for staff members of CSIRTs and will promote the development and delivery of appropriate training materials to meet these needs. The Task Force will receive reports on the TRANSITS trainings organised by TERENA and other organisations, and on the measures that are taken to guarantee the continuity of the TRANSITS training effort.

Leaders: Don Stikvoort, S-CURE & Kevin Meynell, TERENA Secretariat

G. Collaboration with FIRST and organisations in other world regions

The Task Force will investigate possibilities to collaborate more actively with FIRST, and with counterparts of TF-CSIRT in other continents (e.g. APCERT and OIC-CERT).

Leader: Lionel Ferette, BELNET CERT

J. Collaboration with Security Activities in the GN3 project.

The Task Force will collaborate with the security activities in the GN3 project. Progress reports from those activities will be presented to the Task Force.

Leader: Wayne Routly, DANTE

K. Liaison with ENISA

The Task Force will exchange information with the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA), and other relevant bodies.

Leader: Lionel Ferette, BELNET CERT

M. Collaboration with Security Activities for Grids

The Task Force will collaborate with security activities in Grid communities. Results will be reported to the Task Force.

Leaders: Serge Droz, SWITCH-CERT & Torsten Voss, DFN-CERT

P. Deployment of Anti-Spoofing Filters

Task Force members will support the widespread deployment of anti-spoofing filters within their constituencies. They will also collect and share material in support of this goal.

Leader: Serge Droz, SWITCH-CERT

Q. Future Direction

The Task Force will consider its future focus and direction.

Leaders: Lionel Ferette, BELNET CERT & Kevin Meynell, TERENA Secretariat