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Information Security Forum and CC-DRIVER Release Report on Combating Cybercriminality: Understanding Human and Technical Drivers

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The Information Security Forum (<u>ISF</u>), the foremost independent cybersecurity membership association, in conjunction with <u>CC-DRIVER</u>, a consortium of 13 partner organisations, today announced the release of a report detailing new methods to prevent, investigate and mitigate cybercriminal behaviour.

The "Review and gap analysis of cybersecurity legislation and cybercriminality policies in eight countries" report is downloadable at https://www.ccdriver-h2020.com/deliverables.

"Laws are only one aspect in the fight against cybercrime; its insidious problem on society and business, its prevention and mitigation are a shared responsibility for everyone -- as is protecting essential services and the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens," said Steve Durbin, ISF Chief Executive.

The report lays out a framework of five interrelated elements deemed critical to tackling cybercrime and bolstering cybersecurity capabilities. These involve Strategy and Legislation, Engagement, Enforcement, and Assessment through which policymakers, legislators and law enforcement agencies can gain a holistic view to better grasp the dynamics behind cybercrime.

"No single element of the report's framework can be held responsible for improving the state of cybersecurity and reducing cybercriminal activity. Critical interdependencies between each element must be considered when making decisions. A risk-based, pragmatic approach to managing cybersecurity and cybercrime should provide a mechanism to make regular evidence-based revisions to each element," said ISF analyst Aman Behl, one of the lead authors of the report.

Funded by a €5 million EU Horizon 2020 research programme, the report is compliant with the European Commission's ethical, legal and security requirements. The scope for this report was to:

- Conduct a policy review of cybersecurity policies in eight member states.
- Conduct a gap analysis of existing policies with a view to identify commonalities and differences and make recommendations based on findings.

The full report and a corresponding policy brief summarising the high-level findings are now available on the CC-DRIVER website: https://www.ccdriver-h2020.com/deliverables and https://www.ccdriver-h2020.com/policy-briefs.

About CC-DRIVER

The project is co-ordinated by David Wright, Trilateral Research (UK). Other consortium partners include F-Secure (Finland), FORTH (Greece), Simavi (Romania), the Valencia Local Police (Spain), Policia Judiciária (Portugal), the School of Criminal Science at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), KEMEA (Greece), the Department of Policing at the University of Applied Sciences for Public Service in Bavaria (Germany), the University of East London (UK), the Information Security Forum (UK), PrivaNova (France) and the Hellenic Police (Greece). More information can be found at https://www.ccdriver-h2020.com/.

About the Information Security Forum

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