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## The Economic Impacts of Cyber Crime

**Newsletter: First-year highlights and project collaborations**

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The E-CRIME project completed its first year at the end of March, with the annual EC Project Review Meeting held last month in Brussels. The feedback from the reviewers was incredibly positive with the importance of research into the economic impact of cyber crime being readily acknowledged.

From our perspective there have been a number of research highlights that have arisen during this initial year. These include the following:

- Completion of a report assessing existing cyber crime technologies and good practices.
- Completion of a report on cyber crime counter-measures including enforcement responses by law enforcement and policy recommendations.
- Developing criminal journey maps that set out the steps cyber attackers must pass through when undertaking cyber crimes. This allows the identification of pinch-points where defenders can target their responses and thereby maximise their impact.

All research documents related to these activities are available online via the E-CRIME website. .

Finally, the effective tackling of cyber crime requires governments, companies and researcher combine their efforts. As such we will actively seek to form closer ties with other EU projects engaged in complementary research activities. Examples of such projects include the following:

*EKSISTENZ* (<http://eksistenz.eu/>) which is focussing on the related topic of identity theft. The mission of EKSISTENZ is to deliver a set of innovative and interoperable tools, procedures, methods and processes that will tackle identity theft in the EU.

*CAMINO* (<http://www.fp7-camino.eu/>) the major goal of this project is to provide a realistic roadmap for improving resilience against cybercrime and cyber terrorism.

*COuRAGE* (<https://www.courage-project.eu/>) the purpose of COuRAGE is to significantly improve the security of citizens and critical infrastructures and support crime investigators.

Top level European experts from several scientific domains and different industrial sectors are investigating the economic impacts of cyber crime in Europe

The key objectives of **E-CRIME** are:

1. To measure the economic impact of cyber crime on non-ICT sectors
2. To analyse the criminal structures and economies behind such crimes
3. To develop concrete measures to deter such crimes

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