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CYBER-EXE GEORGIA 2014 – CYBER EXERCISE FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS



Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia with a support from the Prime-Minister’s advisory unit – State Security and Crisis Management Council, for the first time in Georgia held Cyber Exercise/Contest CYBER-EXE Georgia 2014 at ExpoGeorgia exhibition and convention Center.

The aim of the event is to prepare IT specialist representing public and private organizations for cyber security crisis situations and to establish forms of cooperation between them.

“Cyber Security is one of the main challenges of the 21st century. Raising country’s cyber security level is treated as one of the major priorities by Georgian government. Data Exchange Agency has accomplished and is currently developing number of important projects in this direction. For keeping cyber security level at its highest point, it is essential for public and private organizations to employ well-trained personal with relative experience and skills. With this perspective, CYBER-EXE Georgia 2014 is a very important event enabling participants to experience real-modeled cyber security incidents and overcome potential threats.” – commented **Alexandre Burchuladze**, Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia.

The above mentioned exercise is intended to have a form of contest, which involves participants pooled in several teams (Continued on P. 2).



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This practice is common in the world and called "Red and Blue Team" exercises. During the process, the teams are challenging each other in various cyber-attack scenarios.

"We at Data Exchange Agency and its subsidiary unit CERT.GOV.GE (Computer Emergency Response Team – Georgia's National CERT) are delighted that we were able to organize an event of this scale, which were greatly supported by the EU Delegation to Georgia and Cyber Security Fund of Poland. I would also like to pay special tribute to the representatives of Prime-Minister's advisory unit – State Security and Crisis Management Council for their support and courage." – Irakli Gvenetadze, DEA's Chairman commented.

There were 16 teams involved in exercise/contest. The teams were made up with IT specialists from both public and private organizations. CYBER-EXE Georgia is thought to become traditional event with even more opportunities for the upcoming years.

IN THE SCOPE OF NATO'S PROGRAMME - THE SCIENCE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY - THE REPRESENTATIVES OF DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY HELD ANOTHER TRAINING CYCLE



Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia inculcates a place in the international field. The projects implemented and the works held by the agency's experts in the direction of e-governance, data exchange infrastructure and infor-

mation security already brought an international recognition to them.

Along with the other partners Data Exchange Agency collaborates with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Since 2012 the representatives of the agency's information security and policy division participate as invited experts and trainers in the trainings held by NATO's Programme – The Science of Peace and Security.

Introduction to Information Security, Cyber Security Mechanisms, Security of Websites and Portals, Securing Network Monitoring, Cryptography, Discovering, Registration, Analysis, and Prevention of Cyber Incidents – these are the issues in which the representatives of Data Exchange Agency are qualified in and in the scope of NATO's programme share their knowledge and experience with the representatives of other countries.

In the scope of the programme the representatives of the agency held four trainings in Turkey's capital Ankara, in the Middle East Technical University (METU) for Afghanistan, Macedonian, Montenegrin and Moldavian Network Administrators.

On September 10-12, 2014 the representatives of the agency were invited again to hold trainings. This time trainings were held for Azerbaijani specialists of corresponding profiles and the learning objectives included not only information security but cyber security as well.

"In 21st century cyber and information security is one of the biggest challenges facing practically any country. One of the main directions towards what the Data Exchange Agency is working on is Cyber and Information security. CERT.GOV.GE is the main structure functioning in our organization and is the main body working on Information and Cyber security in our country. Our personnel have the qualification, knowledge, experience, and international recognition needed for coping modern challenges." – **Irakli Lomidze**, The head of the Information Security and Policy Division of the Data Exchange Agency.

The fact that Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia is participating in the scope of the event by NATO's Programme of The Science of Peace and Security is conditioned as Georgia having a good reputation in the Information Security issues.

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