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Training Workshop for CSIRTs held in Warsaw, Poland

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On 27 and 28 May 2003, TERENA and UKERNA organised a training workshop for members of Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs). The workshop took place at the offices of NASK (Research and Academic Computer Network) in Warsaw, Poland. It was financially supported by the European Commission through the TRANSITS (Training of Network Security Incident Teams Staff) project of the European Union's 5th Framework Programme. Both trainees and presenters judged the workshop a great success.

The course dealt with the operational, organisational, technical and legal aspects of incident response and was aimed exclusively at professionals who are either members of existing computer security teams or who will be involved in building such a team within their organisation in the near future. Twenty trainees from thirteen countries attended the workshop. The venue of the workshop had been chosen so as to encourage in particular participation from Central and Eastern Europe; this objective was definitely achieved, with trainees from seven EU Accession States in Central Europe participating in the course. Andrew Cormack (UKERNA, United Kingdom), Klaus Möller (DFN-CERT, Germany), Gareth Price (BT Secure Business Systems, United Kingdom) and Jan Meijer and Jacques Schuurman (CERT-NL, the Netherlands) presented the five modules of the two-day course. TERENA's Raquel Corredoira and Karel Vietsch took care of logistic support, while the NASK staff provided excellent networking facilities.

Increasing the proportion of networks that have CSIRT services is a major part of improving the dependability of networks and promoting public confidence in the Internet. The objective of the TRANSITS project is to promote the creation of more, professional CSIRTs and the strengthening of existing CSIRTs. Operating a CSIRT takes rare and specialist skills; currently there are only a few hundred experts in Europe who have the necessary knowledge and experience. The TRANSITS project addresses this problem by providing specialist training to staff members of new CSIRTs and new staff members of existing CSIRTs.

The TRANSITS project started in July 2002 and will organise at least six training workshops during its three-year lifetime. The training course in Warsaw was the second in this series; the next course is scheduled to be held in San Gaudenzio near Milan, Italy in October 2003.

More information on the TRANSITS training courses can be found at

<http://www.ist-transits.org/>

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