



CYBERWELLNESS PROFILE

CYPRUS



BACKGROUND

Total Population: 1 129 000

(data source: [United Nations Statistics Division](#), December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 65.45%

(data source: [ITU Statistics](#), December 2013)

1. CYBERSECURITY

1.1 LEGAL MEASURES

1.1.1 CRIMINAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on cybercrime has been enacted through the following instrument:

- Law Ratifying the Cybercrime Convention of 2001 (22(III)/2004).

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Specific legislation and regulation related to cybersecurity has been enacted through the following instruments:

- Processing of Personal Data Law
- Electronic Commerce Law (156(I)/2004)
- Law for the Protection of Confidentiality of Private Communications
- [Law Regulating Electronic Communications and Postal Services of 2004](#)
- Legal Framework for Electronic Signatures and for Relevant Matters Law.

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT

Cyprus has an officially recognized research and education CSIRT known as [Cyprus Research & Academic Network](#). ITU conducted a CIRT readiness assessment for Cyprus in 2014.

1.2.2 STANDARDS

Cyprus does not have an officially recognized national or sector specific cybersecurity framework for implementing internationally recognized standard.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION

There is no cybersecurity framework for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals in Cyprus.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY

Cyprus has officially recognised the [Cyprus Cybersecurity Strategy Document](#) as its national cybersecurity strategy.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE

There is no national governance roadmap for cybersecurity in Cyprus.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

The Ministry of Communications & Works and the Office of the Commissioner of Electronic Communications and Postal Regulation ([OCECPR](#)) are responsible for cybersecurity coordination in Cyprus.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING

There is no benchmarking or referential to measure cybersecurity development in Cyprus.

1.4 CAPACITY BUILDING

1.4.1 STANDARDISATION DEVELOPMENT

There is no officially recognized national or sector-specific program or project for the research and development of cybersecurity standards, best practices and guidelines in Cyprus.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

[SafenetCY](#) and [Simssafety](#) are the projects that promote the safe use of Internet in Cyprus.

1.4.3 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Cyprus does not have the exact number of public sector professionals certified under internationally recognized certification programs in cybersecurity.

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION

Cyprus does not have any certified government and public sector agencies certified under internationally recognized standards in cybersecurity.

1.5 COOPERATION

1.5.1 INTRA-STATE COOPERATION

There is no information of any framework for sharing cybersecurity assets across borders with other nation states.

1.5.2 INTRA-AGENCY COOPERATION

Cyprus does not have any officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public sector.

1.5.3 PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

[CyberEthics](#) is the officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public and private sector.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Cyprus is a member of the [ITU-IMPACT](#) initiative and has access to relevant cybersecurity services. Cyprus also participates in activities of the [ENISA](#).

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on child online protection has been enacted through the following instrument:

- [Law for Combating Trafficking, Exploitation of Human Beings and for the Protection of Victim](#).

2.2 UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL

Cyprus has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), to the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

Cyprus has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, to the [Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography](#).

2.3 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

[The Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus*](#) develops [support material*](#) for the integration of ICTs in the learning process.

2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM

Complaints can be addressed to the Cyprian [Police](#) on the number 1460. [CyberEthics \(*\)](#) website, sponsored by the Safer Internet Program of the European Union, provides a form to submit complaints as well as the number 26 67 47 47. CyberEthics is a project of [The Cyprus Safer Internet Center](#).

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