



CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EU RESILIENCE TOWARDS CYBER THREATS

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Dear colleague,

Over the last decades, cybercrime has become one of the most dynamic and fastest growing areas of crime. In this context, the **EU Security Union Strategy for 2020-2025** has highlighted cybercrime as a top priority for the European Union and its Member States. Previous studies have investigated factors for reporting or non-reporting cyber offences among businesses. However, to date there is still lack of knowledge on what makes businesses more likely to inform (or not inform) LEAs of cyber threats or cyber incidents.

The **Cybercrime Victimisation Barometer (CYBBAR)** project aims at improving the understanding of contemporary cyber threats and enhancing the cooperation between LEAs and private partners with regard to investigations and reporting.

EU'S CYBER INCIDENT REPORTING MECHANISM

DOES NOT WORK,

ENISA CHIEF WARNS

What to expect from us

At this outset, **CYBBAR** aims to contribute to the development of overall resilience of EU society towards contemporary cyber threats, specifically threats posed by cyber criminality in all its forms.

The main results of **CYBBAR** will be:

- 3 Country Reports on business cyber victimisation
- A Business Cyber Victimisation Survey
- A conceptual tool for digital reporting of cyber incidents.



Over the past months, **CYBBAR** has conducted scoping interviews with law enforcement experts and Cyber Incidents Response Teams and it is now ready to pilot the Business Cyber Victimisation Survey in **Bulgaria, the Netherlands, and Spain**. The three Member States cover different geographical locations, vary in their cybersecurity framework, and have different business landscapes and levels of digitalisation. This will allow to transfer the insights gained from the three countries to other EU Member States to eventually develop an EU-level standardised business survey on cybercrime.

Together with the survey, **CYBBAR** will conceptualise a digital reporting tool which will be designed based on the assessment of reporting mechanisms in place in the three target countries. The tool will take into account the needs of LEAs and the factors leading to underreporting of cybercrime against businesses.

Updates

- The **3 Country Profiles** on cyber threats and cybersecurity attacks have been published! The Country Profiles of [Bulgaria](#), [The Netherlands](#), and [Spain](#) as well as the [Integrated Report](#) are now available @<https://cybbar.eu>
- On 16th September 2022, the Consortium held a mid-term Project Steering Committee meeting in Sofia to discuss about project management and plan the activities of the next year.
- The **CYBBAR** Team presented the preliminary research findings and exchanged knowledge on cybercrime at the 22nd Annual Conference of the **European Society of Criminology** ([Eurocrim 2022](#)), held in Malaga between 21st-24th September. This year, the conference brought together more than 1,800 scholars and practitioners from around the world.
- **CYBBAR** held a [Consultation Workshop](#) with academics in Rotterdam on 6th October 2022. During the workshop, the experts discussed and actively contributed to the refinement of the **CYBBAR** Survey.
- The **CYBBAR Business Victimisation Survey on Cybercrime** has been finalised and will be disseminated soon.

Expect the next issue of this newsletter in October 2023. The next issue will feature our final results and the main project outcomes.



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