

THE SPANISH CYBER SECURITY INSTITUTE TRANSLATES INTO ENGLISH ITS FIRST STUDY ABOUT CYBER SECURITY

The Spanish Cyber Security Institute (SCSI) and The Spanish Association for the Development of Information Security, the ISMS Forum Spain, have translated into English its studio called *National Cyber Security, a commitment for everybody*, in order to disclose the status of the matter in Spain; **promoting the exchange of points of view and opinions** among experts from around the world.

This document was published a few months ago and now presents the English translation, conducted in collaboration with Juan Miguel Velasco, cyber security expert. The work develop an approach to concepts of cyber space and cyber security, to known risks and threats, to the existing management in Spain, and to **the need to develop a National Cyber Security System to promote the integration of all players and instruments involved**, both public and private, and to make good use of the opportunities presented by new technologies, as well as to address the challenges that they present.

The authors said that **the Government of Spain should assume leadership** regarding cyber security in order to make its citizens aware of the need for protecting our cyber space on which our basic services, critical infrastructure, economy and progress as a society depend. These are responsibilities that “cannot be delegated and which should result in providing the impetus, ideas and direction that Spain needs”.

The changes in the guiding framework in recent years, including the emergence of new risks and threats (cross-border threats, globalization and the emergence of non-state players, etc.) make it necessary to move towards a comprehensive security concept and a culture of prevention and resilience.

Another key aspect to keep in mind for the future National Security Strategy is the **identification of cyber space as the new dimension of the operating environment** alongside more traditional forms (ground, sea, air and outer space). Therefore, it will be necessary to provide our Armed Forces with the cyber capabilities and human, technical and economic resources necessary for their exercise and functions.

“The main objective of National Cyber Security is to provide a secure cyber space in order to ensure the social, cultural and economic prosperity of Spain and the freedoms of citizens through a culture of prevention and resilience involving, in an active and integrated way, all sectors of Spanish society”. “Spain, despite the great efforts that have been made, still does not have a solid capacity allowing the efficient administration, control and management of its cyber security”, argue the authors.

Nowadays, the European Commission is preparing The European Strategy for Cyber Security, which is due later this year, as announced in the last XI International Conference on

Information Security of ISMS Forum Spain Andrea Servida, Deputy Head of Unit, Information Society and Media Directorate General, European Commission.

In the Spanish context, last July, the Prime Minister signed the National Defence Directive, that includes “promoting a comprehensive management of cyber security, under the framework of the National Cyber Security Strategy, which is preparing. In this sense, the Spanish Security Strategy presented in 2011 takes into account the cyber threats, for first time.

Note for the editor:

The Spanish Association for the Advancement of Information Security, the ISMS Forum Spain, is a non-profit organization founded in January 2007 to promote the development, knowledge-sharing and culture of Information Security in Spain and to act for the benefit of the entire sector.

The ISMS Forum Spain has more than 100 associated companies and over 750 associated professionals. Therefore, the Association is already the largest active network of experts and organizations compromised with Information Security in Spain.

The ISMS Forum organizes its activity through different initiatives, that cover from a global or specialized perspective Information Security: The International Conferences, Data Privacy Institute, Cloud Security Alliance, the Protegetuinformacion.com portal, workshops about dealing with specific subjects, and formation. Besides, it manages the Certified Data Privacy Professional (CDPP) and the Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK), in Spanish for Spain and Latin America.

In 2012, The ISMS Forum has created The Spanish Cyber Security Institute (SCSI). Its mission is to conduct and publish studies, as well as to encourage debates and the exchange of ideas and knowledge, regarding the dependence that the socio-economic development of Spain has on Information and Communications Technology (ICT), and thus create a state of awareness of the need for cyber security in order to control and manage the risk status that this dependency generates.

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