

MINISTERSTVO VNITRA  
ČESKÉ REPUBLIKY



# MEMORANDUM

## ON COMPUTER SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

### OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

#### **Czech Republic - Ministry of the Interior**

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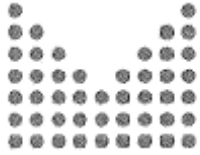
#### **CZ.NIC, z.s.p.o.**

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(“CZ.NIC Association”)

#### **WHEREAS**

- A. The Ministry is a central state administrative body for the area of public administration information systems and a coordinator for information and communication technologies;
- B. The CZ.NIC Association is an interest association of legal entities associating significant legal entities operating in the Czech Republic in the area of domain names and on the electronic communications market which operates the top-level domestic domain .cz (ccTLD .cz) and is engaged in the area of internet security and computer security;
- C. The internet and data networks are an essential component of the State’s critical infrastructure and their safety is important both for the activity of the public administration and for private legal entities;
- D. The activity of the former workplace of the national CSIRT team implemented within CESNET, z.s.p.o. is coming to an end and the CZ.NIC Association and CESNET,



z.s.p.o. have agreed that the CZ.NIC Association will take over the agenda of that workplace;

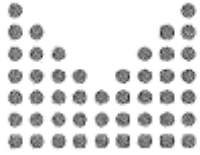
the Parties conclude, on the day, month, and year stated below, this Memorandum.

## **I. NATIONAL CSIRT TEAM OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

1. The Ministry and the CZ.NIC Association agree that the CZ.NIC Association will take over the agenda of the national “Computer Security Incident Response Team” of the Czech Republic (hereinafter “**CSIRT.CZ**”) and will further build up and develop its agenda.
2. As a national team, CSIRT.CZ will take part in resolving incidents related to cybernetic security in the networks operated in the Czech Republic (incident response). In resolving incidents, CSIRT.CZ will provide coordination and assistance but no physical support and such assistance will not be provided directly to end users. CSIRT.CZ will collect and evaluate data on reported incidents and pass those reported incidents to the persons responsible for the operation of the network/service where the incident has occurred, according to the gravity of the incident.
3. CSIRT.CZ will also fulfil the role of the national PoC (Point of Contact) in the field of information technology, and will be the centre for education and spreading knowledge about cybernetic security, will provide for cooperation on both a national and an international level and the exchange of experience and information, and will assist in establishing the CERT/CSIRT teams in networks operated in the Czech Republic and help them establish cooperation with the world’s security platforms. The exchange of information, both on a national and international level, between CSIRT.CZ and other CERT/CSIRT teams will take place according to the sensitivity and gravity of the situation in accordance with applicable legal regulations and practice to prevent unauthorised use thereof.
4. In its activity, CSIRT.CZ will cooperate closely with the public administration’s CSIRT Team, whose competences will cover incidents relating to cybernetic security in the networks of the public administration of the Czech Republic (hereinafter the “Governmental CSIRT”). Until the establishment of the Governmental CSIRT, but not later than until 30 June 2012, the CZ.NIC Association will fulfil the function of the PoC (Point of Contact) for public networks and for the networks of the public administration of the Czech Republic.
5. The activity of CSIRT.CZ will be realised in accordance with operating documents issued by the CZ.NIC Association on the basis of the consideration of their proposals with the Ministry and upon possible consultations of their proposals with the professional public (hereinafter the “Operating Documents”).

## **II. CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT OF CSIRT.CZ**

1. The activity of CSIRT.CZ will be managed in accordance with the Operating Documents.



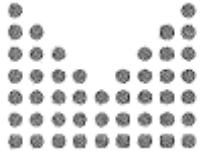
2. In order to ensure effective conceptual management of CSIRT.CZ, one or multiple bodies may be established, the members of which may also include, in addition to employees of the CZ.NIC Association (or CSIRT.CZ) and of the Ministry (or Governmental CSIRT), other persons from amongst the professional public and representatives of the academic sphere or non-profit organisations.

### **III. FINANCING OF THE OPERATION OF CSIRT.CZ**

1. The expenses incidental to the operation of CSIRT.CZ will be borne by the CZ.NIC Association.
2. The Ministry will not participate in the financing of CSIRT.CZ. However, the possibility of obtaining a grant for the operation of CSIRT.CZ, should such a grant be announced and should the CZ.NIC Association meet the requirements for the awarding thereof, will not be excluded thereby.
3. The Ministry will support the CZ.NIC Association if there is an option to obtain or support financing of CSIRT.CZ from the funds of the European Union or international organisations.

### **IV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CZ.NIC ASSOCIATION**

1. The CZ.NIC Association declares that it has sufficient technical resources and the staffing necessary to ensure the smooth operation of CSIRT.CZ both in the Czech Republic and, for the purposes of cooperation and coordination, on an international level.
2. Not later than on 1 January 2011, the CZ.NIC Association will begin to take over the operation of the former model workplace of the national CSIRT operated by the association CESNET, z.s.p.o. and, within five months of the date of execution of this Memorandum, will begin full technical operation of CSIRT.CZ, provided that the association CESNET, z.s.p.o. promptly begins to hand over the agenda of this workplace to the CZ.NIC Association. If the association CESNET, z.s.p.o. begins to hand over the agenda, the CZ.NIC Association will ensure the functionality of CSIRT.CZ during the handover period at the same level as that currently provided by the association CESNET, z.s.p.o. Subsequently, the CZ.NIC Association will ensure the full functionality of CSIRT.CZ within the scope specified in this Memorandum, including all necessary accreditations, not later than within twelve months of the commencement of its technical operation.
3. If, during the resolution of any of the incidents involving CSIRT.CZ, a situation occurs that has or may have a significant security impact on the public administration networks (information about a controlled attack, etc.), the CZ.NIC Association is obliged to promptly pass such information to the Governmental CSIRT or, if it is not yet operable, to the Cybernetic and Information Security Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic or possibly to bodies that are well proven and currently used by the association CESNET, z.s.p.o. according to the escalation procedures. Such communication and subsequent resolution of incidents will be defined in detail in the Operating Documents.



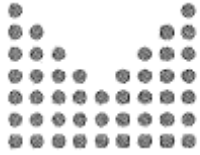
4. The CZ.NIC Association is obliged to follow the instructions of the Ministry or Governmental CSIRT if such cooperation is required by circumstances that have a significant impact on the cybernetic security of the Czech Republic. It is also obliged, upon the Ministry's request, to participate in international exercises or possibly in other activities relating to the operation of CSIRT.CZ.
5. The CZ.NIC Association is obliged to publish regular reports, at least once a year, on the activity of CSIRT.CZ. Prior to the publication of the report, the CZ.NIC Association will submit the report to the Ministry for comments.

## **V. SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY**

1. The Ministry will resolve the status of the CSIRT-type workplaces within the public administration in the Czech legal regulations. The Ministry will further support the incorporation of CSIRT.CZ into international structures, in particular by confirming the status of CSIRT.CZ as the national CSIRT team.
2. The Ministry will comment on the Operating Documents of CSIRT.CZ and activity report of CSIRT.CZ submitted by the CZ.NIC Association.
3. The Ministry is entitled to request that the performance of the activity of CSIRT.CZ be audited. In such a case, the CZ.NIC Association will carry out the audit and inform the Ministry about the results thereof.
4. The Ministry evaluates information received from CSIRT.CZ if CSIRT.CZ suspects that an incident that has been resolved could affect the systems of the State or the public administration, respectively.
5. The Ministry coordinates the activity of CSIRT.CZ and the Governmental CSIRT.
6. The Ministry agrees to use its powers within the crisis management system (Act No. 240/2000 Coll.) to enable the CZ.NIC Association duly to operate CSIRT.CZ in accordance with this Memorandum.

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Each Party is entitled to terminate this Memorandum in the event of a change in the circumstances of the mutual cooperation as described herein with which a Party disagrees. In such case, the Parties are obliged to adopt such necessary measures in their mutual cooperation that the agenda of CSIRT.CZ could be handed over to a new operator without undue delay.
2. The Parties agree to inform each other of their attitudes to matters relating to their activity under this Memorandum and to consult each other about problems that may arise. For this purpose, each Party will designate a person representing a point of contact for the other Party.



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3. The Parties will work together on the preparation and publication of a joint press release with a view to ensuring positive media coverage of their cooperation. The Parties are entitled to publish the full text of the Memorandum.
4. Both Parties agree that each of the Parties will cover its own costs incidental to the realisation of the objectives specified in the Memorandum.
5. By signing this Memorandum, the Parties do not intend to create any mutual legal obligation other than that following from their mutual declaration on the manner of cooperation in the areas specified herein.

Czech Republic - Ministry of the Interior

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Date: 9 December 2010

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