

Cyber Attacks against Information Systems



Division of tasks

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- The UK takes the issue of cyber crime, and broader threats from cyberspace very seriously. It is a top Government priority, which we are addressing under the National Cyber Security Programme.
- The UK approach is that we all – the public, business and Government - benefit from cyberspace and the services it supports. We therefore have a responsibility to work together to prevent, detect and disrupt crime in cyberspace.
- This applies internationally. Cyberspace is an international benefit, and cyber crime an international problem, and all countries should work together to tackle it.

- Provision of the right legislative response to cyber crime is a matter for Member States. This includes:
 - Appropriate legislation to allow cyber crime to be tackled
 - Defined offences and flexibility to use nationally and to support external requests for support
 - Law enforcement procedures to gather evidence
- Trained law enforcement response
- Education / awareness of the public to prevent crime
- Promotion of partnerships between business, Government and civil society
- Promotion of international cooperation through the Budapest Convention

- The UK has opted into the negotiations on the Commission's proposed Directive
- The UK supports the text of the Directive as agreed at the JHA Council in June,
- We believe that the key role for the EU is coordination rather than legislation, and that the EU should focus on:
 - Coordination of the law enforcement response through the cyber crime centre
 - Support for public education –following on from and widening the Safer Internet work
 - Support cross-EU approaches to business such as the European Public Private Partnership for Resilience
 - Support approaches to NGOs to assist tackling cyber crime, such as ICANN
 - Close working with international partners, as done by the EU-US
 - Promotion of the Budapest Convention to all Member States

- The UK strongly supports international work to tackle cyber crime
- We will work with other Member States, with the European institutions and with other countries to tackle this problem.
- We will share our experience and learning with other countries, and support the international effort to tackle these crimes