

European Government CERTs Group (EGC)

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EGC is based on common interests

The European Government CERTs group was established in November 2001. European Government CERTs with similar constituencies and day-to-day problems, coupled with the need for trusted CERT partners at a government level, provided the essential motivation for establishing the group.

EGC strengthens the member organisations

The primary objective of EGC is to create added value for member organisations and their constituencies by developing efficient and effective cooperation between the teams with a focus on incident and vulnerability management. This involves:

- developing agreed measures to deal with large-scale or regional network security incidents,
- facilitating information sharing and technology exchange,
- sharing specialist knowledge and expertise,
- sharing standards and best practices,
- collaborative research and development on subjects of mutual interest.

EGC is an operational group

Primarily, EGC is an operational group with a technical focus. National policy is determined by other agencies within individual countries.

EGC is based on active participation

The success of EGC depends on trusted cooperation, communication and information sharing. It is facilitated by regular meetings between the various team representatives, the use of a closed group mailing list as well as video and telephone conference calls. Bilateral and multilateral activities on specific tasks or projects constitute other aspects of this multi-faceted cooperation.

To facilitate and support this trusted cooperation, a joint "Agreement on Scope" has been approved by all member organisations.

EGC is part of an international environment

Recognising the global aspects of vulnerability and incident management, EGC teams cooperate with other international CERT initiatives. For example, all EGC teams are members of FIRST and TF-CSIRT supporting their respective activities in Europe as well as globally. EGC teams participate in ENISA activities, particularly in relation to the formation of government CERTs in Europe, and contribute to ENISA deliverables.

EGC welcomes external contacts

EGC maintains a public web site: www.egc-group.org. The EGC chair person is appointed on a rotating basis and acts as a point of contact for the EGC-group. In addition, each EGC member can be contacted individually. Media contacts are handled by the individual member organisations.

Current EGC member teams

Finland	CERT-FI	http://www.ficora.fi/suomi/tietoturva/cert.htm
France	CERTA	http://www.certa.ssi.gouv.fr
Germany	CERT-BUND	http://www.bsi.bund.de/certbund/index.htm
Hungary	CERT-Hungary	http://www.cert-hungary.hu/
Netherlands	GOVCERT.NL	http://www.govcert.nl
Norway	NorCERT	http://www.cert.no
Spain	CCN-CERT	http://www.ccn-cert.cni.es/
Sweden	SITIC	http://www.sitic.se
United Kingdom	CSIRTUK	http://www.cpni.gov.uk
United Kingdom	GovCertUK	http://www.govcertuk.gov.uk