

Terms of Reference

Background

In 2011, significant changes were introduced to the structure of TF-CSIRT and its associated services – Trusted Introducer and TRANSITS. In the same year, TERENA (now GÉANT Association) moved towards a procurement process for the Trusted Introducer service in-line with financial threshold and competition requirements.

A background paper describing this work was prepared by a Working Group and is published on the GÉANT Association website

(<https://www.terena.org/activities/tf-csirt/publications/restructuring.pdf>).

The paper made a series of recommendations but also highlighted several areas that would need to be revisited at future points for the TF-CSIRT community.

The Trusted Introducer service is due to be re-procured in 2017. A review is proposed in 2015 to allow appropriate lead-times for any changes requested by the community.

Aim

The aim of the working group is to firstly make recommendations for future service and community requirements for the Trusted Introducer service and secondly to revalidate the changes introduced via the “Proposal for restructuring TF-CSIRT and the Trusted Introducer Service”.

A two-step approach will be undertaken. The first focus of work will be examine the breakdown of services currently provided by the Trusted Introducer service and provide recommendations for future changes. Based on the outcomes of this first stage, the model for service procurement and integration with the TF-CSIRT community will be reviewed.

Objectives

1. To review the complete set of services currently provided by Trusted Introducer against community requirements (Phase One).
2. To revalidate the changes introduced by the “Proposal for restructuring TF-CSIRT and the Trusted Introducer Service” and evaluate the success of the approach (Phase Two).
3. To evaluate the procurement model used for Trusted Introducer and investigate alternative options (Phase Two).

Duration

The Working Group will be established at the May 2015 meeting of TF-CSIRT and remain in place for one year. The work will be split in to two phases:

Phase One: May 2015 – December 2015. Trusted Introducer service review and future service requirements.

Phase Two: December 2015 – May 2016. Revalidation of TF-CSIRT Restructure Model and future procurement requirements.

Deliverables

Phase One: A set of recommendations will be produced by December 2015.

Phase Two: A review paper will be produced by May 2016.

Members

The Working Group will have up to eight members.

The Working Group will be formed of up to six members of the TF-CSIRT community and should represent a diverse range of member types and CSIRT types. The Committee will be chaired by a member of the TF-CSIRT Steering Committee the TF-CSIRT Secretary will be the Secretary for the Working Group and a member of the group.

Out of Scope

Whilst the relationship between TRANSITS and TF-CSIRT is in scope for this review, the current structure and organisation of TRANSITS training is out of scope.