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Software Vulnerabilities Disclosure: The European Landscape

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Software today is everywhere: in our smartphones, in our cars, in our offices and at home. However, software is very complex and the risks for the critical infrastructures related to software vulnerabilities are increasing dramatically.

The disclosure of information related to software vulnerabilities is becoming a multifaceted process characterized by: inconsistent vulnerability release practices, unbalanced incentives for software companies captured between improving security of their products and the needs to support national security, great legal uncertainty about the lawfulness of security research for vulnerabilities, lack of vendor maturity for vulnerability reporting and the dilemma for government agencies between disclose zero-days vulnerabilities or retain them for intelligence purposes.

The lack of codes of conduct for vulnerability research and disclosure is hampering the process of finding and fixing critical vulnerabilities. In Europe the debate on these issues is at the beginning and there is the need to bring together different stakeholders to assess and manage the challenges associated with the vulnerability disclosure process.

The purpose of this workshop is to promote this process through a discussion and the definition of proposals to improve the vulnerability disclosure landscape in Europe.

AGENDA

09.30 Registration and Coffee

10.00 Welcome: Karel Lannoo, CEO, CEPS

10.05 **Panel 1: Software Vulnerabilities disclosure: Technological, economic and policy issues**

Chair: Lorenzo Pupillo, CEPS

Aristotelis Tzafalias, Policy Officer, Cybersecurity & Digital Privacy DG Connect EC

Jan Neutze, Director of Cybersecurity Policy EMEA, Microsoft

Andriani Ferti, Associate Clifford Chance LLP

Lucie Krahulcova, EU Policy Associate Access Now

11:30 Panel 2: Software Vulnerability disclosure in Europe: Private & Public Practices

Chair: Rainer Koch, DT

Ignacio Sanchez, Joint Research Center, European Commission

Jeroen van der Ham , Coordinator Vulnerability Disclosure Policy NCSC of the Netherlands

Gianluca Varisco, Italian Digital Transformation Team

Philippe Cotellet, Head of Airbus Defence and Space Insurance Risk Management

Ilias Chantzios, Senior Director Government Affairs EMEA, Symantec

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Panel 3: Government initiatives to promote vulnerabilities disclosure: a transatlantic perspective

Chair: Jan Neutze, Microsoft

Michael Daniel, President Cyber Threat Alliance *

Allan Friedman, Director of Cybersecurity, US Department of Commerce *

Marietje Schaake, Member of European Parliament (Video)

Monika Kopcheva, Political Administrator, Council of the European Union

15:15 End of the Conference, coffee and networking

*Remote connection