



# National IT-Security Strategy - National Plan for Information Infrastructure Protection

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**Nationaler Plan**  
zum Schutz der  
Informationsinfrastrukturen 



- **Threat Situation**
- **New Orientation in IT-Security - General aspects**
- **National Plan**
  - **Prevention**
  - **Preparedness**
  - **Sustainability**
- **Implementation**
- **Selected Measures**



# The threat situation of information infrastructures

## ■ Threat quantity

- Annual multiplication of the number of vulnerabilities of IT products
- Annual multiplication of malicious software (7,300 new variants in the second half of 2004)
- Approx. 160.000 known viruses, worms, etc.

## ■ Threat quality

- **Impact of modern malware without user interaction:**
  - „fast“, highly evolved, target oriented and difficult to detect
- **trend towards unobtrusive spyware (Trojans) that**
  - is specifically programmed for espionage or
  - is rented out in the form of “botnets” for criminal purposes

## ■ Change of perpetrator skills

- **Organised crime instead of script kiddies**
- **Attackers become more professional and international**



# National Plan - Strategic Objectives

On 13 July 2005 the Federal Government adopted a comprehensive IT security strategy, i.e. the

## “National Plan for Information Infrastructure Protection”

This plan has **3 strategic objectives**:

- **Prevention:** Protecting information infrastructures adequately
- **Preparedness:** Responding effectively to IT security incidents
- **Sustainability:** Enhancing German competence in IT security/ Setting international standards

Addressees: **the Public Administration, critical infrastructures,  
private businesses, the general public**



This strategy is the key element of a **new orientation** towards IT security and can be seen as a **response** to the **threat situation** and the action the latter requires.

## Key tasks :

- Introduce the National Plan as a political “**umbrella strategy**”
- **Implementation** of the strategy in **implementation plans**
- Expansion and **re-definition** of the role of the **Federal Office for Information Security (BSI)** (2005/2006) and
- Establishment of the **Project Group “Communication and Security”** (PG KS) at the Federal Ministry of the Interior



# Strategic objective: Prevention

Reduce security risks associated with the use of information technology by

- disseminating **knowledge** about threats and **protection** possibilities
- clearly defining **responsibilities** for security, setting up a **security management**, and implementing **security measures**, and
- using **trustworthy** products and processes.



Prävention



# Strategic objective: Prevention

- #1 Raise **awareness** of risks related to IT use
- #2 Use of **safe** IT products and **secure** IT systems
- #3 Respect **confidentiality**
- #4 Putting **safeguards** in place
- #5 Creating **framework** conditions and **guidelines**
- #6 Coordinated security **strategies**
- #7 Shaping **policy** on national and international level



Prävention



# Strategic objective: Preparedness

Time is of the essence when responding to disruptions of information infrastructures.

Primary tasks include

- **collecting** and **analyzing** information,
- **warning** and **alerting** of those potentially affected, and
- taking measures to **contain the damage**.



**Reaktion**





# Strategic objective: Preparedness

#8 Identifying, registering and evaluating **incidents**

#9 **Informing, alerting** and **warning**

#10 **Responding** to IT security **incidents**





# Strategic objective: Sustainability

In addition to the political will and the commitment of all competent parties, to ensure long-term protection of national information infrastructures and to strengthen IT security, Germany needs

- technical expertise,
- **national** know-how,
- **trustworthy** IT services and IT security products.



**Nachhaltigkeit**



# Strategic objective: Sustainability

- #11 Promoting **trusted** and **reliable** information technologies
- #12 Enhancing **national** competence in IT security
- #13 IT security **competence** in **school** education and professional training
- #14 Promoting **research** and **development**
- #15 Expanding **international cooperation** and setting **standards**



Nachhaltigkeit



# National Plan – Implementation

## Nationaler Plan

zum Schutz der  
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## Nationaler Plan

Umsetzungsplan Bund 

- Develop measures jointly with other federal ministries
- Agree on standards for IT security in the federal administration

## Nationaler Plan

Umsetzungsplan KRITIS 

- Develop measures jointly with operators of critical infrastructures
- Ensure an equally high basic level of IT security
- Agree on an implementation approach for critical infrastructures



## Multi-Level Approach

### ■ Internal Measures

- Implementation Plan Bund
- “IT Crisis Response Centre”
- Early warning system

### ■ National Measures

- Implementation Plan Critical Infrastructures
- Public private partnerships
- CERT-Alliance

### ■ International Measures

- EGC - European Government CERT Group
- International Watch and Warning activities
- Bilateral co-operation



# Strategic objective: Preparedness

## Internal Measures

### ■ “IT Crisis Response Centre”

- **24/7 (8/7) availability**
- **Pool** of approx. 100 **specialists** throughout BSI
- compiling **daily reports**





### ■ National Early Warning System

- **Public Information** (Online Publications, News, Defacement Archives, Open Security Community, ...)
- **Non-public Information** (Governmental Institutions, IVBB, Bilateral / Multilateral Coop., Closed Security Community,...)
- **Technical Projects**
  - Internet Analysis System (IAS)
  - Early Warning in the German Internet (CarmentiS)
  - Botnets & Trojans
  - Honeynets, Honeypots & Malware Collector Systems
- **Non-Technical Considerations**
  - Public-Private-Partnerships (*especially Critical Infrastructures*)
  - Information Sharing & Co-operation (*IWWN; EGC; CERT-Alliance*)

## Bürger-CERT

**For ?** Citizens and Small Business Companies

**From ?** Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) and  
Mcert German Association für IT-Security  
sponsored by leading business-partners

such as:



**Why ?** Preventing clearing-up over the dangers and risks of the  
Internet use

**How ?** Understandable safety information

**How much ?** free

**Where ?** [www.buerger-cert.de](http://www.buerger-cert.de)



- CERT-Informationen
- summary once per week
- directly warning at high risk
- procedural instructions
- technical knowledge is helpfully

- edition of the newsletter
- al dangers with high risk
- ons for the protection of the PC
- cal knowledge necessary

Nutzerdaten

Ein Projekt von



Bundesamt  
für Sicherheit in der  
Informationstechnik

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Sicherheitslücken in...  
bewerten für Sie rund...  
Warnmeldungen und...  
Sicherheit in der Info...  
gehen wollen, abonni...  
kleine Unternehmen schnell und kompetent...  
ürlich kostenfrei und absolut neutral. Unsere...  
ge im Internet und verschicken bei konkreten...  
Das Bürger-CERT ist ein gemeinsames Proje...  
amtes für...  
tsche Gesellschaft für IT-Sicherheit. Wenn auch...  
immer Sicher

#### Aktuelle Sicherheitswarnungen

**17.02.2006**

Akute Gefährdung durch Schwachstellen in Windows Media Player:  
Das Bürger-CERT warnt Windows-Nutzern dringend, die bereitstehenden Sicherheitsupdates von Microsoft zu installieren.

▲ mehr

#### Technische Warnungen

**01.03.2006**

Schwachstelle in Netgear WGT624 Wireless Firewall Router: In einer Backup-Funktion des Netgear WGT624 Wireless Firewall Routers werden sensible Informationen im Klartext gespeichert.

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#### Newsletter "Sicher • Informiert"

**16.02.2006**

Der Newsletter informiert diese Woche über Wurm Bagle, der wieder aktiv ist. Außerdem mit dabei: Sicherheitslücken im Browser Firefox und Programmen von Adobe.

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#### Extraausgabe "Sicher • Informiert"

**17.02.2006**

Akute Gefährdung durch Schwachstellen in Windows Media Player: Wichtige Sicherheitsaktualisierungen

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Partner des Bürger-CERT



## CERT-Alliance

- First mention: december 2001 - Signing: 29. august 2002
- Private-Public-Partnership – approx. 40 members
- Signing members: CERT-Bund, DFN-CERT, IBM BCRS, S-CERT, Siemens-CERT und Telekom CERT
- “Tight cooperation”:
  - based on a signed Code of Conduct“
  - responsabilites, commitments
- „Loose cooperation“
  - based on an NDA
  - regular meetings: CERT-Workshop,
  - exchange opinions and experiences and contact informations,
  - develop common views and strategies



# Measures (Selection) i.e.:

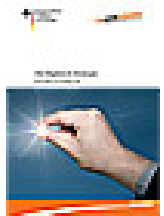
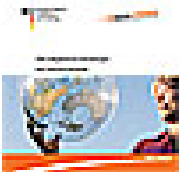
## #14 Promoting research and development

In 2006 the Federal Government adopted a national strategy  
the **“Hightech strategy”**

With 17 priorities for the future.

**IT-Security is part of the priorities:**

- **Safety and security technologies**
- **Information and communication technologies**





# Thank you for your attention!

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