Brainstorming BoF about possible proposals for new EU-funded projects

*TF-CSIRT meeting*

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Background

- We have had three interesting EC-funded projects (eCSIRT.net, EISPP, TRANSITS), but eCSIRT.net and EISPP have ended and TRANSITS will end in June 2005.

- In earlier meetings between deputations of TF-CSIRT and EC officials, the EC encouraged us strongly to submit new project proposals.
  - Specifically they mentioned a call for proposals with deadline early 2005.
Information from meeting with EC on 17 September 2004 (1/4)

- Inside FP6, this week was the deadline for submitting project proposals aimed at involving “new” countries (not specifically security)
Outside the FPs the EC is thinking about B€ actions in the field of security (Cyber-crime and internal (homeland) security; External security / defense)

In preparation for that there is a Preparatory Action Security Research (PASR)

- PASR to prepare a European Security Research Programme (ESRP) for 2007
- PASR budget 65 M€ for 2004-2006
- 6 projects and 5 supporting activities funded following call for proposals that closed June 2004
- PASR is about Security in a very wide sense
• As far as security is concerned inside the IT part of FP6:
  – 4th call will have deadline February/March 2005
    • Budget for security projects ~ 65-70 M€
    • Priority areas:
      – Integrated frameworks for dependability and security in information infrastructures
      – Advanced modeling/simulation for critical infrastructure, interdependencies, recovery and continuity
      – Secure, open and interoperable trustworthy computing
      – Interoperable multimodal biometrics
      – Security and privacy in future wireless and mobile environments
      – Security assurance of complex networks
  • In this call they look for research projects
Information from meeting with EC on 17 September 2004 (4/4)

- As far as security is concerned inside the IT part of FP6:
  - 5th call will not cover Security
  - “6th call”:
    - To be published early 2006
    - To commit any remaining FP6 funds before the end of 2006
    - Can cover anything
• In summary: opportunities to submit project proposals to EC in near future seem to have significant restrictions

• Still useful to brainstorm a bit about the question:
  “Which activities would the CSIRTs like to undertake that would benefit from EU funding?”
Possible topics

- **Tools interworking:**
  - RTIR
  - VEDEF
  - .......... ?

- **Education and knowledge transfer:**
  - Continue TRANSITS?
  - Certifying people (cf. CERT-CC)
  - In-depth training about special topics
  - Secondment of CSIRT staff at other CSIRTs
  - Other forms of assistance to starting CSIRTs?

- **Warning systems for the public**
  - Cf. Waarschuwingdienst of GOVCERT.NL; Belgian system

- **Awareness raising**
  - E.g. SURFnet’s campaign (www.laatjenietpakken.nl/html/uk/)
Ideas? Suggestions? Objections?