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Training Course for CSIRTs held in Chantilly, France

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On 17 and 18 February 2005, TERENA and UKERNA organised a training course for members of Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs). This sixth TRANSITS training course was held at the Chateau de la Tour in Chantilly-Gouvieux near Paris, France. The venue offered a secluded location and typically French hospitality, resulting in a perfect environment for intensive interaction between lecturers and trainees.

The workshop was presented by five leading experts on security response: Andrew Cormack (UKERNA, United Kingdom), Klaus Möller (DFN-CERT, Germany), Claudia Natanson (Diageo, United Kingdom), David Parker (UNIRAS, United Kingdom) and Jacques Schuurman (SURFnet-CERT, the Netherlands). Logistical and technical support was provided by TERENA staff.

The training course was attended by 22 trainees from thirteen countries in Europe, representing nineteen different organisations, including national research and education networks, universities and research institutes, commercial companies, and government bodies. The feedback from the students in the workshop evaluation forms was very positive.



Following the experiences of earlier training workshops, the programme was extended to include additional sessions on the evenings of both days. On Friday evening, students worked in small groups through two incident response scenarios. A PGP key-signing was included on the Thursday evening. Two parallel "work in progress" talks were given by tutors on Thursday, and on Friday one of the lecturers took the students through a genuine incident that he was currently working on. These sessions offered students a very direct view of current work in the CSIRT community.

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More information about the TRANSITS project can be found at: <http://www.ist-transits.org/>

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