Technical information

Monaco Cyber Security Agency (AMSN)

Established by a Sovereign Ordinance dated 23 December 2015, the Monaco Cyber Security Agency is the national authority responsible for the security of information systems. It is a Computer Emergency Response Centre for information security concerns and cyber-attacks supporting the government and critical infrastructure operators.

The Agency has the following remit:

- ✓ To be a Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT);
- ✓ To prevent, detect and respond to attacks;
- ✓ To lead and coordinate the response to crisis situations;
- ✓ To represent the Principality within international cyber security bodies and in dealings with other CERTs;
- ✓ To raise awareness and encourage public services and critical infrastructure operators to pay attention to security requirements;
- ✓ To monitor the level of security of public services and critical infrastructure operators;
- ✓ To evaluate and certify the security of information technology products and systems;
- ✓ To validate trusted products and service providers

Like all countries, the Principality is a potential target due to its image and the positions it takes on the international stage, as well as the economic trade it generates. The most common cyber attacks fall into one of the following four categories: cyber criminality, damage to reputation, espionage and sabotage.

The Monaco Cyber Security Agency is led by Rear Admiral Dominique Riban, an engineer who graduated from the École Navale naval academy and SupTélécom Paris. He was the Deputy Director General of the French cyber security agency, the Agence Nationale de la Sécurité des Systèmes d'Information (ANSSI), from 1 July 2012 to 4 July 2016 before becoming Director of the Monaco Cyber Security Agency.

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