Procure Secure: ENISA Virtual group on security in procurement

ENISA is producing guidelines on how to build security requirements into cloud and ICT service contracts (often via a Service Level Agreement) and how to optimise information security through contract and SLA clauses. We are also looking at on-going management of an outsourcing arrangement – in particular how to verify that contractual agreements and SLAs are honoured. The first stage of this has been a survey to determine organisations are currently doing to build security requirements into their outsourcing relationships.

Following the survey on Security Parameters in Cloud SLA's, we will be collecting input to this process via an expert group. Using this group, we will collect recommendations for security good-practices for contracts and SLAs and their on-going maintenance. We will focus on the level of security and resilience actually delivered, rather than on how it is delivered (firewalls, load-balancers, access control lists, etc).

Group participation

Input will be via approximately 5 x 1 hour teleconferences held bi-weekly during November and December. Depending on progress, we may arrange one optional face to face meeting in January.

Acknowledgements

All contributors will be acknowledged in the final report, on an opt-in basis. Group members will receive a review draft 2 weeks before any final publication is issued and inclusion in the contributors' list will be on an opt-in basis only.

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Communication mechanisms

Communication will be via mailing list, telephone conferences organised by ENISA and online collaboration platforms (e.g. wiki, Google docs etc...).