



Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration

## Trust by Demonstration ... in a coordinated way

Security Coordination Communications Challenges – all in it together

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# Many communities test, test, and test again

TI Reaction Test [TI-XI #107402165633] - Mozilla Thunderbird

File Edit View Go Message Enigmail Tools Help

Get Messages Write Chat Address Book Tag

Enigmail Good signature from Trusted Introducer

From ti@trusted-introducer.org ☆

Subject TI Reaction Test [TI-XI #107402165633]

To security@nikhef.nl ★

Dear TI Colleagues,

please take a short moment by clicking on the URL below please contact someone that is representative(s).

The time of your teams reaction member associated with the teams reaction will be recorded.

Please visit the following <https://up.trusted-introducer.org/>

Best regards,  
the Trusted Introducer

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[EGI #16469] Site Security Contact Communication Challenge

File Edit View Go Message Enigmail Tools Help

Get Messages Write Chat Address Book Tag

From [redacted] via RT <csirt@rt.egi.eu> ★

Subject [EGI #16469] Site Security Contact Communication Challenge

To security@nikhef.nl ★

Dear security contact for \*\* NIKHEF-ELPROD \*\*, please contact someone that is representative(s).

=== Why you have received this message ===

To verify the security contact data set in the GOC-DB, please contact someone that is representative(s).

=== What action is required ===

Confirm that this contact is still correct by visiting the following <https://csirt-challenge.egi.eu/2020S-fe775a375/>

No further action is required except for the above.

=== Additional information ===

The EGI Security Incident Response Procedure requires sites to respond to requests from EGI CSIRT within 4 hours during an incident. For this reason it is essential that the contact information in GOC-DB is kept up to date and remains valid. Challenge emails such as this are used occasionally to test this validity.

More information and links to the procedure are available here - [https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI\\_CSIRT:Incident\\_reporting](https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI_CSIRT:Incident_reporting)

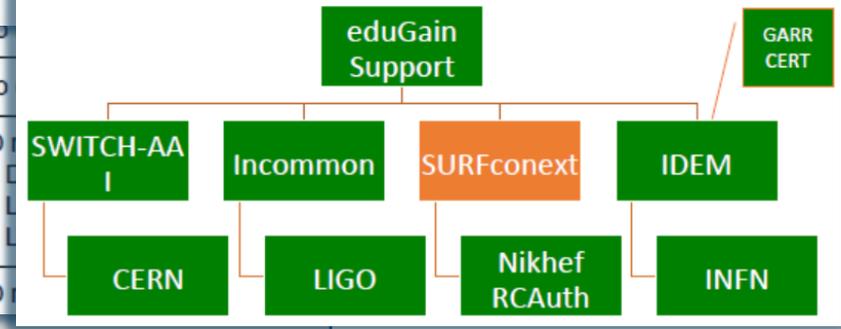
Thank you

- +1 bot at Site 20
- +1 bot at Site 21
- +1 bot at Site 22
- +1 bot at Site 33
- 2 bots at Site 1
- 2 bots at Site 3
- 2 bots at Site 4
- 1 bot at Site 5
- 1 bot at Site 7
- 1 bot at Site 10
- 1 bot at Site 12

### Timeline

Day	Time (CEST)	Event
Monday	11:00	
	11:54	Zenodo
	15:00	Zenodo
	15:44	ORCID
	15:56	ORCID

One **Service Provider** discovers a **compromised user** and alerts the **Identity Provider** of this user. Additional affected **services** are identified and should be able to see activity by the Identity in their logs.



## Frequency of challenges and tests - examples

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### Trusted Introducer and TF-CSIRT

- 2-3 Reaction Tests per year
- supported by web click infrastructure, but requires (team) authentication

### SURFcert challenges

- annual response challenges, just reply to email to a (traceable) ticket

### IGTF RAT Communications Challenges

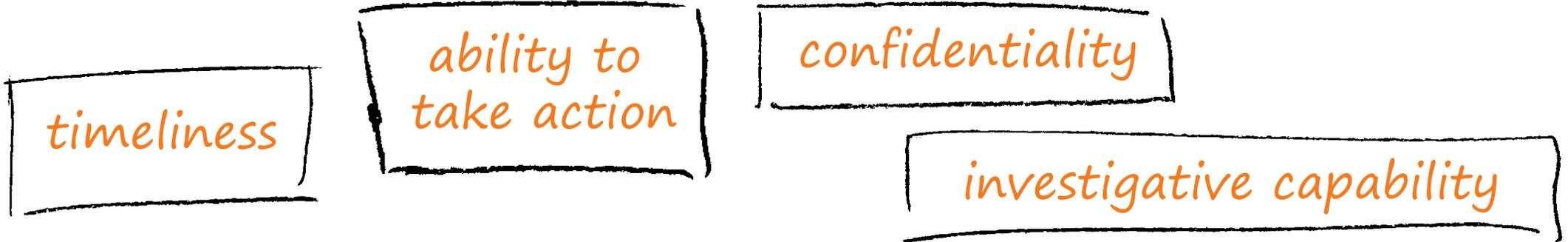
- every 1-2 years, in parallel with continuous operational monitoring

### EGI CSIRT Security Service Challenges

- every ~2 years, aiming at remediation, forensics, and response to real-life (botnet) incidents

## Challenge elements – what is valued or expected might differ ...

A single test and challenge can answer one **or more** of these questions

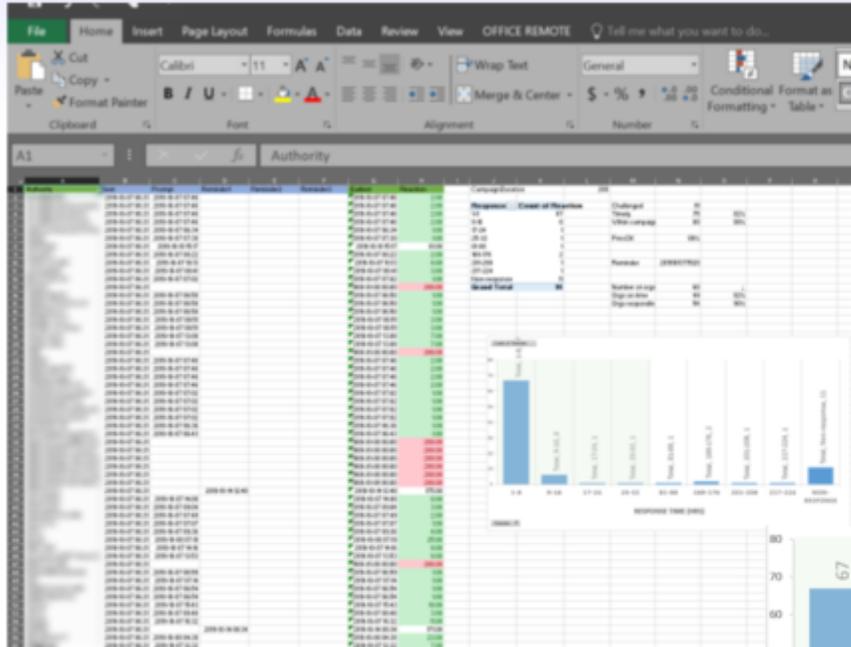


- when data available: infrastructure can set its *own level* of expectancy and gives *deep trust*
- assessment supported with community controls (suspension) gives a *baseline compliance*

### **Communications challenges build ‘confidence’ and trust – an important social aspect!**

- different tests bring complementary results: responsiveness vs. ability act , or do forensics
- unless you run the test yourself, you may not be growing more trust in the entities tested
- for a ‘warm and fuzzy feeling of trust’, share results: but this is sociologically still challenging ...

# IGTF RATCC4 Results

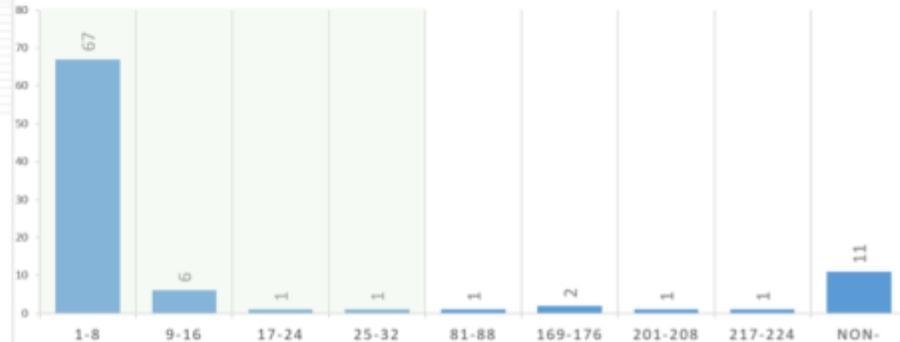


In total there are 91 trust anchors (root, intermediate, and issuing authorities) currently in the accredited bundle, managed by 60 organisations.

Of the 60 organisations, 49 responded within one working day (82%), representing (incidentally) also 82% of the trust anchors.

Within a few days more, 3 additional ones came in, and 4 more responded after a reminder.

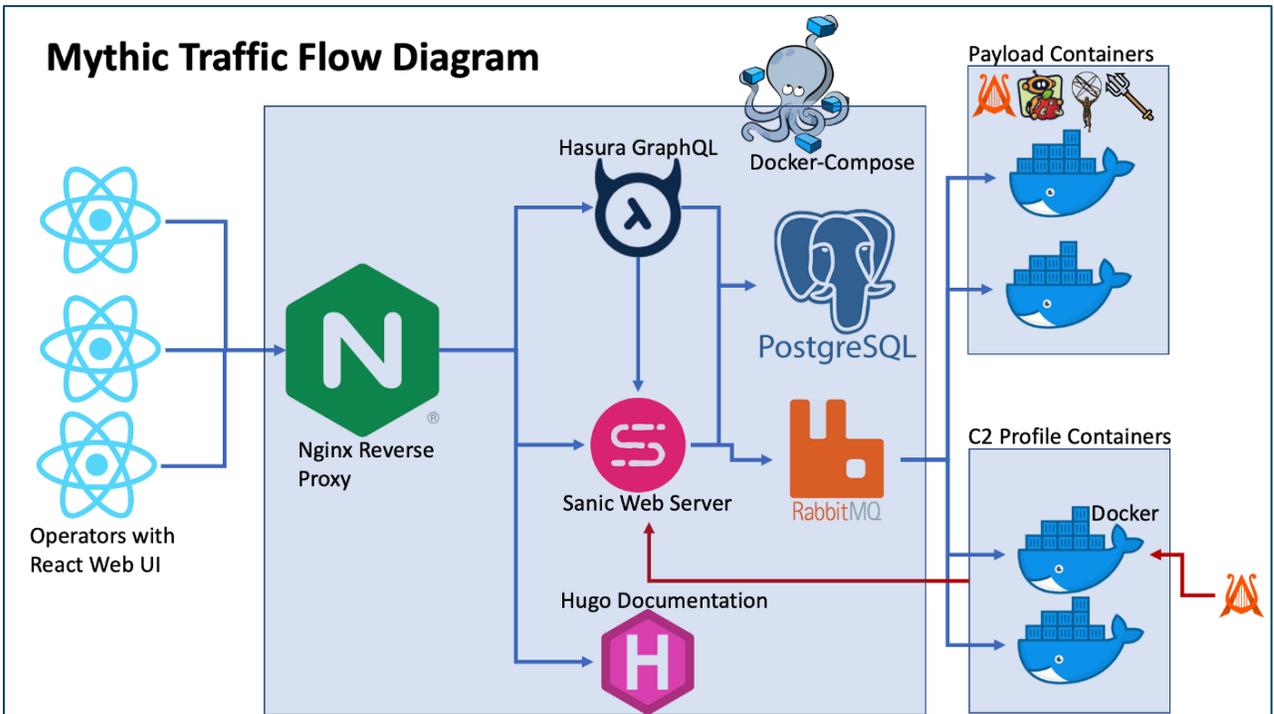
In total, 90% of the organisations responded to the challenge, representing 88% of the trust anchors.



**PS: of the non-response organisations, 4 had their public contact meta-data fixed, and 2 were withdrawn from the distribution**

# Upcoming EGI SSC challenge ... simplified (with the Mythic C2)

- Many RedTeaming tools are now standard (like Mythic C2)
- containerisation aids in getting the payloads working across a heterogeneous infrastructure *previous exercises ran into problems with the encrypted binaries and process hiding techniques*
- integration with the operational submission systems remain
- as well as monitoring and report-out



# WISE SCCC-WG – participate!

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responses by all parties involved. M  
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and level of confidentiality maintai  
verified becomes stale: security co  
infrastructure may later bounce, or

One of the ways to ensure contact  
compare their performance agains

[Dashboard](#) / ... / [SCCC-JWG](#)

## Communications Challenge planning

Created by David Groep, last modified on Oct 12, 2019

Body	Last challenge	Campaign name	Next challenge	Campaign
IGTF	November 2015		October 2019	IGTF-RATCC
EGI	March 2019	SSC 19.03 (8)		
Trusted Introducer	August 2019	TI Reaction Test	January 2019	TI Reaction

### Campaign information

Campaigns can target different constituencies and may overlap. The description of the constituency given here should be sufficient for a h  
detailed description or a list of addresses (which would be a privacy concern since this page is public). Challenges can also probe to differe  
bounced to testing if the communication contacted people, custom messages for analysis and response effectiveness with I.E. The success level

### IGTF-RATCC4-2019

Campaign	IGTF-RATCC4-2019
Period	October 2019
Initiator contact	Interoperable Global Trust Federation IGTF (rat@igtf.net)
Target community	IGTF Accredited Identity Providers
Target type	own constituency of accredited authorities
Target community size	~90 entities, ~60 organisations, ~50 countries/economic areas
Challenge format and depth	email to registered public contacts expecting human response (by email reply) within policy timeframe
Current phase	Completed, summary available
Summary or report	<i>Preliminary result: 82% prompt (1 working day) response, follow-up ongoing</i>

WISE, SIGISM, REFEDS, TI joint working group  
*see wise-community.org and join!*

<https://wiki.geant.org/display/WISE/SCCC-JWG>

# Thank you

## Any Questions?

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# The SCCC Working Group – a joint effort of many

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## Coordination of ‘CCs recipient groups’ among participating infrastructures

- ensure targets are not overloaded by coinciding or overlapping challenges, for example by designating lead agency

## Transitivity of trust based on challenge frequency and results

- for example by specifying the level of disclosure detail for CCs
- as extension: could CCs be requested e.g. in response to changed risk assessments between infrastructures?

## Definition of CC models and classification

- ‘depth’ of the CC testing is a balance between the level of trust gained (more profound testing and good results gives more trust) and expediency (asking mail or click response consumes less resources than requesting forensics of simulated incident)

## Frequency of CCs

- simple communications challenges are often performed one or several times per year
- complex challenges are less frequent (e.g. ‘black-box traceability’ trials in EGI take place once every 1-2 years)
- following a CC model classification, propose an appropriate frequency for each class